

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**Operations Division**  
**Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-D-04.4**

SUBJECT: CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN THE RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

POLICY: Patients are ensured of a quality radiological exam utilizing the least amount of ionizing radiation exposure.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-D-04, Diagnostic Services  
OAR 333-106-035

PROCEDURE:

- A. A continuous quality improvement program has been established within the Radiology Department to assure patients in the correctional facilities that their exams will be done with a minimum of risk. The patient is also assured that his/her exam will provide the requesting practitioner with the best possible quality exam in order for the practitioner to reach a correct diagnosis.
- B. The continuous quality improvement plan acts as a guide to minimize personnel and public risks.
- C. By tracking the continuous quality improvement indicators, data is collected and reviewed on a monthly, quarterly and yearly basis in an effort to monitor factors that impact the efficiency, safety and quality care in the radiology departments. More information regarding the departments' quality assurance program can be found in the "Radiology Department Quality Assurance Manual" kept in the Radiology Department.

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