

ACR 2020 FINAL COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT

- 1 The ACR Council convened virtually on Sunday May 17, Monday, May 18, and Tuesday, May 19, 2020 via Zoom.
- 2 The sessions were attended by approximately 700 members.
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- 4 The Council approved the following actions, which will be reflected in the Digest of Council Actions.

No.	RESOLUTION	TYPE	COUNCIL ACTION
1.	Ten-Year Extension of Policies (a) Commissions and Committees 1. Appointments to Commissions and Committees (b) Commissions and Committees 2. Representation of Related Organizations (c) Annual Council Meeting 5. Educational Topics for ACR Meetings (d) Education 2. Resident and Fellowship Training Programs a. Medical Physics Residency Training Program (e) Education 2. Resident and Fellowship Training Programs e. Residency Program in Socioeconomics (f) Education 4. Miscellaneous Education Policies	REVISED POLICY	ADOPTED
<u>2.</u>	ACR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Preoperative Image-Guided Localization in the Breast	NEW PP	REFERRED WITH INSTRUCTION
<u>3.</u>	ACR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Stereotactic/Tomosynthesis-Guided Breast Interventional Procedures	REVISED PP	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
4.	ACR–ACOG–AIUM–SRU Practice Parameter for the Performance of Sonohysterography and Hysterosalpingo-Contrast-Sonography (HyCoSy)	REVISED PP	ADOPTED
5.	ACR–AIUM–SPR–SRU Practice Parameter for the Performance of Scrotal Ultrasound Examinations	NEW PP	ADOPTED
<u>6.</u>	ACR–AIUM–SRU Practice Parameter for the Performance of Ultrasound Evaluation of the Prostate (and Surrounding Structures)	NEW PP	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
7.	ACR–AIUM–SRU Practice Parameter for the Performance of Diagnostic and Screening Ultrasound of the Abdominal Aorta in Adults	REVISED PP	ADOPTED
8.	Non-Physician Radiology Providers (NPRP) - Definitions	NEW POLICY	ADOPTED
<u>9.</u>	Roles of Non-Physician Radiology Providers (NPRP) – Policies, Parameters and Legislation/Regulations	NEW POLICY	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
10.	Interim Support Position for RRA Legislation and Regulation	NEW POLICY	Resolution 10 Split <u>10a. ADOPTED AS AMENDED WITH INSTRUCTION TO STAFF TO APPROPRIATELY RETITLE</u> <u>10b. REFERRED TO BOC WITH INSTRUCTION TO REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL 2021</u>

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		NEW POLICY	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
11.	Update to Existing ACR Policies on Radiologist Assistants		
12.	Ten-Year Extension of Policies (a) Drugs and Equipment 5. Portable Image Media (CDS and DVDS) (b) Drugs and Equipment 7. Radiographically Identifiable Markers on Medical Devices (c) Professional Liability 3. For Medical Liability Reform (d) Workforce 1. Federal/State Restrictions (e) Radiological Practice and Ethics 1. Accreditation	REVISED POLICY	ADOPTED
13.	ACR–AAPM– ACNM–SNMMI Practice Parameter for Reference Levels and Achievable Administered Activity for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging	REVISED PP	ADOPTED
14.	ACR–ACNM–SNMMI–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Neuroendocrine Tumor Scintigraphy (with Gamma Cameras)	REVISED PP	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
15.	ACR– ACNM–SNMMI –SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Radionuclide Cystography	REVISED PP	ADOPTED
16.	ACR– ACNM–SNMMI –SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Gastrointestinal Tract, Hepatic, and Splenic , Scintigraphy	REVISED PP	ADOPTED
17.	ACR–ACNM–ASTRO–SNMMI Practice Parameter for Lutetium-177 (Lu-177) DOTATATE Therapy	NEW PP	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
18.	Sunset the ACR–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Liver and Spleen	NEW POLICY	ADOPTED
19.	Supervising Radiologist Understanding for Imaging Indication	NEW POLICY	ADOPTED
20.	Extension of Review Cycle for One Practice Parameter	NEW POLICY	ADOPTED
21.	ACR Conflict of Interest Policy	NEW POLICY	ADOPTED
22.	Paid Family/Medical Leave in Radiology and Radiation Oncology Practices	NEW POLICY	WITHDRAWN
23.	Ten-Year Extension of Policies (a) Radiological Practice and Ethics 2. ACR Radiation Oncology Practice Parameters and Technical Standards (b) ACR Radiation Oncology Practice Parameters and Technical Standards 2. ACR Radiation Oncology Practice Parameters and Technical Standards y. Revision of Practice Parameters and Technical Standards Review Cycle (d) Radiological Practice and Ethics 5. Miscellaneous Radiologic Practice and Ethics Policies n. Conflict of Interest Disclosure (e) Radiological Practice and Ethics 5. Miscellaneous Radiologic Practice and Ethics Policies n. Efficacy (f) Technologists and Allied Health Professions 7. Other Non-Physician Radiology Providers (NPRP) Performing Fluoroscopic Procedures	REVISED POLICY	ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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43.	ACR–ASNR–SNIS–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Cervicocerebral Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)	REVISED PP	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
44.	ACR–ASNR–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Computed Tomography (CT) of the Head Brain	REVISED PP	ADOPTED
45.	ACR–SPR Practice Parameter for the Safe and Optimal Performance of Fetal Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	REVISED PP	ADOPTED
46.	ACR–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Contrast Esophagrams and Upper Gastrointestinal Examinations in Infants and Children	REVISED PP	ADOPTED
47.	Multispecialty/General Radiologist	NEW POLICY	REFERRED
48.	Article IX, Sections 1, 3, 5, 6, and 8	BYLAWS	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
49.	Article VIII, Section 4	BYLAWS	ADOPTED
50.	ACR Position on Certifying Bodies in Radiology	NEW POLICY	ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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The following Resolution(s) presented to the 2020 Council of the American College of Radiology have been adopted as amended by the Council:

