

Guidance

X-ray Equipment Ownership:

Chiropractic

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Chiropractic licensees must practice within their scope of practice (see [Scope of Practice Explanatory Statement: Chiropractic](#)), personal competence and adhere to all [Professional Standards](#) and relevant [Clinical Practice Standards](#) when providing care including following directives outlined in guidance documents.

[Professional Standard: Scope of Practice](#), Principles 1.1 and 1.2 state licensees must:

- 1.1 Maintain awareness of their scope of practice, including by reviewing and staying current with the Regulation, College standards, directives, and guidance documents.*
- 1.2 Only provide care within their scope of practice, as defined by the Regulation (including limits and conditions set out in the Regulation), College standards, directives or guidance documents.*

Chiropractic licensees who own and operate X-ray equipment must ensure compliance with WorkSafe BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and Health Canada radiation safety codes, which include but are not limited to, maintaining regular radiation protection surveys and radiation exposure guidelines.

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Prior to treatment, licensees performing acupuncture to induce labour must:

- Ensure Health Canada and WorkSafeBC safety standards are met,
- Ensure proper calibration and functioning of the X-ray equipment,
- Maintain an accurate and detailed exposure log,
- Ensure appropriate facility planning and regular Radiation Protection Surveys to ensure safety of patients, public and staff,
- Retain all shielding and installation plans,
- Retain Radiation Protection Surveys for a minimum of 10 years,
- Display X-ray warning signs on X-ray equipment and outside of radiology rooms, or to the appropriate safety code level,
- Maintain a current Certificate of Radiation Safety.



All X-ray equipment must:

- Be registered with the College when installed,
- Carry proper electrical safety certification marks,
- If new, be sourced from suppliers holding a valid Medical Device Establishment License.

Radiation Protection Surveys, at minimum, be completed:

- Every 3 years, or
- With any new installation, or
- With modification to the equipment

Application to Clinical Practice Standard: Chiropractic Diagnostic Imaging, Principle 3.

Principle 3: *Chiropractic licensees must ensure X-ray equipment that is owned or operated is in compliance with radiation safety legislation, standards and requirements.*

To meet this standard, chiropractic licensees who own or operate X-ray equipment must:

1.1 *Comply with all radiation safety legislation, standards, and requirements,*

3.1.1 *Ensure proof of compliance is:*

3.1.1.1 *Provided to CCHPBC, and*

3.1.1.2 *Displayed on or near the equipment.*

3.1.2 *Stay up to date with best practices on radiation exposure.*



Certificate of Radiation Safety (Principle 3.1.1)

Proof of compliance, under **Principle 3.1.1**, means:

- Providing to CCHPBC, annually or as updated, the issue date and expiry date of the Certificate of Radiation Safety, by uploading a copy of the Certificate of Radiation Safety into the licensee portal.
- Displaying the Certificate of Radiation Safety, on or near the X-ray equipment, in a manner that is easily seen by patients. If expired, the most recent certificate issued must continue to be posted until replaced with a current certificate.

Resources

Health and Safety Codes

The authority for Radiation Guidelines includes health and safety codes from Health Canada and WorkSafeBC.

Health Canada Safety Codes for X-ray equipment

- [Health Canada Safety Code 20A - X-Ray Equipment in Medical Diagnosis Part A: Recommended Safety Procedures for Installation and Use \(Archived\); typically for facilities with one standard X-ray unit](#)
- [Health Canada Safety Code 35: Safety Procedures for the Installation, Use and Control of X-ray Equipment in Large Medical Radiological Facilities.](#)

WorkSafeBC

- [Occupational Health and Safety OHS Regulations Part 7 – Noise, Vibration, Radiation, and Temperature. Division 3 – Radiation Exposure](#)