

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
JOAN KNECHEL CANCER CENTER
TREATMENT OVERRIDE**

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SCOPE:

Department of Radiation Oncology Therapists

DEFINITIONS:

To identify the weakness of the operational systems and eliminate them in order to expedite prompt, accurate and efficient service to the patients in our care.

POLICY

The following procedural guidelines have been set forth in reference to overriding patient treatment parameters.

PROCEDURE

1. There shall be no overrides performed within the record and verify systems programmed treatment fields unless authorized by a supervisor.
2. In the event that an override is required, the therapist on the treatment machine is to notify the Dosimetrist and/or Physicist.
3. In the event that the above mentioned staff is not present, the Cancer Center Director is authorized to perform the override.
4. Follow-up with the Radiation Oncologist must occur prior to the next treatment.