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Pediatric Fluoro Flexion Extension Protocol

RPC Approval:	April 2018
Next Review:	August 2020
Division/Faculty:	Pediatric Radiology/Rajderkar
Subject:	Pediatric Fluoro Flexion Extension Protocol
Purpose:	To establish guidelines for Pediatric Fluoro Extension
Policy:	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.