*(The amended language is specified by line numbers which correspond to the resolution as noted in the Reference Committee Reports. Language amended by the respective Reference Committee on Sunday, May 17, 2020 and Monday, May 18, 2020 is **bolded** reflecting ~~striketrough~~ for deletions and underline for insertions in Blue. Language amended by the Council during deliberation on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 is reflected in RED.)*

Resolution No. 3 ACR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Stereotactic/Tomosynthesis-Guided Breast Interventional Procedures

(Lines 162)

3. Continuing ~~medical~~ education (~~CME~~)

Resolution No. 6 ACR–AIUM–SRU Practice Parameter for the Performance of Ultrasound Evaluation of the Prostate (and Surrounding Structures)

(Line 25)

Although newer techniques using elastography and contrast-enhanced ultrasound may provide superior detection of prostate cancer, these techniques are not sufficiently established to be included as ~~standard of care~~ routine imaging at this time.

(Line 43)

1. Real-time guidance for the placement of peri-prostatic spacer material

The AIUM, and SRU representatives affirm that in their best judgement the proposed changes would be acceptable to AIUM, and SRU; subject to ratification by AIUM and SRU.

Resolution No. 9 Roles of Non-Physician Radiology Providers (NPRP) – Policies, Parameters and Legislation/Regulations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

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39 that existing and future ACR policies and practice parameters concerning NPRPs will
40 be reviewed, modified, and written such that the intention of the policy and practice
41 parameter reflects that NPRPs (including but not limited to NPs, PAs, and RRAs)
42 will not perform interpretations (preliminary, final, or otherwise) of any radiological
43 examination. Imaging findings and observations identified by NPRPs may be
44 communicated only to the supervising radiologist. NPRPs may identify imaging
45 findings or observations and communicate those only to the supervising radiologist.
46 Rendering interpretations of medical imaging studies (preliminary, final, or
47 otherwise) is beyond the scope of practice and is not the intended role of an NPRP.
48 Interpretations are distinguished from observations in that interpretations involve
49 synthesizing imaging findings in the context of clinical histories, physical examination
50 findings, laboratory testing, and/or comparison with prior or other imaging studies
51 in a manner that leads to clinical impressions or conclusions, specific diagnoses and/or
52 differential diagnoses; and

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54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

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56 that existing and future ACR policies and practice parameters concerning NPRPs will
57 be reviewed, modified, and written such that the intention of the policy and practice
58 parameter reflects that NPRPs working in a radiology setting (e.g. diagnostic,
59 interventional, or neurointerventional radiology; nuclear medicine; or radiation
60 oncology setting) assisting with or participating in minimally-invasive procedures
61 must operate under the supervision of a Radiologist and as part of a Radiologist-led
62 team; and

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64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

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66 that the ACR continue to oppose any legislation or regulation permitting the
67 independent practice of NPRPs (e.g. NPs, PAs, RRAs, ...) in radiology; and

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69 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

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71 that the ACR will:

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73 1. assist medical and radiology societies and specialty organizations that seek to enact
74 legislation that would define the valued role of mid-level and other health care
75 professionals within a physician- and radiologist-led team-based model structured to
76 efficiently deliver optimal quality patient care and to assure patient safety; and
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78 2. actively support the concept of radiologist-led radiology teams and oppose
79 radiology teams that are not radiologist-led;

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81 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

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83 that these ACR policy and practice parameter reviews and language modifications
84 would ideally be accomplished prior to the 2021 ACR annual meeting and will be
85 completed no later than the 2022 ACR annual meeting.

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88 **Resolution No. 10a.**

Interim Support Position for RRA Legislation and Regulation

**(Council instructed staff to make editorial policy title change prior to publishing
Res. 10a. in the Digest of Council Actions.)**

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BE IT RESOLVED,

that the ACR supports its RRA policies as approved by Council in 2003 (and renewed in 2013), 2006, and 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that ACR will study updating the 2003 RRA policy to contemporary practice (2020) at or before its scheduled 10-year renewal in 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that any current, past, or future RRA ELCA document that has not followed the approval process outlined in 2003, 2008, and other ACR RRA policies is not ACR policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the ACR will continue to work with the ARRT, ASRT, and other RRA stakeholders to align both the ELCA document and the processes for modification and approval of future RRA scope of practice changes with ACR policy; and

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**~~

~~that until the BOC and CSC review and approve ELCA and RRA scope of practice documents consistent with existing ACR policy, the ACR shall suspend all activities to promote, sponsor, or otherwise support MARCA and other legislation and regulations on the national, state, and local levels that would in any way expand or modify RRA clinical activities beyond those explicitly cited in ACR policy~~

Resolution No. 11 Update to Existing ACR Policies on Radiologist Assistants

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Council of the American College of Radiology adopt the revised *ACR Statement on Radiologist Assistant Roles and Responsibilities* in lieu of the ACR ASRT Joint Statement on Radiologist Assistant Roles and Responsibilities, currently Appendix H, adopted in 2003 as Resolution 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the ACR will work with ASRT to get approval for ~~the a~~ revised statement ~~so~~ that it may be accepted as using this blueprint to develop a new ACR ASRT Joint Statement on Radiologist Assistant Roles and Responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

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140 that the Council of the American College of Radiology adopt the revised policy
141 *Registered Radiologist Assistant Inclusion in Practice Parameters* in lieu of the policy
142 originally adopted in 2006 and renewed in 2016 as Resolution 1-c; and
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144 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

146 that the Council of the American College of Radiology adopt the revised policy
147 *Developing a Process for Updating the Roles and Responsibilities of the Radiologist*
148 *Assistant* in lieu of the policy originally adopted in 2008 as Resolution 39.
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150 APPENDIX H

151 ACR ~~ASRT Joint~~ Statement on Radiologist Assistant Roles and Responsibilities

154 The American College of Radiology adopted a statement on Radiologist Assistant – Roles and
155 Responsibilities; **2003 (Res. 2)**.

