EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

SUBJECT: Procedure for obtaining narcotics and/or controlled drugs from the Adult Emergency Dept. for use in Radiology

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POLICY: The Emergency Department will provide narcotics and controlled substances for patients undergoing procedures in the Radiology Department when there is no nursing coverage in Radiology.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1) The physician attending the patient in Radiology, who determines a narcotic or controlled drug is indicated, is responsible for obtaining the drug from the Adult Emergency Room (AED) or Pediatric Emergency Room (PED) as appropriate.

2) The charge nurse will assist the physician.

3) The physician will produce a valid Mount Sinai Identification Badge.

4) The charge nurse will sign out the drug in Pyxis for that patient.

5) The RN will enter the physician’s name who is ordering the drug.

6) At this point the medication can be released to the physician who is responsible for administration and monitoring of the patient.