

Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy

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Dear Licensees,

The Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy has recently learned that the Board of Nursing has concluded that it was within the scope of practice of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to engage in fluoroscopy procedures. Be advised that if you engage in fluoroscopy procedures under the supervision or direction of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, you are in violation of 201 KAR 46:040 Section 1 and Section 15(1)(m), violation of the the <u>ACR-AAPM Technical Standard for</u> <u>Management of the Use of Radiation in Fluoroscopic Procedures</u>, and may be subject to disciplinary action.

201 KAR 46:040, Section 1 only allows individuals who operate sources of radiation for human diagnostic medical imaging or therapeutic purposes to do so while under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed practitioner of the healing arts. KRS 311B.020(8) defines a "a licensed practitioner of the healing arts" as a person licensed in Kentucky to practice medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropractic, podiatry, or veterinary medicine. The statute's definition does not include Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

According to <u>ACR-AAPM Technical Standard for Management of the Use of Radiation in</u> <u>Fluoroscopic Procedures</u> (revised 2013 resolution 44), recently incorporated into the regulations at 201 KAR 46:040 Section 15(1)(m), "the practice of certified and/or licensed radiologic technologists performing fluoroscopy in a facility or department as a positioning or localizing procedure only, and then only if monitored by a supervising physician who is personally and immediately available. There must be a written policy or process for the positioning or localizing procedure that is approved by the medical director of the facility or department/service and that includes written authority or policies and processes for designating radiologic technologists who may perform such procedures. (ACR Resolution 26, revised 2007, Resolution 12-m)."

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact the Board.

Sincerely,

The Kentucky Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy

