

Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Summary of Changes to OAR Chapter 811

Effective **May 18, 2008** the following change was made to Chapter 811 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

The amended rule clarifies that DC's can order, but not perform contrast imaging with radio opaque substances

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Scope of Radiography in the Chiropractic Practice

(1) The radiographic diagnostic aspect of Chiropractic practice shall include all standard radiographic procedures that do not conflict with ORS 684.025.

(2) All radiographs shall be of diagnostic quality. Radiographic films are subject to review by the Board to determine quality. Poor quality radiographs may result in disciplinary action.

(3) X-ray is not to be used for therapeutic purposes.

(4) Fluoroscopy shall not be used as a substitute for an initial radiographic study and shall be used only with documented clinical justification.

(5) **Chiropractic physicians may order or refer patients for any diagnostic imaging study, including contrast studies using radio-opaque substances.** Use of radio-opaque substances for diagnostic X-ray, other than by mouth or rectum, is not permitted.

(6) Pregnant females shall not be radiographed unless the patient's symptoms are of such significance that the proper treatment of the patient might be jeopardized without the use of such radiographs.

(7) All critical parts, i.e. fetus, eyes, thyroid gland and gonads, beyond the area of primary examination shall be shielded.

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