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STANDING ORDERS FOR CHEST X-RAYS

TO: WV TBEP Radiological Technician

ORDERS:

1. Evaluate with a posterior-anterior (PA) chest radiograph, anyone presenting to the Local Health Department who has the following:
 - Newly recognized positive TB screening test.
 - A TB screening test conversion.
 - Symptoms suggestive of active TB: cough lasting longer than two weeks, chest pain, hemoptysis, fatigue, weight loss, poor/no appetite, chills, fever, night sweats.
 - Serial chest x-rays have been ordered for the patient by a WV TBEP clinician.
2. Provide proper radiation protection to the patient as well as technologist as per radiologic standards (i.e., shielding of child-bearing age, gonadal protection, etc.).
3. Do not do radiographs on pregnant women. Consult with WV TBEP clinician. If an x-ray is done with the physician's order, ensure shielding is shown on the x-ray and proper documentation is in patient chart.
4. Use appropriate markers on all radiographs.

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