

**YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL
MEDICAL STAFF POLICY
USE of FLUOROSCOPY BY Non-RADIOLOGISTS**

Purpose:

To establish a policy that outlines requirements for non-radiologist members of the Medical Staff, Clinical Fellows and House Staff who wish to use fluoroscopy to ensure appropriate understanding of radiation safety and physics thereby minimizing exposure for patients and Hospital staff.

Scope: Relevant Medical Staff, House Staff and Clinical Fellows as described herein.

Policy:

Physician members of some clinical Departments/Sections that use fluoroscopy in their practice always have a radiology technologist present and controlling the imaging during fluoroscopic procedures. These include, but are not limited to, pediatric cardiology, cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, emergency medicine and general surgery.

Due to variability in practice among the Medical Staff in the Departments/Sections indicated below, members of these Departments/Sections are required to complete fluoroscopy training or submit an attestation confirming that they either (1) do not use fluoroscopy in their practice or (2) always have a radiology technologist present to control the fluoroscopy when it is utilized.

- Cardiology (interventional)
- Vascular Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Podiatry
- Pediatric Surgery
- Urology
- Orthopedics
- Plastic Surgery/Hand

All House Staff in the following programs are required to complete fluoroscopy training: Neurosurgery, Podiatry, Urology and Orthopedics. Clinical Fellows in Cardiology (interventional), Vascular Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery and Hand Surgery are also required to complete fluoroscopy training.

The Y-NHH Fluoroscopic Training and Test are available on the Yale University School of Medicine's CME Website for all physicians and also via HealthStream training for House Staff.

Members of the Medical Staff in the Departments/Sections identified above who do not have any procedural privileges shall be exempt from this requirement.

Procedure:

Initial Appointment:

1. At the time of initial application for membership and privileges, based upon their intended practice, potential members of the Departments/Sections identified above are required to either (1) pass the Y-NHH Fluoroscopy Safety Test or (2) submit a signed waiver (See Appendix A). The medical staff application shall not be considered "complete" until this requirement is satisfied.
2. House Staff and Clinical Fellows in the programs listed above are likewise required to fulfill these requirements by July 1st, or the completion of new employee orientation. In either case, trainees will not be permitted to perform fluoroscopy until training has been completed.
3. The Y-NHH Intranet (under "Privilege Inquiry") will identify Medical Staff, Clinical Fellows and House Staff who have passed the Fluoroscopy Safety Test and are approved to use fluoroscopy independently (without a radiology technologist present).

Re-Appointment:

At the time of re-appointment, members of the Medical Staff who are currently privileged to perform fluoroscopy independently and wish to continue the privilege must re-take and pass the Y-NHH Fluoroscopic Safety Test

House Staff and Clinical Fellows who have passed the Y-NHH Fluoroscopic Safety Test are considered approved for the duration of their training and are not required to re-take the test.

The requirements outlined under "Initial Appointment" item #1 above shall also apply to members of the Medical Staff in the relevant Departments/Sections listed above who add procedural privileges between re-appointment cycles or at re-appointment.

Requirements as outlined in this Policy/Procedure are subject to change in the event that the content of the Y-NHH Fluoroscopy Training Program are required to change based upon regulatory standards.

See Also: Y-NHH Radiation Safety Committee Policy & Procedure entitled: "Fluoroscopy by Non-Radiologists"

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**Use of Fluoroscopy / “Mini” C-arm
ATTESTATION / WAIVER**

Due to the nature of my practice, I do not use fluoroscopy mini C-arm at Y-NHH or Temple Surgery Center

I use fluoroscopy and/or the mini C-arm at Y-NHH or Temple Surgery Center but there is ALWAYS a radiologist or radiology technologist present and he/she controls the foot pedal.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT MATERIALS OR
VIA FAX (203) 688-5343**