

Resolution No. 50 ACR Position on Certifying Boards in Radiology

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the official position of the ACR is that any boards certifying 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 boards certifying 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 directly, indirectly, or otherwise effectively requires radiology professionals to waive any of their fundamental due process rights; and

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that the official position of the ACR is that any boards certifying diagnostic radiologists, interventional radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, radiation oncologists, and medical physicists should seek and respond to input from the ACR Council Steering Committee as a representative body of candidates for certification and diplomates prior to creating, modifying, or implementing new and/or existing policies that affect candidates and diplomates (“participation agreements”); and

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that the official position of the ACR is that any boards certifying diagnostic radiologists, interventional radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, radiation oncologists, and medical physicists should share drafts of such participation agreements with all candidates and diplomates with sufficient time and a defined process to consider their input in advance of any final decisions concerning such participation agreements.