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157 A Registered Radiologist Assistant (RRA) is an advanced-level radiologic technologist who works under the
158 supervision of a radiologist to enhance patient care by assisting the radiologist ~~in the diagnostic imaging~~
159 ~~environment~~. The RRA is an ARRT-certified radiographer who has successfully completed an advanced academic
160 program encompassing a nationally recognized RRA curriculum and a radiologist-directed clinical preceptorship.
161 Under radiologist supervision, the radiologist assistant **may** perform patient assessment, patient management and
162 **assist the radiologist with** selected exams, as described below and subject to state law:
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- 164 • Obtaining consent for ~~and injecting agents that facilitate and/or enable~~ **contrast agents administered as**
165 **part of radiology procedures** ~~diagnostic imaging~~
- 166 • Obtaining clinical history from patients or the medical record
- 167 • Performing pre-procedure and post-procedure evaluation of patients undergoing ~~invasive~~ procedures
- 168 • Assisting radiologists with invasive procedures
- 169 • Performing fluoroscopy for non-invasive procedures ~~with the~~ **under** radiologist ~~providing direct~~
170 ~~supervision of the service~~
- 171 • Monitoring and tailoring selected exams under **radiologist** ~~direct~~ supervision [e.g. **IVU, CT Urogram,**
172 **GI studies, VCUG, and retrograde urethrograms, and preparation and colonic insufflation for CT**
173 **Colonography.**]
- 174 • ~~Communicating the reports of radiologist's findings to the referring physician or an appropriate~~
175 ~~representative with appropriate documentation~~
- 176 • Providing naso-enteric and oro-enteric feeding tube placement in uncomplicated patients. **Attempt**
177 **placement of fluoro-guided naso- or oro-enteric feeding tubes in patients whom the supervising**
178 **radiologist has determined are appropriate for RRA involvement and under radiologist**
179 **supervision as part of a radiologist-led team.**
- 180 • ~~Performing selected peripheral venous diagnostic procedures~~

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182 The RRA will should not perform interpretations (preliminary, final or otherwise) of any radiological examination,
183 nor will he or she transmit his or her observations other than to the supervising radiologist.

184 The RRA may make initial observations of diagnostic images and forward communicate them to the supervising
185 radiologist. **The RRA may identify imaging findings or observations and communicate those only to the**
186 **supervising radiologist (i.e. make 'observations'). Rendering interpretations of medical imaging studies**
187 **(preliminary, final, or otherwise) is beyond scope of practice and is not the intended role of an RRA.**
188 **Interpretations are distinguished from observations in that interpretations involve synthesizing imaging**
189 **findings in the context of clinical histories, physical examination findings, laboratory testing, and/or**

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190 comparison with prior or other imaging studies in a manner that leads to clinical impressions or
191 conclusions, specific diagnoses, differential diagnoses, and/or medical decision-making.

192 At the supervising radiologist's direction, the RRA may communicate the radiologist's findings and
193 interpretation to the referring physician or an appropriate representative, consistent with the ACR policies
194 on Communication of Diagnostic Imaging Findings

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196 Documentation of any RRA's observations/findings on a diagnostic imaging examination as required by
197 the institution, statute, or regulatory body, should describe the RRA's role and clearly state that the RRA
198 did not interpret the imaging examination (preliminary, final, or otherwise). Documentation of any RRA's
199 participation in a procedure should (1) describe the RRA's role in the procedure, (2) ~~clearly state be clear~~
200 that the RRA did not perform the procedure independently, and (3) include the name of the supervising
201 radiologist.

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203 The education of the RRA should be granted through nationally ~~recognized~~ accredited recognized academic
204 programs that lead to certification through the ARRT. Advisory committees to such programs should include
205 ~~representation of radiologists.~~

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207 The RRA should actively participate in a facility quality assurance program.

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209 Any formal national, state, or facility certification and/or credentialing of RRA competency should include ~~the~~
210 ~~representation of radiologists. Any facility RRA credentialing process should involve radiologists.~~

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212 The ACR believes that the advent of the RRA working under the supervision of a radiologist and part of a
213 radiologist-led team, with defined responsibilities as described herein, will enhance ~~the performance of~~
214 ~~radiological procedures and patient care and also~~ provide a professionally satisfying career pathway for radiologic
215 technologists.

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217 ~~1, 2The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) direct supervision requirement states that the~~
218 ~~“physician is required on site and immediately available.”~~

220 **2. ACR POLICY ON DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICE PARAMETERS AND** 221 **TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

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223 ee. Registered Radiologist Assistant (RRA) Inclusion in Practice Parameters

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225 The American College of Radiology will insert the following language describing the role of the RRA into the
226 appropriate Practice Parameters of the various radiologic examinations in which an RRA might participate:

227 Registered Radiologist Assistant (RRA)

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229 An RRA is an advanced level radiographer who is certified and registered as a “Registered Radiologist Assistant”
230 by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) after successful completion of an advanced
231 academic program encompassing an ACRASRT ASRT (American Society of Radiologic Technologists) RRA
232 curriculum and a radiologist-directed clinical preceptorship.

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234 Under radiologist supervision, the RRA may perform patient assessment, patient management, and selected
235 examinations as delineated in the ~~Joint Policy Statement of the ACR and the ASRT~~ ACR policy titled “Radiologist
236 Assistant: Roles and Responsibilities” subject to state law. The RRA transmits to the supervising radiologist those
237 observations that have a bearing on diagnosis. Performance of diagnostic interpretations (preliminary, final, or
238 otherwise) remains outside the scope of practice of the RRA. adopted 2006, 2016 (Res. 1-c).

