

## Chapter Pod 7

### PODIATRIC X-RAY ASSISTANT

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**Pod 7.01 Podiatric x-ray assistant under direct supervision of a podiatrist.** A podiatric physician may not delegate x-ray tasks to an unlicensed person unless the delegate has successfully completed a course of instruction for podiatric x-ray assistants approved by the board. A course of instruction for podiatric x-ray assistants is approved by the board if all of the following are true:

(1) The instructor is a physician, podiatrist, or radiographer whose license to practice in Wisconsin is current and unlimited.

(2) The program consists of at least 8 hours of instruction and a written examination. The written examination shall test a podiatric x-ray assistant's knowledge and understanding of the required course of instruction.

(3) The course of instruction addresses; and attendees demonstrate knowledge and understanding of, all the following topics:

- (a) Terminology.
- (b) Science of radiation in x-rays.
- (c) Radiation exposure and monitoring including dose limits for exposure to ionizing radiation.
- (d) Health risks of radiation exposure.
- (e) Safety techniques to reduce radiation exposure to staff and

patients as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA).

- (f) Anatomy and function of foot and leg.
- (g) Positioning for podiatric x-rays.
- (h) Equipment operation technique and quality control, including analog and digital.
- (i) Infection control.
- (j) Legal and ethical issues.

(4) A podiatric physician who uses the services of a podiatric x-ray assistant shall keep at each practice site a copy of documentation that the podiatric x-ray assistant satisfactorily completed a course of instruction that meets the requirements set out above.

(5) Podiatric x-ray assistants must demonstrate every 10 years that they are competent to perform delegated x-ray tasks by successfully completing 8 hours of course instruction outlined in this chapter and successfully completing a written examination.

(6) Podiatric x-ray assistants who have taken the podiatric x-ray assistant course offering by the Wisconsin society of podiatric medicine between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2013 have met the requirement of this section.

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