SUBJECT/TITLE: OR IMAGES FOR SPONGE COUNT OR FOREIGN OBJECT

PURPOSE: Outline procedure to obtain interpretation for OR images for sponge count or foreign object

DEFINITION: None

POLICY:

All images taken in the OR suite looking for sponges or other foreign objects will read by a radiologist prior to the completion of surgery.

PROCEDURE:

1. The OR technologist will be notified of the need to obtain the radiographic images in the OR suite.
2. The OR technologist will receive a requisition identifying the need to look for foreign objects. It will need to be marked “STAT report” and have the appropriate phone number to call. The order should be generated as an “adult portable” before completion, the technologist will update the order to an OR exam.
3. OR Technologist will call the reading room and tell radiologist there is a film for foreign body or sponge count.
4. During “on-call” times phone call notification will be given to the call resident.
5. These images will be treated as a STAT procedure and will require immediate interpretation by the staff radiologist with the report called to the OR suite by the faculty or the resident after faculty review. A dictated report will be generated by the resident at this time from these digitized images.
6. As with all STAT films, these studies are to be signed final by a staff radiologist as soon as practical.