



INJECTION POSITION STATEMENT

Position:

The College considers it acceptable practice for an appropriately trained certified Medical Radiation Technologist to be delegated the act of venipuncture for the purposes of starting an intravenous line, the injection of contrast media or for hematological sampling.

Objective:

Given instruction, demonstration, practice and protocol for venipuncture and/or the administration of contrast media.

The technologist shall be delegated the act of venipuncture to the extent that:

The technologist can safely and competently perform venipuncture for the purpose of starting an intravenous line, injection of contrast media, or for hematological sampling, discuss possible risk factors, monitor the patient, recognize the signs and the symptoms of allergic reaction to contrast media, initiate treatment in the event of a reaction, identify and discuss the use of drugs on emergency tray.

As evaluated by the instructor and/or the individual appointed to verify certification.

Suggested Certification Training Program:

- Instruction and demonstration in the act of venipuncture by a qualified individual.
- Supervised practice until verified as competent by instructor.
- Lectures, information pamphlets, video tape presentation, etc. regarding:
 - Importance of patient history
 - Types of contrast media
 - Contraindications
 - Signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction
 - Emergency drugs and their use
- Annual CPR Certification

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