

I. CLINICAL EDUCATION SUPERVISION

All students, clinical instructors and clinical staff are made aware of the program policy regarding appropriate student supervision. The policy is published in several documents and is discussed several times throughout the program. In addition to the legal requirements of The California Radiation Protection Control Regulations (Title 17, Health), the program has adopted in total the parameters of direct supervision specified in the Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiologic Sciences.

Clinical settings have varying methods for insuring that students receive direct supervision until a competency is achieved. Clinical education sites insure **students do not repeat radiographs without direct supervision at any time during the training period**, and that appropriate documentation and/or disciplinary action is taken if students or clinical staff disregards the policy.

The following statements are excerpted from the Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiologic Sciences and constitutes Cañada College's policies regarding supervision of students during clinical education.

All completed examinations must be supervised and identified by a qualified technologist.

- A. Until a student achieves and documents competency in any given procedure, ALL clinical assignments shall be carried out under the direct supervision of a qualified radiographer. The parameters of direct supervision are as follows:

A qualified registered radiographer:

- **reviews the request for the radiographic examination in relation to the student's achievement;**
- **evaluates the condition of the patient in relation to the student's knowledge;**
- **is present during the conduct of the examination;**
- **reviews and approves radiographs**

- B. Following attainment of a specific competency, first year students may perform that radiographic procedure with indirect supervision provided the supervising technologist insures appropriate techniques are utilized for each exposure and is immediately available to assist the student if the condition of the patient warrants or complications arise. Immediately available is interpreted as the physical presence of a qualified practitioner adjacent to the room. First year students are NOT to perform portable examinations, operating room procedures, intensive and cardiac care unit's procedures or pediatric examinations without direct supervision.

- C. Following attainment of a specific competency, second year students may perform that radiographic procedure with indirect supervision provided the supervising technologist is immediately available to assist the student if the condition of the patient warrants or complications arise. Immediately available is interpreted as the physical presence of a qualified practitioner adjacent to the room or location where the radiation equipment is in use. Second year students are NOT to perform portable examinations, operating room procedures, intensive and cardiac care unit's procedures or pediatric examinations without direct supervision.

- D. The supervising technologist shall be identified on all radiographs and/or requisition and clinical education records.

- E. Disregard of these policies will result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the clinical education and dismissal from the program.