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I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Radiation Protection Program

The use of radiation machines on Florida Atlantic University (FAU) campuses falls under the jurisdiction of the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and the Radiation Safety Committee (RSC). Radiation machines must be used as required by the FAU Radiation Safety Manual for Radiation Machines and Florida Administrative Code (FAC) 64E-5. Radiation machine means any device capable of producing x-rays except those devices with radioactive materials as the only source of radiation. In this manual the words “x-ray machine” and “radiation machine” are synonymous.

B. X-Ray Machine Information

X-ray machines must be registered with the FAU RSO and the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control (BRC). X-ray machine registrations included in this program are JR35243000, JR35526000, JR42087000, JR49541000, JR50597000, JR49541000, JR51861000, JR51591000, and JR1861000. Purchases and transfers of x-ray machines must receive prior approval of the RSO and RSC.

C. ALARA Policy

The acronym ALARA means “As Low as Reasonably Achievable.” As a policy ALARA means making every reasonable effort to keep radiation exposures as far below regulatory limits as is practical. The Administration of FAU fully supports the policy that radiation doses should be ALARA. The x-ray machine use guidelines are intended to provide machine operators information to follow the ALARA policy and minimize worker and member of the public x-ray exposure.

D. General X-Ray Machine Use Guidelines

1. X-Ray machines entry ways must be labeled as an area having an X-ray.
2. Before working with any radiation-producing machine, adequately trained personnel must be familiar with the work that is to be done and the safety precautions to be taken.
3. Written operating instructions and safety procedures must be available to personnel before operating the machines.
4. Visitors in areas where radiation-producing machines are used must be supervised by the equipment operator.
5. Radiation-producing machines must not be left unattended while operating unless the operator has received prior approval to do so by the RSO. If approved, the laboratory entrance/exit doors must be locked while the machine is operating.
6. Shielding for x-ray machines will be based upon manufacturer guidelines and the ALARA policy.
7. Structural shielding requirements for any new installation, or an existing one in which changes are to be made, must be reviewed by the RSO before the machine is to be used.
8. If the safe use of the radiation-producing machine depends on the mechanical set-up of the unit or on technique factors, then these restrictions must be rigidly followed.
9. Shutter mechanisms and interlocks must not be tampered with or defeated under any circumstances.
10. All warning lights must be "fail safe".
11. If applicable, a manual reset cumulative timing device must be used which will either indicate elapsed time or turn off the machine when the total exposure reaches a certain previously determined limit.
12. All radiation-producing equipment must be properly maintained. Attempts to “fix”
equipment should only be made by properly trained technical staff.
13. All x-ray machines must be registered with the State of Florida BRC and maintained on
inventory with the RSO.
14. Instrumentation which contains a radioactive calibration source must be maintained on
inventory with the RSO.
15. Dosimeter monitoring will be provided unless there is not a chance to reach 10% of the
annual dose.

E. Training

Radiation Safety Training will be provided to persons operating x-ray machines at least once
each year. Records of the training will be maintained by EHS.

F. Program Evaluation

The RSO will evaluate x-ray machine operations at least once each year in April and when
changes occur that could affect dose.

II. INTRAORAL DENTAL X-RAY MACHINE

Intraoral dental x-ray machine means equipment designed for use with an intraoral image receptor. The
use of an intraoral dental x-ray machine is regulated by FAC 64E-5 parts 1, 3, 5 and 9.

A. Licensure

Intraoral dental x-ray machines will only be used on patients by health care workers licensed
under Florida Statute 466 and FAC 64B5

B. Posting

The following items will be posted in the Dental Clinic:

1. Radiation Machine Registration – the BRC registration is completed each October.
2. Health Care Worker Licenses.
3. Notice to Employees for Dental Clinic – the notice describes radiation worker rights
to workplace radiation safety information.
4. Caution or Warning Signs – none required for diagnostic x-ray machines by FAC
64E-5.

