

Fluoroscopic Equipment Operation Radiation Safety Training for Non-Radiologist Practitioners

The following is considered “operating fluoroscopic equipment”:

- Powering up (turning on) the equipment
- Adjusting technique factors
- Positioning the equipment over the patient
- Physically positioning patients or animals (this includes moving the table while the fluoroscope is activated)
- Activating the exposure switch or foot pedal

Radiologists, ARRT Technologists currently licensed with the OBMI, Radiology Physician’s Assistants (RPA’s) and Registered Radiologist Assistants (RRA’s) are considered as properly trained and qualified to operate fluoroscopic equipment.

Non-Radiologist Practitioners who received training and were approved by their facility’s Radiation Safety Committee prior to April 11, 2005 are considered as meeting the current rule requirements. Also, a non-radiologist practitioner who was or is currently licensed in fluoroscopy by the State of California also meets the requirements.

Non-Radiologist Practitioners (Physicians) who, after April 10, 2005, wish to operate fluoroscopic equipment must first successfully complete proper training from an Authority approved training resource.

A Non-Radiologist Practitioner is defined in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-106-0005 as an individual who practices medicine as a Medical Doctor (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine (D.C.), Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.); and

- a. are not specifically certified in diagnostic and/or therapeutic use of X-rays; and
- b. are currently licensed by their respective Oregon licensing

board The following are approved training resources:

Resource	Training Format	Telephone	Website
ASRT	Online course CME available	(800) 444-2778	www.asrt.org/ORfluoro
Fluoroscopic Safety	Online course CME available	--	http://fluorosafety.com/oregon-fluoro
R.M. Partnership	Online & Softbound text CME available	(866) 561-3332	www.rmpartnership.com
Versant Medical Physics & Radiation Safety	Online Course: Online Fluoroscopy 10-Hour (Oregon)	(888) 316-3644	https://versantphysics.com/

Additional fluoroscopic X-ray operator rules can be found in OAR 333-106-0205(2)-(4) on our website www.healthoregon.org/xray in the left navigation under Administrative Rules.