

TITLE: Radiography Clinical Supervision Policy

POLICY NO: R-11

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to inform the student radiographer of the clinical supervision requirements during an examination. This includes direct and indirect supervision of the student.

Policy:

During all radiographic room assignments, regardless of the level of competency achievement, the student must be under the supervision of a registered radiographer. Unless clinical competency has been demonstrated, the student must be under the direct supervision of a registered radiographer.

The following conditions constitute direct supervision:

1. The registered radiographer must review the request for the radiographic examination to determine:
 - a. The capability of the student to perform this examination with reasonable success; and
 - b. If the patient's condition contraindicates performance of the examination by the student.

Please Note: The student must be evaluated in laboratory and successfully demonstrate laboratory competency prior to performing examinations in the clinical setting. If the exam is not covered or has not been covered yet in the laboratory setting on campus, the Clinical Instructor will provide didactic and clinical instruction based on the clinical site's protocols for the specific procedure (i.e. Arthrograms, Myelograms, etc.). The student may participate in the procedure with direct supervision.

2. The registered radiographer must be present in the radiographic room while the student is performing the examination.
3. The registered radiographer must review and approve the procedure and/or image.

Students who have demonstrated competency on the exam shall be under the indirect supervision of a registered radiographer. The radiographer must be on the premises in the vicinity of the radiographic room and available for immediate assistance to the student. The registered radiographer must review and approve the procedure and/or image.

Compliance with the IU South Bend Radiography Program policies regarding direct and indirect supervision will be evaluated by the supervising radiographer and student radiographer at the end of each clinical rotation.

Validation of the Clinical Experience Supervision Policy will take place through formal documentation of completion by both the supervising radiographer and the student radiographer. The verification of Clinical Supervision is completed by the student in Canvas and by the supervising technologist in Student Performance Evaluations. The Clinical Experience Supervision Policy is validated multiple times per semester.

Students must be directly supervised during surgical and all mobile, including mobile fluoroscopy, procedures regardless of the level of competency. Students must be directly supervised in all fluoroscopy cases regardless of the level of competency.

The respective clinical preceptor and faculty will monitor compliance with these policies.

This policy follows R-13 and R-24, Notification for Improvement and Violation policies.