


Name of Policy:	Monitoring Patients Receiving External Radiation Treatments	 Effective Date: 7/1/2011 Initial Effective Date: 9/1980
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(A) Policy Statement

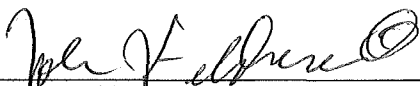
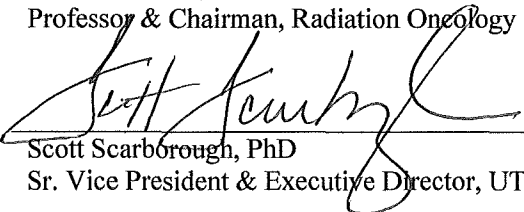
All patients receiving external radiation treatments shall be monitored continuously via TV and intercom system.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure maximum safety for patients receiving external radiation treatments.

(C) Procedure

1. The patient is appropriately positioned on the treatment couch.
2. All patients are to be informed that they can be heard and seen at all times during a radiation treatment.
3. Remote TV camera should be in appropriate position to view patient as a whole and/or the appropriate anatomical site.
4. The intercom will be in the "on" mode for the entire treatment time.
5. If the monitors/intercoms are not working, the patients treatment will **NOT** continue until the repair is made and the patient is visible/audible through the monitors.
6. In the event that the patient moves or indicates in any way that he/she needs assistance, the radiation beam will be turned off and the therapist R.T.(T) will immediately go into the room to assist the patient.

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