

## 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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