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241 RRAs performing invasive or non-invasive procedures should function under radiologist supervision and as part
242 of radiologist-led teams.

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244 SECTION II

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246 12. DEVELOPING A PROCESS FOR UPDATING THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF 247 THE RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT (RRA)

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249 The American College of Radiology will continue to require that the tasks performed by the
250 RRA are under radiologist supervision and that they should be well-defined and documented; within the criteria
251 and standards defined in the “ACR ~~ASRT Joint~~ Statement on Radiologist Assistant Roles and
252 Responsibilities;” and that the RRA will not independently interpret imaging studies (preliminary, final, or
253 otherwise). The RRA may identify imaging findings or observations and communicate those only to the
254 supervising radiologist. Rendering interpretations of medical imaging studies (preliminary, final, or
255 otherwise) is beyond scope of practice and is not the intended role of an RRA. Interpretations are
256 distinguished from observations in that interpretations involve synthesizing imaging findings in the context
257 of clinical histories, physical examination findings, laboratory testing, and/or comparison with prior or
258 other imaging studies in a manner that leads to clinical impressions or conclusions, specific diagnoses,
259 differential diagnoses, and/or medical decision-making.

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261 The ACR will ~~create~~ have and follow a process to participate in enabling the ~~expeditious~~ ongoing review of the
262 roles and responsibilities of the RRA and ensure communication of recommendations to the ACR Board of
263 Chancellors and Council Steering Committee. This process will incorporate an expert panel, including a
264 member(s) ~~of the~~ from an ACR Commission such as ~~on~~ Quality and Safety, Human Resources, or equivalent
265 to review and make ~~initial~~ recommendations for any changes in the roles and responsibilities of the RRA over
266 time.

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268 The ACR representatives to the Intersocietal Commission on the Radiologist Assistant (ICRA) will
269 present for review and recommendation to the ACR Council Steering Committee and ACR Board
270 of Chancellors ~~only~~ any ~~those~~ changes recommended by the expert panel and agreed to by all members of ICRA.

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272 Only approval of the ICRA recommendations by the CSC and BOC will be sufficient to permit
273 implementation of changes in the roles and responsibilities of the RRA; adopted 2008 (Res. 39).

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275 Resolution No. 14 ACR-ACNM-SNMMI-SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of
276 Neuroendocrine Tumor Scintigraphy (with Gamma Cameras)

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278 (Lines, 133-134)

279 For I-123-iodide MIBG, breastfeeding should be discontinued for 3 days. (Add Reference - [https://www](https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1817/ML18177A451.pdf)
280 .nrc.gov/docs/ML1817/ML18177A451.pdf) ~~2 hours (4 mCi dosage) or 24 hours (10 mCi dosage)~~

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282 (Lines 144-146)

283 Patient Preparation: For In111-pentetreotide imaging discontinuation of breastfeeding for 6 days is
284 recommended. (Add Reference - <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1817/ML18177A451.pdf>) ~~interruption of~~
285 ~~breastfeeding is usually unnecessary because a radiation dose to the child is unlikely to exceed 100 mrem.~~

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287 Resolution No. 17 ACR-ACNM-ASTRO-SNMMI Practice Parameter for Lutetium-177 (Lu-177)
288 DOTATATE Therapy

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290 (Lines, 19-20)

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291 The goal of therapy with Lu-177 DOTATATE is to slow disease progression, to palliate symptoms, or even to
292 extend life, provide either cure, extended time to disease progression, or effective palliation of disease while
293 minimizing untoward side effects and complications

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295 (Line 53)

296 General: Abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting can occur typically within 24 hours of treatment. In addition,
297 patients can also experience fatigue, ~~and~~ diarrhea, alopecia and cough. (Add existing reference #7-Strosberg)
298 In most cases, these symptoms are self-limiting and rarely require more than supportive therapy.

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300 (Line 125)

301 The treating physician's initial evaluation of the patient must include review of the patient's history, physical
302 examination, pertinent diagnostic studies, laboratory reports, and complete history of all available records of
303 previous pertinent therapies, including, but not limited to, myelosuppressive systemic therapy and/or radiotherapy.

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305 (Line 367)

306 It can be administered via gravity method, infusion pump method or via automated syringe pump injector, as
307 detailed with illustrative figure at the available link: [http://jnm.snmjournals.org/content/60/7/937/F3](http://jnm.snmjournals.org/content/60/7/937/F3.expansion.html)
308 .expansion.html [26].

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310 (Line 415)

311 C. Post-therapy Management Survey

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313 Resolution No. 23 **Ten Year Extension of Policies**

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315 (f) **J. TECHNOLOGISTS AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS**
316 **7. OTHER NON-PHYSICIAN RADIOLOGY PROVIDERS (NPRP)**
317 **PERFORMING FLUOROSCOPIC PROCEDURES**

318 It is the policy of the American College of Radiology that ~~other ancillary personnel~~ Non-
319 Physician Radiology Providers (NPRP) who are qualified and duly licensed or certified
320 under applicable state law may, under supervision by a radiologist or other qualified
321 physician, ~~or other qualified physician,~~ perform fluoroscopic examinations or
322 fluoroscopically guided imaging procedures. Supervision by a radiologist or other
323 qualified physician ~~or other qualified physician must be direct or personal, and must~~
324 comply with local, state, and federal regulations.

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326 All ~~ancillary personnel~~ non-physician radiology providers (NPRP) using fluoroscopy
327 should be credentialed for those fluoroscopic examinations or procedures and should
328 have completed 40 hours of didactic education or its equivalent, ~~40 hours of didactic~~
329 ~~education or its equivalent~~ CME accredited education that meets applicable state or
330 other laws and regulations to become competent in the following: digital image
331 acquisition and display, contrast media, fluoroscopic unit operation and safety, image
332 analysis, radiation biology, radiation production and characteristics, and radiation
333 protection. Additionally, NPRP using fluoroscopy should have 40 hours of ~~40 hours~~
334 ~~of.~~ Additionally, NPRP using fluoroscopy should have sufficient clinical experience
335 and be supervised by a radiologist ~~or medical physicist~~ to demonstrate competency in
336 those fluoroscopic examinations or procedures for which they are credentialed.

