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SUBJECT: Holding Patients and Equipment	Effective: 10/03 Reviewed: 10/16
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Holding Patients or Equipment

Purpose:

To identify who should hold the patient or equipment during radiation exposure when mechanical devices cannot be used.

Policy:

1. Louisiana Law protects Radiologic Technologists from holding patients and equipment during radiation exposure.
2. Patients or equipment should be held only after positioning devices are deemed inadequate.
3. Individuals holding patients or equipment for procedures should be provided with adequate shielding.
4. Individuals holding patients or equipment for procedures should be positioned so that no part of their body is exposed to the primary radiation beam.
5. To assist in reducing exposure the Technologist shall restrict the beam with close collimation to the area of interest.
6. Pregnant women or women trying to become pregnant should not hold.
7. Persons under the age of 18 years of age should not hold.
8. The following should be recognized as who should hold first:
 - a. Family members
 - b. Friends
 - c. Nursing assistants
 - d. Nurses
 - e. Doctors