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RE: STANDING ORDERS FOR CHEST X-RAYS

TO: WV-DTBE Radiological Technician

ORDERS:

1. Evaluate with a posterior-anterior (PA) chest radiograph anyone presenting to Chest X-Ray or Chest Diagnostic Clinic who has the following:
 - Newly recognized positive protein derivative (PPD) result.
 - Newly recognized positive Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) result.
 - PPD test conversion.
 - IGRA 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).
 - Being monitored regularly by serial chest x-rays in Chest Diagnostic Clinic.
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 physician. If x-ray is done with physician order, ensure shielding is shown on x-ray film and proper documentation is in patient chart.
4. Use appropriate markers on all radiographs.

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