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I. Policy

It is the policy of Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging (SOMI) to establish the process for competency termination.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the competency termination procedure.

III. Scope

This policy applies to all SOMI students.

IV. Definitions

Competency: *As defined by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT):* Demonstration of clinical competence means that the student has performed the procedure independently, consistently, and effectively during the course of his or her formal education.

V. Policy Details

A Clinical Preceptor or registered Radiologic Technologist can terminate a competency at any point during the radiographic procedure. Based on one of the criteria below, students will either receive a failing grade or no grade.

1. Students will receive a **failing grade** of 75% based on the following criteria:

- The patient is endangered, i.e., excessive repeats, unsound professional judgement
- Failure to ask about possible pregnancy (patient, caregiver, parent)

Anytime in which the competency is stopped prior to completion for one of the reasons listed above, students will receive a failing grade of 75% for the radiographic procedure. Students are required to receive counseling from the Program Coordinator Clinical Education Experience and obtain and complete a remedial clinical training plan (see policy ADM 8.08).

2. Students shall receive **no grade** for the competency (no repercussion) and the competency will be repeated on a different patient, if any of the following

issues arise:

- The patient condition changes, and the complexity of the radiographic procedure(s) go beyond the level of student ability
- An urgent department issue occurs
- The patient is belligerent, or the student/ technologist is at risk of harm
- The patient requests that a student not perform the radiographic procedure

Clinical Preceptors or Staff Technologists have the right to refuse performing a competency if the patient condition or radiographic procedure complexity is beyond the students' ability.

VI. Attachments

N/A

VII. Related Policies

RAD 8.03 Clinical Competencies and Simulations

VIII. Disclaimers

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging (SOMI) and any party. SOMI, in its sole discretions, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

IX. Version Control

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