



## Chapter XII

## Radiology (RD)



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Scoring:

Standard		FM (3)	PM (2)	MM (1)	NM (0)	NA
RD.1.	The department head is a radiologist physician.					
RD.2.	There are written policies and procedures related to the work in the department.					
RD.3.	There are written protocols for the following procedures:					
	RD.3.1. Angiogram.					
	RD.3.2. Cat Scan.					
	RD.3.3. MRI.					
	RD.3.4. Interventional procedure.					
	RD.3.5. Fluoroscopy.					
	RD.3.6. Contrast agent reaction.					
RD.4.	Physicians requesting the x-ray procedures write all the necessary information on the X ray request form.					
RD.5.	The radiological studies are reported by the radiologist within 24 hours.					
RD.6.	There is a master X-ray jacket or an access to all achieve previous radiological studies for every patient for the Radiologist every time he reports a new study.					
RD.7.	There is 24-hour coverage by a radiologist and a technologist.					
RD.8.	All ultrasound examinations are read by a radiologist.					
RD.9.	A crash cart is available in the vicinity.					
RD.10.	All radiologists' clinical privileges to do all x-ray procedures are checked through the Credentialing and Privileging committee.					
RD.11.	There is a radiation safety protocol or plan in place that includes the following:					
	RD.11.1 All equipment is inspected and checked regularly with the experienced Safety Officer.					



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	RD.11.2 All radioactive material is used according to the guidelines and the Safety Officer oversees the activity in the unit.					
	RD.11.3 Safety warnings are posted on the doors.					
	RD.11.4 Women are checked for the possibility of being pregnant prior to having X-ray tests and the X-ray form demands that the physicians check this point.					
	RD.11.5 Personnel are monitored for radiation exposure.					
RD.12.	There is a protocol that all patients going for any interventional procedure have:					
	RD.12.1. The physician explains the risks and the benefits of the procedure to the patient.					
	RD.12.2. The consent form is signed by the patient.					
	RD.12.3. The patient's coagulation parameters are checked: e.g. PT, PTT, platelets.					
	RD.12.4. Any history of previous allergic reactions are included as part of the history.					
	RD.12.5. The physician write the request for the procedure with details about the chief history and point out the reason why the procedure is needed.					
RD.13.	The Radiologist consulted to do any interventional procedure documents all the details in the patient file before and after the procedure and informs the patient about the potential benefits and risks of the procedure.					
RD.14.	Any new interventional procedure to be performed by the Radiologist is reviewed and approved by the Credentialing and Privileging committee.					
RD.15.	The radiologist routinely reports films on weekends and on holidays.					

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RD.16.	There is a policy that "panic" findings on the X ray films are reported immediately to the specialty requesting the examination: e.g. air under the diaphragm.					



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