Diagnostic Services - Department of Radiology - Interventional

SUBJECT/TITLE: Utilizing Positioning Straps for Interventional Procedures

PURPOSE: Reduce risk of patients falling during Interventional radiological procedures.

Policy:
Positioning straps will be used for all adult and pediatric patients requiring procedural sedation, general anesthesia or high risk of moving while on the procedural table.

Procedure:
1) Positioning straps will be used to position and secure all adult and pediatric patients requiring procedural sedation, general anesthesia or high risk of moving while on exam table. One strap across the shoulders and one across lower legs are required. If strap location is in the area of interest one strap may be used.
2) Application of the safety strap should never be over boney prominences, and a hand should be able to be placed between the patient and the strap to ensure it is not applying excessive pressure.
3) Maxi slides should not be left under patients while on the procedure table.
4) Proper padding will be utilized to reduce pressure injuries.
5) Throughout the procedure, patient position and positioning straps will be checked by staff.

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