337 Medical physicists should be involved in the radiation safety and image quality aspects
338 of fluoroscopy. Required CME education for ~~other ancillary personnel~~ NPRP
339 performing fluoroscopy should include education in radiation dosimetry, radiation
340 protection, and equipment performance related to the use of fluoroscopy; adopted 2010
341 (Res. 52).

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Resolution No. 25 **ACR–SAR–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the Abdomen (Excluding the Liver)**

(Lines 135-137)

The physician should be familiar with relevant prior ancillary studies ~~that the patient may have undergone~~. The physician performing MRI interpretation must have a clear understanding and knowledge of the relevant anatomy and pathophysiology relevant to the MRI examination.

(Lines 147-150)

The physician responsible for the examination should supervise patient selection and preparation and be available ~~in person or by phone~~ for consultation ~~by the technologist performing the examination~~ by direct communication. Patients and any family members or others who will accompany the patient into the MRI suite must be screened and interviewed prior to the examination to exclude individuals who may have contraindications to MRI, in which the risks may outweigh the benefits ~~be at risk by exposure to the MR environment~~. All sites should have an established and documented screening mechanism for establishing MRI compatibility.

Resolution No. 26 **ACR–SAR–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Magnetic Resonance (MR) Enterography**

(Lines 55-57)

The physician should be familiar with relevant prior ancillary studies ~~that the patient may have undergone~~. The physician performing the MRI interpretation must be knowledgeable about ~~have a clear understanding and knowledge of the~~ relevant anatomy and pathophysiology relevant to the MRI examination.

(Lines 79-81)

The physician responsible for the examination should supervise patient selection and preparation and be available ~~in person or by phone~~ for consultation by direct communication. Patients must be screened and interviewed prior to the examination to exclude individuals who may have contraindications to MRI, in which the risks may outweigh the benefits ~~be at risk by exposure to the MR environment~~.

Resolution No. 27 **ACR–SAR–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the Liver**

(Lines 57-59)

The physician should be familiar with relevant prior ancillary studies ~~that the patient may have undergone~~. The physician performing MRI interpretation must have a clear understanding and knowledge of the relevant anatomy and pathophysiology relevant to the MRI examination.

(Lines 70-72)

The physician responsible for the examination should supervise patient selection and preparation and be available ~~in person or by phone~~ for consultation by direct communication. Patients must be screened and interviewed prior to the examination to exclude individuals who may have contraindications to MRI, in which the risks may outweigh the benefits ~~be at risk by exposure to the MR environment~~ (see the ACR Guidance Document on MR Safe Practices: 2003 [2]).

Resolution No. 28 **ACR–SAR–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the Soft-Tissue Components of the Pelvis**

(Lines 263-265)

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393 High-field (3T) MRI has been more widely implemented for body-imaging applications, providing improved
394 signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), spatial resolution, and anatomic detail as well as faster scanning techniques but with
395 specific limitations due to magnetic susceptibility and motion artifacts and concerns about radiofrequency power
396 deposition [19]. Parallel imaging techniques significantly increase ~~SNR with reasonable specific absorption~~
397 ~~rates while markedly speeding up~~ acquisition ~~at 3T body~~ speed, allowing for improved imaging efficiency,
398 although this results in decreasing signal to noise[19].
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(Lines 893-894)

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401 Imaging should be performed at either 1.5T or 3T. The fundamental advantage of 3T over 1.5T is increased
402 spectral resolution and improved SNR, ~~which improves the~~ that can be used to achieve better spatial, and/or
403 temporal, ~~and spectral~~ resolution.
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405 **Resolution No. 29** **ACR–NASCI–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Body Magnetic**
406 **Resonance Angiography (MRA)**

(Line 373)

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409 This technique is best suited for imaging vessels that exhibit pulsatile flow **and therefore may be limited in**
410 **evaluation of distal extremity circulation when severe inflow disease diminishes distal pulsatility.** Ref A, B.
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(Lines 558-559)

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413 A. Miyazaki M, et al. Non-contrast-enhanced MR angiography using 3D ECG-synchronized half-Fourier
414 fast spin echo. J Magn Reson Imaging. 2000;12(5):776–83)
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(Lines 561-563)

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417 B. Miyazaki M, et al. Peripheral MR angiography: separation of arteries from veins with flow-spoiled
418 gradient pulses in electrocardiography—triggered three dimensional half-Fourier fast spin-echo imaging.
419 Radiology 2003; 227: 890– 896
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421 **Resolution No. 30** **ACR–SPR–SSR Practice Parameter for the Performance and Interpretation of**
422 **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of Bone and Soft-Tissue Tumors**

(Line 42)

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425 **2. Follow-up and re-evaluation of tumors**

(Lines 121-122)

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428 An interslice gap may be ~~chosen to decrease signal loss due to cross talk [71]~~ used but ~~in general should be~~
429 ~~no more than one half of the slice width and~~ should not impair complete visualization of the mass.
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(Lines 154)

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432 Coverage of the tumor ~~must ideally should~~ include all of the anterior, posterior, medial, lateral, superior, and
433 inferior margins of the mass, ~~unless clinically/radiographically impractical~~ [21,23,44].
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(Lines 248-249)

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436 The report should address the presence or absence of a mass, the size of the lesion and **description of anatomic**
437 **extent, its** composition (hemorrhage, necrosis, etc), signal intensity, and enhancement characteristics when
438 intravenous contrast is administered.
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(Lines 462-463)

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441 ~~71. Kneeland JB, Shimakawa A, Wehrli FW. Effect of intersection spacing on MR image contrast and~~
442 ~~study time. Radiology 1986;158:819–22.~~
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Resolution No. 31 **ACR–SPR–SSR Practice Parameter for the Performance and Interpretation of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the Knee**

(Lines 114-116)

The physician should be familiar with relevant prior ancillary studies ~~that the patient may have undergone~~. The physician performing the MRI interpretation must have a clear understanding and knowledge of the relevant anatomy and pathophysiology ~~relevant to the MRI examination~~.

