

RADIOLOGY SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

1. History and physical examinations/assessments
2. Consent patients prior to procedures
3. Venipuncture to draw blood for lab work; order lab work
4. Urinary catheterizations for nephostomy/cystogram workups
5. Venipuncture for contrast infusion or IV access
6. Hospital rounds-primarily on interventional post-procedure patients
7. Start IVs/flush port-a-caths
8. Insert feeding tubes/reposition feeding tubes without fluoroscopic guidance
9. Serve as an extension of the radiologist in settings where limited history and/or physical examination is needed to correlate with an imaging study or in discussing imaging findings with patients.
10. Assist with fluoroscopic* gastrointestinal exams, acquire necessary images during upper GIs, barium swallows, small bowel exams, and barium enemas for subsequent review and interpretation by the radiologist; video-capture where needed or appropriate. An adequate number of these examinations must be observed and conducted by the PA under the direct supervision of the supervising or alternate physician(s) to satisfy the supervising physician that the PA is competent enough to perform the procedure.
11. Assist with managing the imaging sequence for IVP exams
12. Feeding tube placement/positioning under fluoroscopy*
13. Assist the radiologist with stereotactically guided breast biopsies with the radiologist performing lesion targeting and confirmation of successful sample acquisition.
14. Assist with uncomplicated gastrostomy/jejunostomy replacement under fluoroscopy*.
15. Assist with hysterosalpingograms.

Additional Recommendations

1. The radiology Physician Assistant should acquire continuing medical education hours specific to radiology in addition to any general medical education hours.
2. A radiology practice should institute a Quality Assurance Program appropriate to that practice.
3. Additional tasks for a radiology PA can only be performed if a Board-certified or Board eligible radiologist is physically present on-site.
4. PAs performing contrast injections must have either ACLS certification or have completed a course of training focused on resuscitation.

*The Physician Assistant is required to successfully complete a radiation safety course approved by the Board in order to perform this procedure(s).