(A) Policy Statement

Rigid criteria for patient preparation and draping will be followed for all invasive procedures performed in Radiology.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide every patient undergoing invasive (percutaneous) procedures the same degree of proper procedural preparation.

To provide appropriate access to sterile or prepped areas.

To create sterile barriers and sterile working areas.

(C) Procedure

1. The exam table will be cleaned between procedures with a hospital approved detergent/disinfectant.

2. A clean linen sheet and chux will be placed on the exam table for each procedure.

3. The patient's site of access will be scrubbed with Chloraprep (with orange tint) or other appropriate aseptic agent a minimum of three times. If necessary, the access area will be shaved before the prep begins.

4. Excess scrubbing solution will be wiped off the "prepped region" with sterile 4x4 sponges.

5. When sterile disposable drapes are utilized, the drape will be positioned over the "prepped region" with the drape's adhesive being applied to the appropriate site.

6. Radiographic tubes and fluoro units will be covered with a sterile plastic cover or bag when possible/ if applicable.

7. All efforts will be made to ensure the sterile integrity of the drapes. Drapes below the table top are considered contaminated.

8. Prep/instrument procedural tables will be completely covered with a sterile drape for all procedures.