(Lines 125-127)

The physician responsible for the examination should supervise patient selection and preparation and be available ~~in person or by phone~~ for consultation by direct communication. Patients must be screened and interviewed by qualified personnel prior to the examination to exclude individuals who may ~~be at risk by exposure~~ have contraindication to MRI, in which the ~~MR environment~~ risks may outweigh the benefits.

(Lines 189-191)

An interslice gap can ~~decrease signal loss due to cross talk [110] but should typically be no more than 33% to 50% of the slice width be used – with its size dependent on equipment, time considerations, and need for anatomic coverage – but and~~ should not impair complete visualization of the intra-articular structures.

(Lines 281-283)

In knees containing large metallic implants, a combination of longer echo trains, increased receiver bandwidth, decreased FOV, decreased slice thickness, increased matrix size in the frequency-encoding direction, and control of the phase and frequency encoding directions will reduce, but typically not completely eliminate, metal artifacts [83,88 additional reference].

(Lines 544-545)

89. Harris CA, White LA. Metal Artifact Reduction in Musculoskeletal Magnetic Resonance Imaging. Orthop Clin N Am 2006; 37: 349-359

(Lines 595-596)

~~110. Kneeland JB, Shimakawa A, Wehrli FW. Effect of intersection spacing on MR image contrast and study time. Radiology 1986;158:819-22.~~

Resolution No. 32 **ACR–SPR–SSR Practice Parameter for the Performance and Interpretation of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the Shoulder**

(Lines 26-27)

~~Sonography can be used to evaluate the rotator cuff and biceps tendon and has the advantage of imaging during physiologic motion [3-7].~~

(Lines 119-121)

The physician should be familiar with relevant prior ancillary studies ~~that the patient may have undergone~~. The physician performing MRI interpretation must have a clear understanding and knowledge of the relevant anatomy and pathophysiology ~~relevant to the MRI examination~~.

(Lines 130-132)

The physician responsible for the examination should supervise patient selection and preparation and be available ~~in person or by phone~~ for consultation by direct communication. Patients must be screened and interviewed prior to the examination to exclude individuals who may ~~be at risk by exposure~~ have contraindications to MRI, in which the ~~MR environment~~ risks may outweigh the benefits.

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(Lines 203-206)

~~An~~ The size of an interslice gap ~~may be selected to decrease signal loss due to cross talk [115] but should be, if used, would depend on hardware, software, time considerations, and need for anatomic coverage. Imaging with~~ no ~~gap has~~ the ~~slice width. Two interleaved scans may allow~~ advantage of imaging ~~without gaps at the expense~~ all of ~~an increase~~ the anatomy in ~~scan time~~ the covered field of view.

(Line 306)

At a minimum, the report should address the condition of the rotator cuff muscles and tendons, supraspinatus outlet (as defined in Section II. A. 3), biceps tendon, and labrum.

(Lines 634-635)

~~115. Kneeland JB, Shimakawa A, Wehrli FW. Effect of intersection spacing on MR image contrast and study time. Radiology 1986;158:819-22.~~

Resolution No. 34 Mandatory Standard Early Radiology Education for Medical Students by Radiologists

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the ACR form a taskforce to investigate avenues for introducing all medical students to ~~mandatory radiology clerkships~~ (diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology, and radiation oncology) taught by radiologists and/or radiation oncologists during throughout their ~~second-first~~ or through third years, and/or a longitudinal radiology curriculum, to allow medical students the opportunity to select diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology or radiation oncology early enough as their career preference and be able to match successfully into ~~a~~ the corresponding diagnostic radiology/interventional radiology residency program, ~~and to allow~~ those seeking a career in other areas of medicine to have an appreciation of radiology's central role. The taskforce will report to the Council at its 2021 meeting.

Resolution No. 36 Ten Year Extension of Policies

(a) **B. TECHNOLOGISTS AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

14. RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS AND RADIATION THERAPISTS

The Radiologic Technologist, Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Radiologist Assistant and Radiation Therapist are qualified by education and the achievement of technical skills to provide patient care in diagnostic radiological and radiation oncologic modalities under the direction of radiologists, and interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, and nuclear medicine physicians. In the performance of their duties, the application of proper radiologic techniques and radiation protection measures involves both initiative and independent professional judgment by the radiologic technologists and radiation therapists. In as much as it is both desirable and necessary for all disciplines of radiologic technology to be recognized as professionals by government and other agencies, the ACR supports this position and recognizes the radiologic technologist, Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Radiologist Assistant, and radiation therapist as professional members of the health care team; 1980, 1990, 2000, amended 2010 (Res. 1-e).

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544 **Resolution No. 37** ACR Practice Parameter for Communication of Diagnostic Imaging Findings

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546 (Lines 85-87)

547 e. Any **known** significant adverse event involving the patient that occurred in relation to
548 performance of the study should be ~~described in the body of the report and/or in the institutional~~
549 ~~electronic medical record, and~~ briefly noted in the impression.

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551 (Line 133)

552 The archived preliminary report should contain the name of the person or office that received the report,
553 if applicable and the date and time that the report was provided.

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555 (Line 183)

556 Inclusion of the date and time, method of communication, and the name of the person to whom the
557 communication was delivered is an example of such documentation.

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559 **Resolution No. 38** ACR-SAR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Adult Cystography and
560 Urethrography

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562 (Lines 136-137)

563 ~~Contiguous axial CT~~ scans through the pelvis from the iliac crests to the lesser trochanter ~~are~~ is obtained
564 [15,16].

