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## Diagnostic Services – Department of Radiology – Diagnostic Division

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**SUBJECT/TITLE: WEIGHT LIMITS FOR IMAGING EQUIPMENT**

- PURPOSE:**
1. Assure that the appropriate staff are notified and that proper measures are taken to verify that a specific exam must be performed when the patient exceeds the established weight limitations.
  2. Assure that equipment safety is maintained at all times and that those involved understand the consequences of performing an exam on a patient that exceeds equipment limits.
  3. Avoid costly repairs to equipment

**DEFINITION:** None

**POLICY:**

Requests for studies to be performed on patients who exceed weight limits for radiology imaging equipment should not be performed until consulting with appropriate staff from Department of Radiology Engineering and the radiologist who will be supervising the performance of the study.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Table weight limits can be obtained from Radiology Engineering or the supervisor of the modality.
2. Should a request be received that exceeds that limit, the following information should be obtained: patient true weight, height, exam requested.
3. The Director of Medical Imaging must be contacted or during off hours, the faculty radiologist on call should be contacted to approve or disapprove the exam. Radiology Engineering must also be contacted in the event that the exam is approved.
4. Documentation of the situation should be noted in the chart.