



## **Definition of an Operator**

If a person is directly exposing the patient to radiation, by pushing the exposure pedal or button, they are considered an operator, and must have a certificate.

People who are not operators and do not have to have a certificate if they are doing any of the following:

- 1) Warming up the X-ray unit (as long as no one is in the room during the warm-up procedure);
- 2) Physically moving the C-arm unit or table during a case at the direction of the physician;
- 3) Moving the C-arm into place prior to a case, but not actually making any exposures;
- 4) Stamping name plates or patient identification data onto films (as long as it is performed from behind the operator's barrier); and
- 5) Cleaning of equipment between cases.