C. Security

X-ray machines will be secured, when unattended, by locking access doors or locking the
machines.

D. Dosimetry

1. Individual monitoring (x-ray badge) will not be provided to dental clinic x-ray machine
operators because the operators do not have the potential to receive 10 percent of the
annual permissible dose when following these guidelines. See BRC Information Notice 17
for further information.
2. An x-ray machine operator may declare pregnancy. The declaration must be voluntary
and be in writing to the FAU RSO. If an x-ray machine operator declares pregnancy, an
x-ray badge will be provided. The x-ray badge will be worn on the torso at waist level at work during the gestation period. The badge will be used to estimate fetal dose.

**E. Dental X-Ray Machine Use Guidelines**

The dental x-ray machine use guidelines are intended to keep x-ray exposure dose ALARA and to maintain compliance with FAC 64E-5 member of the public dose requirements.

1. X-ray machine operators will stand at least 6 feet from the patient and tube head, and outside the useful beam or behind a protective barrier during exposures.
2. X-ray machine operators will not hold imaging devices during an exposure.
3. X-ray machines will not be operated while directed at anyone other than a patient.
4. X-rays machines will not be operated on humans for training, demonstration or other non-healing art purposes.
5. The x-ray machine operator and the patient will be the only persons in the room during an exposure.
6. A damaged or broken x-ray machine will not be operated.
7. If an x-ray machine does not stop producing x-rays when the exposure control is released, the x-ray machine will be turned off. The x-ray machine will be turned off at the breaker if necessary.
8. Lead aprons are available for patients that request an apron during an exposure. Lead aprons will be offered to patients that may be pregnant.
9. The FAU Radiation Safety Manual for Radiation Machines, operating procedures and x-ray machine manuals will be available to the x-ray machine operator.
10. Report suspected or actual overexposures to patients or staff to the RSO as soon as possible.

**III. ANALYTICAL X-RAY MACHINE**

Analytical x-ray machine means equipment used for x-ray diffraction, x-ray spectroscopy, or x-ray fluorescence analysis. The use of an analytical x-ray machine is regulated by FAC 64E-5 parts 1, 3, 7 and 9. Two types of analytical x-ray machines, Enclosed Cabinet and Handheld, are utilized at FAU. The requirements are the same except where noted.

**A. Postings**

The following items will be posted where enclosed cabinet machines are located and where handheld machines are stored.

1. Radiation Machine Registration – the BRC registration is completed each October.
3. Caution or Warning Signs

**B. Handheld X-Ray Machine Transportation and Field Documents**

The following items will be kept with a handheld x-ray machine when removed from the storage location.

1. Radiation Machine Registration
2. Notice to Employees for Analytical X-ray Machines
3. FAU Radiation Safety Manual for Radiation Machines
4. Operating Procedures
5. X-ray Machine Manufacturer Operation Manual
C. Security

X-ray machines will be secured when unattended.

1. Enclosed cabinet machines will be secured by locking access doors or removing keys necessary to operate the machine. Keys will be stored separately from the machine.
2. Handheld machines will be stored in a locked cabinet. Handheld machines will not be left unattended when out of storage or will be secured with a lock.

D. Dosimetry

1. Individual finger or wrist monitoring (x-ray badge) will be provided and must be worn when operating or using a handheld x-ray machine.
2. Individual whole-body monitoring (x-ray badge) will not be provided for enclosed cabinet x-ray machine operators and users. Exposure does not have the potential to exceed 10 percent of the annual permissible dose when these guidelines are followed.
3. An x-ray machine operator or user may declare pregnancy. The declaration must be voluntary and be in writing to the FAU RSO. If pregnancy is declared, an x-ray badge will be provided. The x-ray badge will be worn on the torso at waist level, when operating or using an x-ray machine, during the gestation period. The badge will be used to estimate fetal dose.
4. Report suspected or actual overexposures to the RSO as soon as possible.

