

Computed Tomography (CT) Rule Making Advisory Committee January 9, 2015

Committee Members = Present

Radiologic Technologists			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chuck	Cromwell	Group Health Cooperative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tamara	Sloan	Providence, St Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla
Radiology Manager			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marcy	Parsons	Group Health Cooperative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bart	Thompson	Good Samaritan Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angela	Steinbach	Inland Imaging
Rural Hospitals			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steven B.	Schindler	Providence Stevens County Ministries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joy	Iverson	Summit Pacific Medical Center
Medical Doctors			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marie	Lee	Virginia Mason Clinic Dept Radiology
<input 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 checked="" 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"/>	Ian	Corbridge	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

Department of Health Staff

Vicki Bouvier	Scott Mantyla	Daniel Van Gent
Sarah Clark	Susan Gragg	Randi Lisle
Richard Montemarano		

Guests

- Eric Hooper, MultiCare, Physicist

I. Welcome and objective for the day

- a. Review and approve past meeting minutes:
 - i. October 10, 2014- Committee agrees to recorded minutes, no changes.

II. Definitions

Richard Montemarano read through the definitions with the changes made or not made by Department of Health (department) in response to the proposed changes submitted by the medical physicists.

III. Issue Submittal Forms

- a. Safety Questions Document- Submitted by William Shuman and Kalpana Kanal
The CT Advisory Committee had concerns with the draft checklist provided. Some of the concerns are whether an RT will be required to complete the checklist before every scan and if all the items listed will apply to every facility.

The department and the CT Advisory Committee agreed to not use the checklist provided and will instead reference the IAEA 10 Pearls of Radiation Protection of Patients in CT, or equivalent, under WAC 246-226-070 (2). This section will also require the registrant to provide training to RT's performing CT procedures within six months of employment and annually thereafter along with a training log for review by the department. The registrants will not be required to post the checklist.

IV. Washington State Hospital Association Safety Imaging Presentation and Q&A

V. CT Event WAC 246-226-060

Subsections (8), (12), and (13) in the draft rule language have the following edits:

- (8)- The department refined what will be reviewed by the department in the joint review of the root cause analysis.
- (12)- No changes were made to this subsection
- (13)- The cited "chapter 246-50 WAC" was removed and replaced with "RCW 43.70.510, Health Care Services coordinated quality improvement program- Rules"

VI. Additional Comments from CT Advisory Committee Members

Comments from Kalpana Kanal:

- a. In section 246-226-005, Dr. Kanal would like for the department to define "diagnostic imaging", cited at the end of this section, in WAC 246-226-010. She is concerned that if a facility is conducting research on a patient and diagnosing them, the facility may be

subject to this entire chapter. The department has reviewed this and determined that Diagnostic X-Ray System is defined under WAC 246-225-010, which is referenced under the opening paragraph of WAC 246-226-010. The department also determined that if a facility, at any given point, diagnosis a patient, then that facility is subject to all rules in this chapter.

b. CT Lung Screening Program:

The department is looking into this as a completely separate project. This will not be specifically addressed during this rule making process.

The department agreed to make the following changes requested by Jeremy Corwin:

a. Facility Design Requirements- WAC 246-226-030:

Edit to address overlooked changes agreed to in the October 2014 meeting.

b. Staffing Requirements- WAC 246-226-070:

i. Subsection (3) (b) (i) (B) (ii): At the end of the sentence replace “and” with “or”.

c. Performance Evaluation- WAC 246-226-090:

i. Subsection (2) (e) (vi): Remove this from the draft rule language.

ii. Subsection (2) (l) (iii): Remove this from the draft rule language.

iii. Subsection (2) (l) (ii) (D): Change “health scanning mode” to read “head scanning mode”

VII. Next steps

- a. The department will update the draft rule language to make the changes noted above and will send the final draft to the Committee for a two week review in February. Once the Committee reviews the draft rule and agrees to the draft being the product of their collaborative work, the department will conduct a detailed internal review with the Assistant Attorney General and Department of Health management. From there, the department will move into the informal review process.