All imaging sessions at the Purdue MRI Facility must be conducted by at least two “Safety Approved” individuals:

**Primary Operator**
The individual who will be operating the MRI in a given imaging session is to be termed the “Primary Operator.” Only “Scanning Approved” (see *BME-IFC Document MR-OA-1*) individuals may serve as Primary Operator for an imaging session.

**Secondary Operator**
No imaging session may take place in the absence of a second “Safety Approved” individual (see *BME-IFC Document MR-OA-4*). This “Secondary Operator” serves the role of back-up for the Primary Operator to verify that all MR safety protocols are observed, and as an assistant in case of emergency. The Secondary Operator need not be a “Scanning Approved” individual.