E. Analytical X-Ray Machine Use Guidelines

The x-ray machine use guidelines are intended to keep x-ray exposure dose ALARA and to maintain compliance with FAC 64E-5 member of the public dose requirements.

1. Enclosed cabinet x-ray machines will only be operated with the shutter mechanisms and safety interlocks engaged. Shutters and safety interlocks will not be tampered with or disabled.
2. Enclosed cabinet x-ray machine operators will not place specimens in the machine while exposure is occurring.
3. Enclosed cabinet x-ray machine shutters and shielding will not be cleaned unless the x-ray tube has been verified to be completely de-energized.
4. Enclosed cabinet x-ray machines will not be operated if any radiation shielding has been removed.
5. Handheld x-ray machines will only be operated with manufacturer provided shielding properly attached to the machine.
6. Handheld x-ray machine operators will not hold imaging devices during an exposure.
7. Handheld x-ray machines will not be operated while pointed at any person.
8. Visitors will not be allowed to operate x-ray machines.
9. A damaged or broken x-ray machine will not be operated.
10. If an x-ray machine does not stop producing x-rays when the exposure control is released, the x-ray machine will be turned off. The x-ray machine will be turned off at the breaker if necessary.
11. The FAU Radiation Safety Manual for X-ray Machines, operating procedures and x-ray machine manuals will be available to the x-ray machine operator.

IV. DXA & iDXA Bone Densitometers

The use of a Bone Densitometer x-ray machine is regulated by FAC 64E-5.
A. Licensure

Bone Densitometer x-ray machines will only be used on patients by health care workers licensed under Florida Statute 466 and FAC 64E-5.

B. Posting

The following items will be posted in the Clinic:
1. Radiation Machine Registration – the BRC registration is completed each October.
2. Health Care Worker Licenses.
3. Notice to Employees – the notice describes radiation worker rights to workplace radiation safety information.

C. Security

X-ray machines will be secured, when unattended, by locking access doors or locking the machines.

D. Dosimetry

1. Individual monitoring (x-ray badge) will be provided to clinic x-ray machine operators because the operators do have the potential to receive 10 percent of the annual permissible dose when following these guidelines. See BRC Information Notice 17 for further information.
2. An x-ray machine operator may declare pregnancy. The declaration must be voluntary and be in writing to the FAU RSO. If an x-ray machine operator declares pregnancy, an x-ray badge will be provided. The x-ray badge will be worn on the torso at waist level at work during the gestation period. The badge will be used to estimate fetal dose.

E. Densitometer X-Ray Machine Use Guidelines

The bone densitometer x-ray machine use guidelines are intended to keep x-ray exposure doses ALARA and to maintain compliance with FAC 64E-5 members of the public dose requirements.

1. X-ray machine operators will stand at least 6 feet from the patient and tube head, and outside the useful beam or behind a protective barrier during exposures.
2. X-ray machine operators will not hold imaging devices during an exposure.
3. X-ray machines will not be operated while directed at anyone other than a patient.
4. X-rays machines will not be operated on humans for training, demonstration or other non-healing art purposes.
5. The x-ray machine operator and the patient will be the only persons in the room during an exposure.
6. A damaged or broken x-ray machine will not be operated.
7. If an x-ray machine does not stop producing x-rays when the exposure control is released, the x-ray machine will be turned off immediately. The x-ray machine will be turned off at the breaker if necessary.
8. Lead aprons are available for patients that request an apron during an exposure. Lead aprons will be offered to patients that may be pregnant. Pregnant patients are not expected to be x-rayed with the bone densitometer.
9. The FAU Radiation Safety Manual for Radiation Machines, operating procedures and x-ray machine manuals will be available to the x-ray machine operator.
10. Report suspected or actual overexposures to patients or staff to the RSO as soon as possible.
V. ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT X-RAY MACHINES

Athletic x-ray machine means equipment used for fluoroscopy. The use of a fluoroscope is regulated by FAC 64E-5 parts 1, 3, 7 and 9.

