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Radiological Examination of Pregnant Women		Diagnostics	08-009-00
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POLICY:

All staff members employed in the community health centre shall ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to protect an unborn child during radiological exams.

RELATED POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND LEGISLATION:

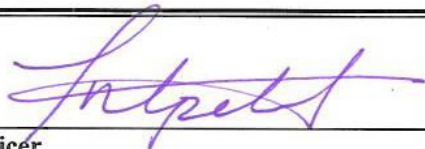

Policy 08-007-00	X-rays
Guidelines 08-009-01	Radiological Examination of Pregnant Women
Policy 08-013-00	Radiation Monitoring System

REFERENCES:

American College of Radiology & The Radiological Society of North America. *Radiology Info: The radiology information resource for patients.*

Radiological Examination of Pregnant Women

1. All female clients will be asked if they may be pregnant prior to any radiological examination. Signs translated in all official languages should also be posted in the x-ray room requesting that potentially pregnant women inform the technologist.
2. The client's last menstrual period should be recorded on the x-ray requisition form and verified by the x-ray technician / assistant. If the client is unsure of last menstrual dates and cannot rule out pregnancy, then a urine pregnancy test shall be performed.
3. If a client is known to be pregnant:
 - The on call physician shall be consulted to discuss a plan of care
 - A written informed consent is required in the event that a radiological exam is clinically essential.
 - A non-abdominal/non-pelvic radiological exam is performed using client protective shielding to the abdominal area.

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