(A) Policy Statement

It is the policy of the MRI Department to limit the time pregnant patients and workers are exposed to the magnetic field. There is insufficient data to support the effects of an active magnetic field on the fetus, so a conservative approach is taken.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide the safest environment possible for the patients and workers.

(C) Procedure

1. Pregnant workers can be in the presence of the magnetic field for normal work activities only when the gradients are not on/a scan sequence is not being run.

2. MRI procedures will not be performed on patients within the first trimester, unless it is an emergent situation.

3. Safety guidelines/scanning protocols established by the manufacturer will be adhered to while scanning pregnant patients. Scanning pregnant patients will be decided upon by the radiologist after a risk/benefit assessment has been discussed with the ordering physician or patient.