

Computed Tomography (CT) Rule Making Advisory Committee November 15, 2013

Committee Members = Present

Radiologic Technologists			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chuck	Cromwell	Group Health Cooperative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris	McIntire	Meridian Pavilion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tamara	Sloan	Providence, St Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla
Radiology Manager			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marcy	Parsons	Group Health Cooperative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bart	Thompson	Good Samaritan Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela	Steinbach	Inland Imaging
Rural Hospitals			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steven B.	Schindler	Providence Stevens County Ministries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joy	Iverson	Summit Pacific Medical Center
Medical Doctors			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marie	Lee	Virginia Mason Clinic Dept Radiology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan	Medverd	Washington State Radiological Society
<input type="checkbox"/>	William P.	Shuman	University of Washington
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan	Swanson	Seattle Children's Hospital
Medical Physicists			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy L.	Corwin	Corwin Health Physics Inc
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John	Gough	Swedish Medical Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kalpana M	Kanal	University of Washington
<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry	Neubauer	Neubauer Medical Physics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gene	Wollan	Health Physics Northwest
Mobile CT			
<input type="checkbox"/>	John	Connolly	Alliance Imaging
Hospital Administrators			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vergil	Cabasco	Washington State Hospital Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer	Brown	Seattle Cancer Care Alliance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark	Kochan	Evergreen Health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diane	Patterson	Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim	Sapienza	MultiCare Health Systems

Department of Health Staff

Michelle Austin	Scott Mantyla
Vicki Bouvier	Richard Montemarano
Sarah Clark	Barb Runyon
Randi Lisle	Daniel Van Gent

Guests

- Eric Hooper, MultiCare
- Bette Drescher, Group Health, Radiology Manager

I. Welcome and objective for the day

II. Review and approve of September 30, 2013 meeting minutes

- a. Approved by the CT Advisory Committee; no changes to be made.

III. Event reporting

- a. The Advisory Committee reviewed the CT Event Reporting Discussion Document to show what is already in place in other departments and programs.
- b. DOH has started drafting rule language for this topic, but needs recommendations from the Advisory Group on a set threshold.
- c. Advisory committee recommendations:
 - i. Set the reporting threshold at a 2000 milligray
 - ii. Develop guidance document to indicate specific types of deterministic health effects to report.
- d. **ACTION ITEM:** DOH staff will develop Event Reporting procedures in the draft rule consistent with the Adverse Event Reporting rules and will develop guidance on the investigation process.

IV. Deemed status

- a. The Advisory Committee reviewed the CT Deemed Status Discussion Document to understand how it is established in statute and rule for HSQA and that Radiation Protection does not have this same structure.
- b. Advisory committee acknowledged that DOH will not include deemed status in the rule.

V. Minimum standards / accreditation crosswalk

- a. The Advisory Committee reviewed the Accreditation Crosswalk of ACR, IAC, Joint Commission and RadSite standards.
- b. The Advisory Committee does not need any additional work on the crosswalk.

- c. **ACTION ITEM:** Vergil will contact the Joint Commission to check the status of the proposed standards and request the adopted standards.
- d. **ACTION ITEM:** Vicki and Michelle will draft rule language to meet DOH and Code Reviser rule writing standards; no content will be changed. The draft will be posted to the CT Rule Making website for review and comment by Advisory Committee members using Issue Submittal Forms as each section is updated.

VI. Personnel qualifications

- a. The Advisory Committee reviewed the CT Personnel Qualifications Discussion Document on requiring CT Post Primary Certification and discussed the effect on critical access/rural hospitals. RT certification is established according to chapter 246-926 WAC. The Post Primary certification is provided through the ARRT.
- b. Advisory Committee member Vergil recently sent a questionnaire to critical access/rural hospitals asking about the effects of requiring the CT post primary certification. Concerns included being able to meet the required number of scans during the established time period, cost, and potential impacts to access to care in rural/acute access areas.
- c. The Advisory Committee discussed the possibility and effect of including a delayed effective date for reaching the certification standards in the draft rules.
- d. In the CT Personnel Qualification Discussion Document, it was noted that the description of WAC 246-926-300 is not worded correctly. The Discussion Document indicates that the WAC does not allow Radiologist Assistants to perform CT diagnostic exams, but under part 2(c)(iv)(B)(II) it does allow them to perform CT Arthrogram (conventional, CT, and MRI).
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Vicki will clarify this statement with DOH's HSQA staff Susan Gragg.
 - ii. **ACTION ITEM:** DOH will get the number of current CT scanners registered in Washington per county and how many hospitals are registered with scanners in critical access counties.
- e. Advisory Committee recommendations:
 - i. Set a higher standard for RT's performing diagnostic CT than the existing requirements.
 - ii. Create subcommittee to research and draft personnel qualifications requirements for the Advisory Committee to consider. Subcommittee members: Bart Thompson, Tamara Sloan, Joy Iverson, Chuck Cromwell, Vergil Cabasco, and Jeremy Corwin will work to develop draft education, training, experience, and renewal requirements along with continuing education and experience for all parts of the state including critical access/rural areas. Once the subcommittee has completed this, they will submit it to DOH where it will then be posted to the CT Rule Making website for the Advisory Committee to review and submit Issue Submittal Forms. DOH staff will

participate as available: Sarah Clark, Richard Montemarano, Kim Kelley, and Susan Gragg.

- iii. Create a separate section for supervising physician requirements (page 10, 11/1/13 draft).
- iv. **ACTION ITEM:** Vicki and Michelle will include a separate section for supervising physician requirements in the draft rules.

VII. Issue submittal forms

- a. The Advisory Committee reviewed, edited, and approved the changes presented by Jeremy Corwin and the radiation health physicist group.
- b. **ACTION ITEM:** Vicki and Michelle will make the changes to the draft rules and post them on the CT Rule Making website for the Advisory Committee to review.

VIII. Other comments and issues

- a. Communicating the rule process to the public
 - i. If outside parties are interested in the rule making process for CT, DOH has an interested parties email list they can join by contacting Michelle or Randi.
 - ii. All meeting minutes and handout materials are posted to the CT Rule Making website.

IX. Next steps

- a. Next meeting:
 - i. The Advisory Committee will meet every 3 months on a Friday starting July 2014.
 - ii. **ACTION ITEM:** Michelle will update the timeline and post it to the CT Rule Making website. Michelle will also send out an email to the Advisory Committee and Interested parties list once it is posted.