

Position Statement 1.0

It is the position of the Association of Educators in Radiologic Technology of the State of New York (AERTSNY) that the utilization of fluoroscopy to place catheters within organs and vessels must be performed by the physician and not the *physicians' assistant (PA)*. This is beyond the PA's scope of practice and the New York Educational Law states that "physician assistants are not required to have any radiation training in order to be licensed and New York law prohibits them (PA's) from using fluoroscopy" (N.Y. EDUC. LAW § 6542(8)). Physician's Assistants do not have the educational content in regards to radiation protection and radiation biology to understand the ramifications of the misuse of radiation.

Position Statement (2)

The position of the AERTSNY on pre exposure collimation versus post exposure cropping is:

Pre exposure collimation decreases radiation dose and also improves image quality. Post exposure cropping has no effect on dose or image quality and should not be used as a substitute.