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566 **Resolution No. 39** ACR-SIR Practice Parameter for Minimal and/or Moderate Sedation/Analgesia

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568 (Lines 89-91)

569 Similarly, the Mallampati score is a simple test that can be a good predictor of sleep apnea and difficulty
570 with bag mask ventilation and intubation, should it be necessary. In addition patients with Mallampati
571 Class III or IV should be given additional consideration.

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573 (Line 156-157)

574 This should include evaluation and documentation of ASA and Mallampati score.

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576 (Line 283)

577 The equipment may be in a code cart and should include the following:

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579 (Lines 427-434)

Appendix D

Modified Mallampati Score

- 583
584 • Class I: Soft palate, uvula, fauces, pillars visible.
585 • Class II: Soft palate, major part of uvula, fauces visible
586 • Class III: Soft palate, base of uvular visible
587 • Class IV: Only hard palate visible

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589 **Resolution No. 41** ACR-~~ACNM~~-~~ASNR~~-~~SNMMI~~ Practice Parameter for Brain PET-CT Imaging in
590 Dementia

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592 (Lines 38-41)

593 1 the biomarkers of A-beta (Aβ) amyloid accumulation~~s~~; abnormal radiopharmaceutical retention on
594 amyloid PET imaging and low CSF Aβ-42 peptide and

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595 2) the biomarkers of neuronal degeneration or injury: elevated CSF tau protein (both total and
596 phosphorylated tau); decreased ¹⁸F fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) uptake on PET in a specific topographic
597 pattern involving posterior cingulate/precuneus and temporoparietal cortex; and atrophy on structural MR,
598 again in a specific topographic pattern involving medial, basal, and lateral temporal lobes and medial and
599 lateral parietal cortices [9].

600 3) Biomarkers of Aβ amyloid are indicative of initiating upstream events that may deviate from normal
601 before clinical symptoms manifest. Biomarkers of neuronal injury and neuronal dysfunction are indicative
602 of downstream pathophysiological processes that temporally follow [9]. Current evidence suggests that
603 amyloid biomarkers may become abnormal approximately 10 to 20 years before noticeable clinical
604 symptoms. Progression of clinical symptoms closely parallels progressive worsening of
605 neurodegenerative biomarkers [6,10,11]. Biomarkers of neurodegeneration are now being incorporated
606 into clinical diagnostic criteria for specific disorders, **in particular for AD** [12-14].
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(Lins 158-159)

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609 3. Live or online education programs may be used to fulfill these requirements: this may also be
610 fulfilled through a nuclear medicine residency or fellowship training program.

(Line 226)

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613 c. Serum glucose analysis performed immediately prior to FDG administration (an ~~acceptable~~ optimal
614 range is up to ~~150~~-200 mg/dL)

(Line 253)

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617 2. For ¹⁸F-amyloid binding radiopharmaceuticals, the amount of administered activity should be 185 to
618 444 MBq (~~5-12~~ 5-12 mCi) IV. **The recommended doses are 10 mCi, 5 mCi, and 8.1 mCi for**
619 **florbetapir, flumetamol, and florbetaben, respectively [35-37].**

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621 Resolution No. 43 ACR–ASNR–SNIS–SPR Practice Parameter for the Performance of
622 Cervicocerebral Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)

(Lines 378-379)

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625 MR VWI may be performed solely or as a part of a MRI or MRA examination.

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627 Resolution No. 48 Article IX, Sections 1, 3, 5, 6, and 8

628 629 ARTICLE IX – Meetings

630 Section 1

631 *Meetings of the BOC*

632 At least two (2) regular meetings of the BOC shall be scheduled each calendar year by the Executive
633 Committee of the Board. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the CEO upon written request of a
634 majority of the chancellors or upon the unanimous direction of the Executive Committee of the BOC. Notice
635 of a special meeting, together with a statement of the business to be transacted at such meetings, shall be sent
636 to the members of the BOC not less than seven (7) calendar days before any such meeting. No business other
637 than that specified in the notice of a special meeting shall be transacted at such meeting. ~~Other meetings~~
638 Meetings of the BOC may be conducted by electronic means ~~as permitted by the laws of the state of~~
639 California.

640 Section 3

641 *Meetings of the Council*

642 The annual meeting of the Council shall be the annual meeting of the College ~~and shall be held at~~
643 ~~such time and place as is ordered by the Council.~~ Meetings of the Council may be conducted by
644 electronic means.

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Section 5

Attendance of the Councilor, Alternate Councilor, or Substitute

~~Attendance-Participation~~ of the councilor, alternate councilor, or a substitute certified by the president or secretary of the chapter at the annual and any special meetings of the Council is expected and is considered essential to the effective functioning of the Council. ~~In the event of absence of the designated councilor or alternate councilor, the chapter shall be notified of such absence by the College office.~~

Section 6

Council Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Council shall be called by the Speaker of the Council, Chairman of the BOC, or CEO upon the written request of thirty (30) voting councilors ~~any such meeting to be held at a time and place designated by the speaker of the Council.~~ The speaker of the Council shall determine the time and place of any such special meeting. Notice of a special meeting, together with a statement of the business to be transacted at such meeting, shall be sent to each voting member of the Council not less than fourteen (14) calendar days before such meeting. No business other than that specified in the notice of a special meeting shall be transacted at such meeting.

Section 8

Council Quorum and Voting

One-third of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the Council, College, and only councilors actually present shall be counted in determining whether or not a quorum is present. Once a quorum is established, it shall be presumed to continue. Only a A member serving as an appropriately credentialed councilor may vote during a meeting of the Council. ~~Councilors may vote at a meeting of the College only in person, and voting~~ Voting by proxy ~~shall is~~ not be allowed. The Credentials Committee shall determine members who are eligible to vote.

