



**Austin Radiological Association  
Interventional Fluoro Procedure**

**Transcatheter Arterial Chemoembolization (TACE)**

**Overview**

- Treat liver cancer
- 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**

- Liver cancer

**Examination Time**

- 120 minutes

**Patient Preparation**

- Labs completed within 2 weeks before 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 350
- Various catheters and wires
- Power injector

- Drug-eluting bead with chemotherapeutic agents

### **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 exposure time in the appropriate field of RIS (Radiology Information System).
- Technologist will enter DAP (Dose Area Product) 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.

