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## I. PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

The California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) Medical Imaging Services (MIS) shall have a protocol book readily available.

## II. PURPOSE

To ensure consistent standards of exam presentation provided to the interpreting radiologists.

## III. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Executive Officer of healthcare is responsible for the implementation of this policy at the local level.

## IV. PROCEDURE

### A. Responsibility and Accountability

1. All MIS technologists and contracted mobile service providers are to follow exam protocols established by CCHCS and the interpreting radiologist group. All MIS staff and contracted providers are responsible for being familiar with the imaging protocols and location of these manuals.
2. Reason and symptoms shall be obtained by the technologist along with the ordering physician's indications. (i.e. where there is pain, length of time, swelling, etc)
3. If the exam protocol cannot be accomplished due to a patient-inmate condition or equipment limitations, the technologist shall:
  - a. Provide a minimum of two (2) views at ninety (90) degrees to each other for all extremities.
  - b. Substitute a recognized equivalent view (i.e., decubitus in place of upright abdomen).
  - c. Clearly document the reason for alternate or limited views or examinations in the medical records for the radiologist and referring physician awareness.
4. Any proposed changes to the protocol manual require approval by the interpreting radiologist and Chief Medical Executive.