~~A councilor or their alternate councilor (or an accredited substitute) may vote. Within these guidelines, the Credentials Committee shall determine who will vote.~~

The 2019 Speaker and Vice Speaker wish to thank the Council Members, Reference Committees, collaborating Societies, and visitors for their valuable contributions to these deliberations.

Resolution No. 50 ACR Position on Certifying Boards ~~Bodies~~ in Radiology

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the official position of the ACR is that any bodies boards certifying ~~radiology professionals~~ diagnostic radiologists, interventional radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, radiation oncologists, and medical physicists should minimize power imbalance in decision-making between those professionals and the certifying body by committing to representative, inclusive, and transparent decision-making; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the official position of the ACR is that any bodies boards certifying ~~radiology professionals~~ diagnostic radiologists, interventional radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, radiation oncologists, and medical physicists should act in a manner to ensure appropriate balance between all parties, and never act in any manner that

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694 directly, indirectly, or otherwise effectively requires radiology professionals to waive
695 any of their fundamental due process rights; and

696 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

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698 that the official position of the ACR is that any ~~bodies~~ boards certifying ~~radiology~~
699 ~~professionals~~ diagnostic radiologists, interventional radiologists, nuclear medicine
700 physicians, radiation oncologists, and medical physicists should seek and respond to
701 input from the ACR Council Steering Committee as ~~a the~~ representative body of ~~ABR~~
702 candidates for certification and diplomates prior to creating, modifying, or
703 implementing new and/or existing policies that affect candidates and diplomates
704 (“participation agreements”); and
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706 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

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708 that the official position of the ACR is that any ~~bodies~~ boards certifying ~~radiology~~
709 ~~professionals~~ diagnostic radiologists, interventional radiologists, nuclear medicine
710 physicians, radiation oncologists, and medical physicists should share drafts of such
711 participation agreements with all candidates and diplomates with sufficient time and
712 a defined process to consider their input in advance of any final decisions concerning
713 such participation agreements.
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715 REFERRED

716 The following Resolution(s) presented to the 2020 Council of the American College of Radiology have been
717 referred to BOC with instruction to report back to the 2021 Council:

718 *(The language is specified by line numbers which correspond to the resolution as noted in the Reference Committee*
719 *Reports. Written amendments presented during the Open Hearing and recommended by the respective Reference*
720 *Committee on Sunday, May 17, 2020 and Monday, May 18, 2020 are **bolded** reflecting ~~striketrough~~ for deletions*
721 *and underline for insertions in Blue. Language considered by the Council during deliberation on Tuesday, May*
722 *19, 2020 is reflected in RED.)*

723 Resolution No. 2 **ACR Practice Parameter for the Performance of Preoperative Image-Guided** 724 **Localization in the Breast**

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727 (Lines 7-11)

728 Preoperative localization with image-guided wire placement has been a standard of breast imaging diagnosis and
729 treatment since its development in the 1970s and remains a reliable and safe method for localization. [1]. Several
730 recent advancements in nonwire localization (NWL) techniques minimize limitations of wire localization ~~have~~
731 ~~improved~~ and potentially improve patient care and clinical workflow. New technological approaches and
732 devices are continually being developed and introduced that will expand the variety of localization tools.
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734 (Lines 15-16)

735 Presurgical localization in the breast may be performed for patients with selected indications including, and not
736 limited to:

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738 (Lines 75-76,)

739 An important feature for wire localization is the potential opportunity for removal and reinsertion with
740 another wire if improper localization has occurred.

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742 (Lines 81-82)

743 Alternative forms of preoperative localization that do not use wire and mitigate wire localization limitations are
744 now available and include radioactive seed, radiofrequency reflector, ~~and~~ magnetic seed, and RFID, among
745 others.

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747 (Lines 98-99)

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748 Because the iodine-125–labeled seed half-life is 59.4 days, preoperative RSL using mammographic or sonographic
749 guidance theoretically can be performed up to several ~~days~~ weeks prior to surgery, but is typically performed
750 within a few days prior to surgery.

(Lines 135-145)

d. Radiofrequency identification tag

Radiofrequency identification (RFID) technology was introduced in 2017. The RFID tag comprises a copper-wrapped ferrite rod and microprocessor within a glass casing enclosed within a polypropylene sheath to prevent migration (Kapoor et al Radiographics 2019). The device absorbs, modifies and re-emits a 134.2-kHz radiofrequency signal that is sent by the handheld reader device (Kapoor et al Radiographics 2019). An integrated loop probe on the device has a 6-cm detection range while the disposable sterile surgical pencil-sized probe has a 3-cm detection range. Like radar detector technology, the device provides audible and visual indicators that increase in cadence and provide real-time distance to target information. A unique identification number for an individual tag is able to be displayed on the device reader, which is useful to distinguish between tags if multiple devices are implanted within the same breast.

(Lines 157-159)

A Geiger counter can be utilized to confirm ~~radioactivity of a single radioactive single~~ the presence of a radioactive seed inserted within the breast using ultrasound alone. However, such confirmation with a Geiger counter is not possible when more than one radioactive seed is placed or if the patient has already been injected for lymphoscintigraphy (17).

(Lines 175-176)

Conversely, the negative predictive value of clear margins on specimen radiography is low, but may be improved with the addition of orthogonal views or by performing specimen radiography with tomosynthesis. [Ref].

Resolution No. 10h **Interim Support Position for RRA Legislation and Regulation**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

until the BOC and CSC review and approve ELCA and RRA scope of practice documents consistent with existing ACR policy, the ACR shall suspend all activities to promote, sponsor, or otherwise support MARCA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,

the ACR shall oppose legislation and regulations on the national, state, and local levels that would in any way expand or modify RRA clinical activities beyond those explicitly cited in ACR policy.

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791 collaborating Societies, and visitors for their valuable contributions to these deliberations.