

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
JOAN KNECHEL CANCER CENTER  
WATER BATH MAINTENANCE**

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**SCOPE:**

Department of Radiation Oncology, Medical Physics

**DEFINITIONS:**

N/A

**PURPOSE**

To ensure consistency in proper use and care of the water bath for immobilization devices.

**POLICY**

The water bath shall be emptied and washed daily if in use. The water in the water bath shall not be used for any two patients.

**PROCEDURE**

1. When the water bath is needed for the fabrication of a immobilization device, it shall be filled and heated to the level suggested by the manufacturer. After its use, it shall be emptied and cleaned for the next use/patient.
2. The water bath **MUST** not remain plugged in after the procedure or when not in use.

The temperature of the water bath must be recorded prior to use.