

<b>Title</b>	Monitoring of patients on Apnea and Cardio-Respiratory monitors in Radiology	<b>Policy #</b>	02-009
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## **POLICY**

It shall be the responsibility of the Radiology nurse to monitor and observe patients on apnea and/or cardiorespiratory monitors while in the Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology when adequate staffing levels are available to meet the needs of the patient and continue the patient flow of the daily scheduled patients in the department. The exception is patients who are unstable or who require complex nursing care; i.e. patients from the PICU, NICU, CICU and trauma patients coming from the Emergency Department; these patients must have the inpatient or unit nurse accompany and remain with them during the exam and/or procedure.

## **PURPOSE**

Provide optimal care for the patient during a study/procedure in Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. The inpatient nurse will provide a report to the Radiology nurse prior to the patient's arrival in the department or the nurse's departure from the in the Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology.
2. This report will allow the radiology nurse to continue the level of care provided on the unit. While in the in the Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology, the Radiology nurse will continue the cardiorespiratory monitoring of the patient during the Radiology exam.
3. The Radiology nurse is responsible for the accurate documentation of changes in the patient's condition during the exam.
4. Once the exam is complete, the radiology nurse will provide report to the unit nurse of any patient changes or complications. The patient will be transported back to the inpatient unit.

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