

# **Radiographic Safety and Procedures in Chiropractic**

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Four Hours

Radiographic safety is crucial whether you are taking X-rays yourself or referring someone to an imaging center. Knowing when to order imaging, what views are optimal to give you the information you need, and showing the medical necessity for the study is crucial to success and risk management. Dr. Mario Fucinari will guide you along the path to optimizing radiographic studies in the Chiropractic practice of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Sponsored by ChiroHealthUSA.

## **Biography:**

Dr. Mario Fucinari is uniquely qualified as a seasoned practitioner, former radiologic technologist and instructor, nationally recognized speaker, and author. He has decades of experience in compliance, coding, and documentation. He has served for the last 14 years as a member of the Carrier Advisory Committee for Medicare. Dr. Mario is a Certified Professional Compliance Officer (CPCO), a Certified Physician Practice Manager (CPPM), and a Certified Insurance Consultant (CIC).

## **Learning Objectives:**

- Recognize safety concerns when utilizing and ordering radiographic studies
- Attendees will be able to relate medical necessity requirements for radiographic studies in their documentation
- Identify legal aspects of patient protection from ionizing radiation
- Explain procedures for proper maintenance of radiographic equipment in the office
- Attendees will demonstrate the documentation required to order radiographic studies at an imaging center
- Demonstrate clinical examples of HEDIS® Guidelines for ordering radiographic imaging

## **Hour One**

- Ethical responsibilities when ordering radiographic studies
- Training of staff on the purpose of radiographic studies, radiographic procedures, and safety protocols.
- Minimizing exposure to radiosensitive anatomical structures in the patient population
- Obtaining a proper non-pregnancy verification
- Patient education and informed consent of radiographic procedures, its benefits, and any potential risks associated with radiation exposure.

## **Hour Two**

- Proper radiographic equipment maintenance and storage
- “Warming up” the X-ray machine
- Patient shielding of the patient to protect areas of the body that are not being imaged from unnecessary radiation.

- Proper collimation for optimal image resolution and patient protection

#### Hour Three

- Proper methods and documentation when ordering radiographic studies at an imaging center or hospital.
- Justifying Medical Decision Making (MDM) of radiographic data in your evaluation and management services
- When to order special studies such as MRI, MRA, CT, Doppler, and diagnostic ultrasound.

#### Hour Four

- HEDIS® Guidelines when to order radiographic imaging
- The relationship of the HEDIS® Guidelines to diagnostic coding
- Clinical examples of ordering the optimal views for clinical situations
- Questions and Answers