Overview

• Evaluate and treat peripheral vascular disease

• The use of fluoroscopic systems for interventional purposes is restricted to Radiologists and individuals to whom a physician has delegated authority pursuant to the Occupations Code, Chapter 601, and the applicable rules of the Texas Medical Board.

Indications

• Claudication

• Leg numbness or weakness

• Cold leg or foot

• Non-healing ulcers

• Weak or no pulse in legs or feet

Examination Time

• 2.5 hours

Patient Preparation

• Labs completed within one month of procedure

• Nothing to eat or drink 4 hours before procedure

• Stop blood thinners 5 days before procedure

• Obtain informed consent

• Question for allergies
Equipment

- Siemens C-arm
- Sterile pack
- Omnipaque 300
- Various catheters and wires
- Power injector
- Atherectomy device
- Various balloons and stents

Patient Position & Imaging Field

- Supine

Acquisition Protocol - Routine Study

- Radiologist performs fluoroscopy and acquires images

Data Processing

- Technologist will send images taken to PACS (Picture Archiving and Communication System).
- Technologist will enter Dose Area Product in the appropriate field of RIS (Radiology Information System).
- Technologist will enter Fluoro Time and SEE (Skin Entrance Exposure) into the technologist notes field of the RIS.

Radiation Exposure levels

- Recommended operator guidance reference level for this fluoroscopically-guided interventional procedure is 90 minutes beam-on time. Threshold reference level is a SEE of 5 Gy (Gray).
- Radiation Exposure levels are monitored through the Austin Radiological Association’s monthly technologist QA process.
If the reference level is exceeded, further analysis will be performed by the Protocol Committee and appropriate action taken to include possible patient follow-up.

**Protocol Review**

- Not to exceed 14 months.

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