A. Postings

The following items will be posted where machines are located.

1. Radiation Machine Registration – the BRC registration is completed each October.
3. Caution or Warning Signs

B. Security

X-ray machines will be secured, when unattended, by locking access doors or locking the machines.

C. Dosimetry

1. Individual whole-body monitoring (x-ray badge) will be provided for users for a period of 1 year to access the dose. If dose is less than 10%, dosimetry will be terminated. Exposure does not have the potential to exceed 10 percent of the annual permissible dose when these guidelines are followed.
2. An x-ray machine operator or user may declare pregnancy. The declaration must be voluntary and be in writing to the FAU RSO. If pregnancy is declared, an x-ray badge will be provided. The x-ray badge will be worn on the torso at waist level, when operating or using an x-ray machine, during the gestation period. The badge will be used to estimate fetal dose.
3. Report suspected or actual overexposures to the RSO as soon as possible.

D. Athletic X-Ray Machine Use Guidelines

1. X-ray machine operators will stand at least 6 feet from the patient and tube head, and outside the useful beam or behind a protective barrier during exposures.
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8. Lead aprons are available for patients that request an apron during an exposure.
9. The FAU Radiation Safety Manual for Radiation Machines, operating procedures and x-ray machine manuals will be available to the x-ray machine operator.
10. Report suspected or actual overexposures to patients or staff to the RSO as soon as possible.
VI. DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL X-RAY MACHINES (Reserved)

VII. VETERINARY X-RAY MACHINES (Reserved)

VIII. EVALUATION

The Radiation Protection Program in the FAU Radiation Safety Manual for Radiation Machines is used to minimize unnecessary exposure to employees and the general public, and help prevent exposure that exceeds limits in FAC 64E-5.

Daeva Paskausky, Radiation Safety Officer, is responsible for the Radiation Protection Program.

The signature below attests this registrant has evaluated the provisions of the Radiation Protection Program as described in the FAU Radiation Safety Manual for Radiation Machines and agrees they accurately describe the conditions present. All Principle Investigators and x-ray operators and users will be made aware of these provisions and held accountable for them.

______________________________  _______________________
PI/Registrant Signature          Date
IX. ATTACHMENTS
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION;
NOTICES, INSTRUCTIONS AND REPORTS TO WORKERS; INSPECTIONS

POSTING REQUIREMENT
THIS NOTICE MUST BE POSTED IN PLACES THAT PERMIT EMPLOYEES IN A RESTRICTED AREA
TO SEE A COPY ON THE WAY TO OR FROM THEIR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.

The Department of Health has established standards for protection against radiation
hazards
in Chapter 64E-5, Florida Administrative Code.

YOUR EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO:

• Post or provide you a copy of the Department of Health rules and operating procedures
  that apply to your work and explain them to you.
• Apply the rules to work involving radiation sources.
• Post or provide you any Notice of Violation involving radiological working conditions,
  proposed civil penalties, and orders.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

• Become familiar with the rules and the operating procedures that apply to your
  work.
• Observe the requirements to protect yourself and your co-workers.

WHAT IS IN THESE RULES:

• Limits on exposure to radiation and radioactive material in restricted and
  unrestricted areas
• Actions to take after accidental exposure
• Personnel monitoring, surveys, and equipment
• Caution signs, labels, and safety interlocks
• Exposure records and reports
• Options for workers about Department of Health inspections
• Related matters

REPORTS ON RADIATION EXPOSURE
Your employer must give you a written report if you receive an exposure above the limits in the
rules or in the license. The maximum limits for exposure to employees are in Part III of the
rules. However, your employer should keep your radiation exposure as low as reasonably
achievable.

If you work where personnel monitoring is required:

• Your employer must give you a written annual report of your radiation exposures.
• Your employer must give you a written report of your radiation exposures when you
  terminate employment.

