

Part 15 Diagnostic Imaging

15.1 A chiropractor may

- (a) apply X-rays to a patient, or
- (b) issue an authorization or instruction for another person to apply X-rays to a patient, including X-rays for the purpose of computerized axial tomography,

only if the application of X-rays for diagnostic or imaging purposes is indicated by a red flag found in the patient's history or a physical examination of the patient or both. X-rays for the purpose of screening or routine X-rays, whether on intake or as part of scheduled re-examinations, are not clinically justified.

15.2 Before applying X-rays and before issuing an authorization or instruction for another person to apply X-rays, a chiropractor must

- (a) record in the patient file why X-rays are indicated,
- (b) determine whether existing imaging that would remove the need to apply X-rays can be obtained within a clinically reasonable time, and
- (c) give due consideration to the particular risk X-rays present to
 - (i) patients under 19 years old, and
 - (ii) the reproductive capacity of female patients.

15.3 When a chiropractor applies X-rays for diagnostic or imaging purposes, he or she must

- (a) create a report describing what was imaged and the findings from that imaging,
- (b) retain in a form that complies with s. 72 of the Bylaws a copy of the report created under paragraph (a) and copies of all imaging from the application of the X-rays, and
- (c) advise the patient of the findings from the imaging.

15.4 A chiropractor must make an appropriate referral if there are findings outside the scope of practice for chiropractic in

- (a) imaging from X-rays that he or she has applied, or
- (b) imaging or reports produced further to instructions or authorizations he or she has issued under s. 4(1)(f) of the *Chiropractors Regulation*.

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- 15.5 A chiropractor must document in the patient file all action taken and referrals made further to section 15.4.
- 15.6 A chiropractor who owns or operates radiograph equipment must comply with all radiation safety requirements, including s. 83(1) of the Bylaws and [the Radiographic Equipment Ownership Guide for CCBC Registrants](#).

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APPENDIX “L”: Imaging Requests

~~This guideline applies to situations where~~ Under s. 4(1)(f) of the *Chiropractors Regulation*, chiropractors ~~order~~ can issue an authorization or instruction for imaging from another facility, including ~~X~~X-rays for diagnostic or imaging purposes, ~~X~~X-rays for ~~the~~ purpose of computerized axial tomography, and electromagnetism for the purpose of magnetic resonance imaging.

Chiropractors are trained in interpreting ~~X~~X-rays within the scope of practice for chiropractic, and ~~when they issue an authorization or instruction for X-rays for diagnostic or imaging purposes, they can provide~~ prepare a radiology report further to that interpretation.

~~Where~~ When chiropractors ~~order~~ issue an authorization or instruction for ~~X~~X-rays for the purpose of computerized axial tomography, and electromagnetism for the purpose of magnetic resonance imaging, they ~~must have~~ cannot interpret the results ~~interpreted by~~ and they should receive a written report from a qualified health professional ~~and receive a written report~~ documenting that interpretation.

~~Chiropractors are responsible for making an appropriate referral where they determine that imaging they have ordered includes findings or recommendations outside the scope of practice for chiropractic~~

~~All action taken and referrals made following on the receipt of ordered imaging must be documented in the patient file.~~

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