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## RADIOLOGY AGE SPECIFIC CRITERIA

### Policy:

The department of Radiology has age specific criteria to assist staff with the proper procedures and technique when caring for different age groups. All job descriptions include age specific criteria. This department service pediatric, adult, and geriatric customer, age groups shall have special criteria documented for each.

### Procedure:

#### Pediatrics

- Take additional time to inform and demonstrate procedures to patients and child regarding procedures to be performed.
- Show any immobilization devices to be used during procedure
- Explain the importance of immobilization during the procedure and construction of devices
- Use velcro straps to assure safety from falling off treatment tables
- Allow child to bring in favorite item of theirs during treatment
- Let parents watch child on monitor during procedures
- Obtain assistance from parent to reassure child during procedure

#### Adults

- Explain procedures to patient
- Demonstrate immobilization devices to be used during procedures, such as head rest, aqua-plast, and sponges
- Assist patients regarding social services, parking, and scheduling of appointment due to their working hours
- Use velcro straps for immobilization
- Provide privacy while patient dressing

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### Geriatric

- Assist patient to and from stretch
- Take time with patient that is unable to move quickly and assist them from wheelchair to the treatment table
- Assure patient that they are on a narrow and high table
- Use velcro straps to assist patients from falling off the table, stress the importance of not moving
- Demonstrate the use of immobilization devices
- Maintain patient's denture in a safe and clean environment during treatment if removed
- Assure patient that they have communication methods during treatment, instruct them on what to do if they need assistance during treatment procedures
- Allow family members to assist with making the patient feel more comfortable and understand the procedures
- Assist patient with removal of clothing as needed
- Contact nursing home as needed regarding appointment times

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