SUBJECT/TITLE: INFECTION CONTROL POLICY FOR RADIOLOGY PROCEDURES

PURPOSE: Describe procedures for providing radiology services while remaining compliant with Infection Control policies and procedures.

DEFINITION: None

POLICY:

All radiology procedures will be performed following UIHC policy for infection control. Radiology staff will be review information for patients regarding isolation requirements before the patient is transported to the department.

PROCEDURE:

Scheduling
1. The appropriate type of isolation precaution should be indicated on the Radiologic Consultation Request Form or available in the EMR.
2. Patients with resistant organism infections should be done as portable studies whenever possible. If this is not feasible, they should be scheduled preferentially as the last study of the day

Transport
1. Appropriate isolation precaution practices will be maintained while the patient is transported to and from Radiology.
2. The transport aide will consult with the Radiology staff before transporting a patient who is on isolation precautions.
3. The patient is in Radiology for the minimum time necessary to adequately perform the requested procedure.

Equipment cleaning
1. Equipment must be disinfected according to Infection Control policies and procedures.

Room Cleaning
1. From 7:00 am Monday to 1:00 am Saturday call the Hospital Trouble line (800) to request cleaning services.

2. From 1:00 am Saturday to 7:00 am on Monday, the housekeeping supervisor must be called to have a room cleaned. Pager number can be found by calling the hospital operator.

3. Only the following exam rooms will warrant an after hours call for cleaning:
   - ETC X-ray rooms
   - Angiography suites
   - CT rooms
   - MRI rooms

4. All other rooms should be appropriately posted with contamination signage and cleaned immediately the next routine work day.