Austin Radiological Association
Interventional Fluoro Procedure
Port Removal

Overview

• Venous access no longer needed
• 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

• Venous access not needed
• Treatment course complete or discontinued

Examination Time

• 1 hour

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
**Patient Position & Imaging Field**

- Supine

**Acquisition Protocol - Routine Study**

- Technologist performs before and after image

**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 60 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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