

Chapter 17

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Subject X-ray machine operator practice; cardiovascular technologists

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Overview

This act allows cardiovascular technologists who assist with operating fluoroscopy equipment and who meet certain education, training, and supervision requirements, to assist with operating this equipment without passing an examination required for limited x-ray operators. Fluoroscopy equipment is imaging equipment that uses x-rays to produce real-time images of the part of the human body being examined. An x-ray beam is passed through the body part being examined, and an image is transmitted to a monitor to display the body part and its motion.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Limited x-ray machine operator practice.
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Amends § 144.121, subd. 5a. Allows a cardiovascular technologist to assist with the operation of fluoroscopy equipment without passing an examination required by the commissioner of health for limited x-ray operators, if the technologist:

- 1) satisfies specific requirements for credentialing or education, or has a variance granted by the commissioner as of July 31, 2019; and
- 2) operates under the personal supervision and in the physical presence of a practitioner qualified to diagnose or treat conditions of the cardiovascular system using fluoroscopically guided intervention procedures.