Name of Policy: Storage of Film Jackets
Policy Number: 3364-134-92
Department: Radiation Oncology
Approving Officer: Chief Executive Officer - UTMC
Responsible Agent: Technical Manager, Radiation Oncology
Scope: Radiation Oncology

(A) Policy Statement

All films taken by the Department of Radiation Oncology are to be kept by the Department of Records Management indefinitely or unless otherwise notified.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To have the ability to retrieve all films at any given time, due to the recurrence of disease or for research purposes.

(C) Procedure

1. The Department of Records Management will store these film jackets by order of their Radiation Oncology number.
2. In the event that the Department of Radiation Oncology must review a patient’s films, they will be retrieved by the Department of Records Management, viewed and returned unless otherwise notified.
3. All film jackets will be available for retrieval for up to 30 years from the date of storage. After a period of 30 years, the Department of Records Management will notify the Department of Radiation Oncology, prior to the destruction of the film jackets.
4. Prior to this destruction, the Department of Radiation Oncology then reserves the right to revise this storage policy.

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