

# FAQ

## Has there been changes made to the Fluoroscopy Course?

Yes, beginning with cohort 13 the fluoroscopy course must be completed within 9 months from the start of class. The PA has an additional 9 months to sit for the state exam and obtain the fluoroscopy permit within 18 months, as a job requirement.

Fluoroscopy guidelines state that if fluoroscopy is used multiple times during an OR case, the PA can claim up to 1 hour per case. Otherwise fluoroscopy time may be rounded up to 15-minute increments, i.e. fluoroscopy is used in the clinic setting during a 30 minute appointment and two views of the hand were obtained using fluoroscopy. The PA took 20 minutes to position the patient and review the procedure. The PA may claim 30 minutes of procedure logging.

## Is there a certain order in which a PA must complete the clinical portion of the Fluoroscopy cohort?

Yes, please see below. Failure to complete items 1-4 may result in delays and possible failure of the fluoroscopy course.

**You must have the Fluoroscopy Unit Device Orientation and the first page of your procedure log approved before you progress with logging of additional fluoroscopy procedures.**

**The Correct Order of Clinic-Related Tasks**

- 1) Radiation Safety Video**
- 2) Radiation Safety Quiz (e-mail me for password)**
- 3) Complete fluoroscopy unit orientation checklists (for all units you're going to use) and have me approve PRIOR to doing patients.**
- 4) Procedures log: Complete page 1 and send to me for review PRIOR to doing any additional patients**

**This is to ensure you have a basic understanding of Radiation Safety before exposing patients to radiation associated with Fluoroscopy.**