DARKROOM TECHNICIAN

Definition

Under supervision responsible for developing x-ray films, operating, monitoring and maintaining the film processing equipment used in radiology at Kern Medical Center.

Essential Functions:

Sets up and operates equipment to process x-ray film; removes exposed films from cassettes and places films in automatic processors; cleans and reloads cassettes.

Maintains proper operating parameters of the processing equipment; cleans processors on a daily basis; calibrates processors as necessary.

Checks processors and reports malfunctions in accordance with established policies and procedures.

Maintains and operates silver recovery units.

Mixes and maintains proper developer and fixer replenisher levels.

Maintains inventory of x-ray film.

Maintains work areas in a clean and orderly manner.

Other Functions:

Assists with moving patients onto examination tables in radiology.

Assists with filing reports and x-ray films.

Makes copies of x-rays and performs subtraction films on angio cases as necessary.

Transports linen used by patients during the x-ray process to central collection location; performs other job related duties as required.


**Employment Standards**

Any combination of training and experience equivalent to six (6) months operating, cleaning and maintaining x-ray or film processing equipment.

Knowledge of: x-ray film processing procedures, including using developing chemicals in automatic processing equipment; proper cleaning and maintenance methods and procedures associated with calibrating automatic x-ray film processing equipment; appropriate safety precautions associated with film processing equipment and chemicals; quality control issues as they relate to x-ray film processing.

Ability to: follow instructions; take and develop x-rays; clean and maintain automatic x-ray film processing equipment; calibrate film processing equipment; produce quality control strips on film processors and maintain quality control logs; adhere to established policies and procedures; deal tactfully with patients, physicians and other health care staff.

**Physical Requirements:**

Physical requirements include the ability to stand and walk 100% of the work day and to bend, squat, kneel, twist, reach, lift and carry film cassettes and push and pull intermittently throughout the normal work day. Manual dexterity to grasp items is also required.

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