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Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric kicks off their “Back to Basics” campaign!

Dear CRCPD Member:

We ask that you visit the Image Gently website to go – **Back to Basics** – the next phase of the Image Gently campaign dedicated to radiation protection for children during digital radiography procedures. **Please view the materials provided in this new initiative and use them as appropriate. There are many Educational Materials and Quality Improvement project materials**, as well as **Parent Materials** that physicians can share with their patients and families.

We know that children are more sensitive than adults to radiation. To help ensure that imaging providers account for these factors, the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors is an active participant and collaborator in the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging.

We are delighted to share the next “Image Gently” message: **Back to Basics** and invite you to visit the Image Gently Website (www.imagegently.org) to review new educational content for this new campaign:

Alliance member organizations urge that when performing imaging exams on children, health care professionals should note the following:

One size does not fit all...

There's no question: X-rays help us save kids' lives. But, when we image, radiation matters! Children are more sensitive to radiation. What we do now lasts their lifetimes. So, when we image, let's image gently:

More is often not better. When X-ray is the right thing to do:

1. Measure patient thickness for “child-size” technique
2. Avoid using grids for body parts less than 10 - 12 cm thick
3. X-ray only the indicated area with proper collimation and shielding.
4. Check exposure indicators and image quality

[Click here](#) to visit the Image Gently Web site today and **pledge** to do your part to “child-size” the radiation dose used in children’s imaging. Your active participation is appreciated.