Pediatric Fluoro Flexion Extension Protocol

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Division/Faculty: Pediatric Radiology/Rajderkar

Subject: Pediatric Fluoro Flexion Extension Protocol

Purpose: To establish guidelines for Pediatric Fluoro Extension

Policy: This study is ONLY for pediatric patients who meet both of the below conditions. Any other patient for whom a C-Spine Flexion Extension study has been ordered will receive static imaging rather than fluoroscopy.

- Recent traumatic brain injury
- Patient requires immediate brain surgery

If both of the conditions are met, please follow the following guidelines:

1. Enter order 12390 Fluoro With Radiologist for current date.

2. Call Pediatric Radiology (X 44294) to protocol the study.

   Pediatric Radiology will determine if Dr Rajderkar or Dr Tuna, Pediatric Radiology Attendings, can staff, or if support from Neuro Radiology (X 30509) is required.

3. A Neurosurgery physician must accompany the patient and perform the removal of cervical collar, and flexion and extension of the c-spine under fluoroscopy.

4. When the study has been approved by a Pediatric Radiology Attending, you must call Nanci LeVake, Fluoro Coordinator (X 44280), for scheduling. Every attempt will be made to schedule at the earliest opportunity, when both Neuroradiology and Neurosurgery can be present, with consideration for currently-scheduled patients.