Radiography Positioning Guide
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• Center the x-ray beam directly over the area of interest.
• Visualize how the image would look on a monitor. Move the patient and position the area of interest along the long axis of your collimated field, rather than rotating the collimator.
• Collimate to the area of interest to reduce scatter radiation and to improve image quality.
• Be safe—always use protective lead gloves, aprons and thyroid shields to protect yourself from scatter radiation, stay as far away as possible from the primary x-ray beam, and use positioning devices.

Skull and spine

Lateral skull
Lateral cervical spine
Lateral thoracolumbar spine
Bulla, open mouth
Ventrodorsal maxilla, open mouth
Frontal sinus view

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Oblique lateral digits

Abdomen

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