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## Use of Protocols for Administration of Contrast and Radiopharmaceuticals

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<u>Ohio law</u> permits the use of protocols to administer contrast and radiopharmaceuticals. Specifically, the law permits the following with respect to protocols\*:

- Specifies that one of the activities radiographers are licensed to perform is to document orders for contrast in patient medical records.
- Specifies that one of the activities nuclear medicine technologists are licensed to perform is to document orders for radiopharmaceuticals in patient medical records.
- Requires a radiographer and a nuclear medicine technologist to practice in a manner that is consistent with a definitive set of treatment guidelines approved by the clinical leadership of the institution where the radiographer or technologist practices.
- Clinical leadership, as defined in section <u>4773.10</u> of the Revised Code, includes an institution's medical director and director of radiology.

Please be advised that the Board will be updating its protocol rule (OAC <u>4729:5-3-12</u>) to reflect these law changes, but that facilities may begin implementing protocols for the administration of these medications by radiographers and nuclear medicine technologists.

\*Questions regarding scope of practice for radiographers and nuclear medicine technologists should be directed to the Ohio Department of Health.

