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**STANDING ORDERS FOR CHEST X-RAYS**

Evaluate with a posterior-anterior (PA) chest radiograph anyone presenting to Chest X-Ray or Chest Diagnostic Clinic who has the following:

- Newly recognized positive purified protein derivative (PPD) result
- PPD test conversion
- Symptoms suggestive of active tuberculosis (cough lasting longer than two weeks, chest pain, hemoptysis, fatigue, weight loss, poor/no appetite, chills, fever, night sweats).

Provide proper radiation protection to patient as well as technologist as per radiologic standards (i.e., gonadal protection, shielding of women of child-bearing age, etc.).

Do not do radiographs on pregnant women. Consult with physician.

Use appropriate markers on all radiographs.

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