

SPECIMEN IR(ME)R 2000 PROCEDURE

PROCEDURE FOR IDENTIFYING REFERRERS, PRACTITIONERS AND OPERATORS FOR X-RAY EXAMINATIONS (IR00SC2a)

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Employer: .....NHS Trust

Establishment: .....Hospital/Clinic

Department: .....

**Purpose**

To clearly identify who is entitled to act as a referrer, practitioner and operator within the meaning of IR(ME)R 2000. This reflects the local decisions of the Employer

**Scope**

Covers all X-ray examinations carried out on equipment that is the responsibility of the Radiology Directorate

**Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of the Employer (perhaps via the Radiation Safety Committee) to establish who can act as referrer, practitioner, and operator and to ensure that these decisions are subject to regular review.

**Procedure**

The following staff groups are authorised by the employer to act as referrer, practitioner or operator as appropriate.

1. Referrers

2. Practitioners

3. Operators

The employer must keep a list of all practitioners and operators, together with their qualifications and training records. The list should not be included in any procedure but should be referred to in them. The Directorate Manager will be responsible for regular updating of the list.

(Note: It is understood that the Department of Health Inspectors will expect a similar list of referrers if employed by the Trust. However, a list of external practices only from which referrals are accepted will be satisfactory. A list of names will not be required.)

