
Diagnostic Services – Department of Radiology – Diagnostic Division

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

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. Radiology Engineering must also be contacted in the event that the exam is approved.