

Student: Luke Buonanno

Mentor Information:

Date of Experience: 4/17/2024

Name of Mentor: Dr. Hoffmann

Location: Cedar Crest Interventional Radiology

Hours of Experience Obtained: 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Mentor's Profession: Medical Doctor

1. My shadow experience was very interesting! First before going into any room I was required to put on a lead skirt, coat, and collar. This equipment was used to make sure the radiation from the x-rays and CT scans does not affect the staff from long term exposure. I then got to see one of the doctors put a port in the lung of a patient in order to be able to administer medications more efficiently to him. And for the second patient I saw Dr. Hoffmann was trying to locate a tumor and decide on a treatment plan for a man with cancer in his liver. He used a catheter (blood not urinary) and injected liquids that showed up on the x-rays so that he could locate the nearest vessels to the man's tumor.
2. The team approach was very obvious. Moving in and out of the rooms for safety purposes was efficient and well practiced. People held doors open like they've done it a hundred times (they probably have).
3. The three words I would use would be, tense, professional, and knowledgeable. The staff know what they are talking about, maintaining professionalism, and there is some nervousness about the outcome for the patient.