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## Radiologic Health Branch (RHB)

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### General Information

1. RHB is within the Food, Drug, and Radiation Safety Division.
2. RHB enforces the following laws and regulations designed to protect the public, radiation workers, and the environment. RHB is responsible for providing public health functions associated with administering a radiation control program. This includes licensing of radioactive materials, registration of X-ray-producing machines, certification of medical and industrial X-ray and radioactive material users, inspection of facilities using radiation, investigation of radiation incidents, and surveillance of radioactive contamination in the environment.
  - a. Radiation Control Law (Health & Safety Code (HSC) Sec. 114960 et seq.)
  - b. Radiologic Technology Act (HSC 27(f).)
  - c. Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification (HSC 107150 - 107175.)
  - d. Regulations implementing the above laws as found in Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 5, Subchapters 4.0, 4.5, & 4.6. (17 CCR)
3. Certificate/Permit Search Tool
  - a. Found under “RHB Quick Links”
4. Physician Assistant (PA) Fluoroscopy Permit information
  - a. Found under “What’s New”
5. Radiologic Technology Certification Committee (RTCC)
  - a. Pursuant to the Radiologic Technology (RT) Act, RTCC assists, advises, and makes recommendations for the establishment of regulations necessary to insure the proper administration and enforcement of the RT Act.
  - b. Meets semi-annually.
    - i. Next Meeting: October 23, 2013 – Sacramento, CA
    - ii. Website = [www.cdph.ca.gov/rhb](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/rhb) under RTCC link.
6. RHB is a fee supported program
  - a. Fees adopted via regulation to recover costs of enforcement and administration of the laws/regulations identified in item 1.

**Inspection & Enforcement** (not an exhaustive list)

1. Following users of X-ray equipment inspected at the indicated average frequency:
  - a. Hospitals = 3 years
  - b. Medical clinics, radiology office, orthopedics = 3 years
  - c. Fluoroscopy use, portable X-ray services = 3 years
  - d. Single physician office, podiatrist = 4 to 5 years
2. PA may only perform those fluoroscopy procedures identified on the Delagation of Services Agreement. (17 CCR 30456.1(a)(2).) See also 17 CCR 30456.10.
3. PA using fluoroscopy must have certain documents on file at each location of practice available to CDPH upon request. (17 CCR 30456.1(a)(3).)
4. Read the regulations (read it again)
  - a. 17 CCR 30456 – 30456.12
  - b. Subject to 17 CCR 30400 – 30410 unless otherwise specified in sections 30456-30456.12.
    - i. Change of name & address (17 CCR 30406)
    - ii. Provide copy of permit to user (17 CCR 30404)
5. If you hold: a) a current & valid PA license; AND b) a current & valid certificate in diagnostic radiologic technology (RT); AND c) a current & valid RT fluoroscopy permit, you do NOT need the PA fluoroscopy permit. However, you may still be subject to some of the regulations in 17 CCR 30456 - 30456.12.
6. PA fluoroscopy permit holder is subject to injunctions and orders issued by CDPH and any legal actions to revoke, suspend, limit or place contions on the permit, including civil and criminal penalties, in addition to any enforcement actions taken by other state agencies such as the PA Board.
7. Findings of violations include notifications to PA Board, Medi-Cal, and other applicable state agencies, as the case may be.

**Administrative Information**

1. Issued Document called:
  - a. Physician Assistant Fluoroscopy Permit
2. Renewal: Every 2 years (17 CCR 30456.2(b).)
  - a. 10 contuing education units (17 CCR 30456.6.)
  - b. Renewal fee (17 CCR 30456.8.)
  - c. Renewal & Billing notice mailed 90 days prior to expiration
  - d. Renewal submittal must be received 30 days prior to expiration
3. PA Fluoro Permit valid ONLY if PA license is valid. (17 CCR 30456.10(b).)