SUBJECT  Pregnancy Policy for Radiation Therapy

PURPOSE  To assure the safety and quality of care for those patients and fetuses who may be exposed to ionizing radiation.

POLICY  The pregnancy status will be determined for all female patients who are of child bearing potential prior to simulation or treatment if a simulation is not performed (such as HO or keloid).

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Steps to be followed when a female patient of childbearing age is scheduled for radiation therapy:

1. Discreetly ask the patient if there is a chance that she may be pregnant.

*Pregnancy testing should be considered in patients from 10-60 years old

*Patient should be sent to lab for a urine pregnancy test, if indicated

*Test should be within 7 days of sim or treatment, whichever is earlier

*Results should be documented in patient chart prior to sim

*If patient refuses pregnancy test this will be documented in the chart prior to sim