

**Bon Secours Health System, Inc.**  
 Richmond Region  
 St. Mary's Hospital  
 Policy/Procedure

Policy Manual: School of Medical Imaging  
 Section: Student/General

Title: Student Supervision

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Areas Affected: Students

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Until a student achieves and documents Basic Competency in any given procedure, all clinical assignments shall be carried out under the direct supervision of Registered Radiographers ( i.e. qualified practitioner).

After demonstrating Basic Competency, students may perform procedures with indirect supervision. **“Indirect supervision”** is defined as; supervision provided by a qualified practitioner IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE to assist students regardless of the level of student achievement.”

**Definitions:** According to the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology:

1. **Direct Supervision** - Student supervision under the following parameters:

A qualified practitioner reviews the procedure in relation to the student's achievement; A qualified practitioner evaluates the condition of the patient in relation to the student's knowledge; A qualified practitioner is present during the conduct of the procedure; A qualified radiographer reviews and approves the procedure; A qualified practitioner is present during student performance of any repeat of any unsatisfactory radiograph.

2. **Indirect Supervision** - For radiography, that supervision provided by a qualified practitioner immediately available to assist students regardless of the level of student achievement. Immediately available is interpreted as the presence of a qualified practitioner adjacent to the room or location where a radiographic procedure is being performed. This availability applies to all areas where ionizing radiation equipment is in use.

### **Pediatric Policy**

#### ***POLICY ON STUDENTS PERFORMING RADIOGRAPHIC EXAMINATIONS ON PEDIATRIC PATIENTS***

1. First and second semester students may **NOT** perform any radiographic examination on patients under the age of eighteen (18) years without **DIRECT** supervision by a technologist or physician.
2. Third through fifth semester students may perform radiographic examinations on pediatric patients seven (7) years of age or older with **INDIRECT** supervision providing they have successfully completed the equivalent clinical competency. (e.g., in order to do a foot series on a ten year old with indirect supervision, the student must first pass their clinical competencies in pediatric extremity and an adult foot series.) The student **must** discuss the examination with a technologist or radiologist before bringing the patient into the exam room. The technologist or radiologist will decide whether or not to allow the student to perform the exam with indirect supervision.

3. Third through fifth semester students may only perform radiographic examinations on patients six (6) years of age or younger with DIRECT supervision, regardless of whether or not they have passed the same clinical competency.

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