INSPECTIONS
Representatives of the Department of Health inspect all licensed and registered activities.
Any worker or worker representative who believes that there is a violation of Chapter 404,
Florida Statutes; Chapter 64E-5, Florida Administrative Code; or the terms of the
employer's license or registration can request an inspection by contacting the Bureau of Radiation
Control, Bin C21, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1741 (850) 245-4266.
The request must state specific reasons for the inspection. During inspections, Department of
Health inspectors can confer privately with workers and any worker can bring to the
attention of the inspectors any past or present condition that they believe contributed to or
caused any violation.

Copies FAC 64E-5, F.A.C., the registration, operating procedures, any notice of violation
about working conditions, penalty orders issued, and responses can be examined at:
Building SS-8W, Dental Clinic, Room 231, file
drawer labeled Manuals.

Notice to Employees 3/01

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TYPICAL SHIELDING REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL REGISTRANTS

The State of Florida administrative rules require radiation machine registrants to adequately shield the x-ray beams and scattered radiation produced by their machines. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure machine operators and members of the general public are not unnecessarily exposed to radiation and are kept below their legal dose limits. Shielding requirements will be determined by this potential exposure to humans and must take into consideration occupancy factors, distance, work load, energy, and direction of the primary beam, and other related factors.

For dental intraoral units (bite wing) a protected position or six-foot distance is required for the operator. Normally, no additional shielding is required for scattered radiation when the walls are equivalent to two thicknesses of drywall (paneling only is not sufficient). Panoramic units incorporate a film holder and a beamstop and do not require shielding. They may be placed in any room or hallway which allows the operator to maintain a four-foot distance from the patient while using the machine.

Additional shielding (three thicknesses of drywall instead of two) is recommended when sharing a wall with another office or tenant where you do not have administrative control. Dental machines shared by two rooms should have the pass-through opening located at the foot end of the rooms so the primary radiation cannot pass directly through the opening. Doors on this pass-through are recommended, not as a specific regulation, but as an extension of the regulations requiring either distance or shielding.

Keep in mind that film badges are not required unless there is the potential to receive 10 percent of the annual permissible dose. This should not be the case in dental facilities where operators remain at a safe distance or in a protected position.

If you have questions or need guidance, please contact this office at:

Department of Health
Bureau of Radiation Control, Radiation Machine Program
705 Wells Rd Ste 300, Orange Park, Florida 32073
Phone: (904) 278-5730  Fax: (904) 278-5737
www.myFloridaEH.com/radiation
C. Notice to Employees for X-ray Machine

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The Department of Health has established standards for protection against radiation hazards in Chapter 64E-5, Florida Administrative Code.

YOUR EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO:
• Post or provide you a copy of the Department of Health rules and operating procedures that apply to your work and explain them to you.
• Apply the rules to work involving radiation sources.
• Post or provide you any Notice of Violation involving radiological working conditions, proposed civil penalties, and orders.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:
• Become familiar with the rules and the operating procedures that apply to your work.
• Observe the requirements to protect yourself and your co-workers.

WHAT IS IN THESE RULES:
• Limits on exposure to radiation and radioactive material in restricted and unrestricted areas
• Actions to take after accidental exposure
• Personnel monitoring, surveys, and equipment
• Caution signs, labels, and safety interlocks
• Exposure records and reports
• Options for workers about Department of Health inspections
• Related matters

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• Your employer must give you a written annual report of your radiation exposures.
• Your employer must give you a written report of your radiation exposures when you terminate employment.

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Copies of FAC 64E-5, the registration, operating procedures, any notice of violation about working conditions, penalty orders issued, and responses can be examined at: FAU Environmental Health & Safety Building 69 Room 112 561 297 3129

Notice to Employees 3/01

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### Evaluation Form For Dental Clinic

**Environmental Health & Safety**  
**Dental Clinic X-ray Evaluation**

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E. Evaluation Form For Analytical X-ray Machine

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