



Alabama Board of Nursing

Fluoroscopy Protocol

FLUOROSCOPY PROTOCOL: The CRNP's scope of practice includes the evaluation of patient appropriateness for the use of fluoroscopy, developing a treatment plan including ordering appropriate use of fluoroscopy according to the treatment plan, following up to evaluate adverse reactions for the use of fluoroscopy, and adjusting the individual treatment plan, as needed, in accordance with established guidelines/standards developed within the collaborative practice.

PHYSICIAN REQUIREMENTS:

- The collaborating physician must be actively engaged in the practice of fluoroscopy, perform fluoroscopic procedures on a routine basis, and be able to provide proof of training in radiation safety. If applicable, the collaborating physician must be hospital credentialed in the use of fluoroscopy.
- The collaborating or covering physician(s), interventional radiologists, medical and surgical intensivists, and/or other physicians who meet the same qualifications as the collaborating physician must be readily available onsite during fluoroscopy procedures performed by the CRNP.
- All final procedure images and reports will be reviewed and signed by the collaborating or covering physician.

APPLICATION LINK: [Fluoroscopy Protocol Application](#)

POPULATION FOCI EXCLUSIONS: Neonatal and Psychiatric-Mental Health CRNPs

LIMITATIONS:

- Fluoroscopy procedures are limited to the following practice settings: 1) Hospital, 2) Physician's Office, and 3) Ambulatory Surgical Center. Any practice site not listed requires an additional out of protocol request. The application is available on the ABN website at [Out of Protocol Application](#).
- The CRNP may perform the procedure after direct consultation with the collaborating or covering physician.

EDUCATION/ COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- The CRNP must complete a course and receive certification prior to the clinical component of training from the following:
 1. [Basic Training Program | FluoroSafety](#)
 2. Alabama Board of Nursing approved course
- The CRNP must maintain on file readily retrievable documentation of procedures performed annually, including the documented training, education, and competency validation.

Training Requirements for Skill(s) or Procedure(s)

- After approval to train is granted by the Board, and prior to considering the CRNP's completed training documentation, proof of course completion and certification from FluoroSafety or an Alabama Board of Nursing approved training program must be submitted.
- The CRNP and collaborating physician will participate in ongoing education and training to maintain or increase their competency in fluoroscopically guided medical procedures.

Supervised practice must be submitted to the Board within one (1) year of approval to train, or the approval to train will lapse.



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Skills/Procedures	Number Required for Initial	Annual Maintenance Requirement
Fluoroscopy	15 cases using fluoroscopy under the direct supervision of the collaborating or covering physician	10 cases using fluoroscopy annually

QUALITY ASSURANCE MONITORING REQUIRED: Documented evaluation of the clinical practice (high risk/problem prone skill) against defined quality outcome measures, using a meaningful selected sample of patient records and a review of all adverse events [ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-5-.01(13)].

- All cases exceeding three (3) minutes of fluoroscopy time will be reviewed with the collaborating physician and documented as a part of the Quality Assurance Plan. Any adverse outcome will be recorded, included in quality monitoring reviews, and reported to the site's designated radiation safety officer.
- The results of staff dosimetry monitoring are reviewed at least quarterly by the site's radiation safety office/diagnostic medical physicist to assess staff radiation exposure levels. A designated radiation safety officer will monitor compliance with radiation safety procedures, provide recommendations for improved radiation safety, intervene as indicated, and implement corrective action.

NOTES:

- Training may not begin until the CRNP receives written approval from the Alabama Board of Nursing, and the collaborating physician must receive written approval from the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.