STANDARDS Revision Update

Greetings, the JRCERT Standards Committee would like to update you on the progress of the comprehensive Standards revision project as introduced in last fall's Pulse newsletter. Please remember that the JRCERT is dedicated to a transparent revision process and will be expanding our Standards Revision Web site with updates, survey results, and draft documents. Our Standards Revision Project Timetable indicates we are right on schedule with our survey distribution and with seeking input from professional organizations. We extended the timeline for the initial Programs & Faculty Survey until October 15, 2016 in an effort to gain more input and received a total of 485 responses. This survey was sent out to all program directors, clinical/educational coordinators, and faculty of accredited programs with the hope they would forward it to adjunct faculty, clinical faculty, deans, students, and other stakeholders. The Committee and JRCERT Staff are currently organizing this data to develop Draft 1, which will be reviewed at our April 2017 and October 2017 Standards Committee meetings.

During the past year, we’ve also sought salient information regarding the future of medical imaging and radiation therapy, including medical dosimetry, from the leaders of the certification agencies and professional societies to assist our committee in the development of all future draft standards documents. Once Draft 1 is made available, these agencies, as well as all other stakeholders, will have another opportunity to comment on the draft. Refer to our Standards Revision Project – Stakeholder Engagement document for more information on these agencies.

JRCERT CEO Leslie Winter and Executive Associate Director Jay Hicks will host Standards Revision presentations in conjunction with the 42nd Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology (ACERT) and the 20th West Coast Educators Council (WCEC) Student-Educator-Radiographer Seminar on January 26, 2017 and March 9, 2017, respectively. If you are attending the JRCERT Accreditation Seminar preceding these conferences, you will also have an opportunity to voice your input on the Standards revision project. Click here for JRCERT Accreditation Seminar registration information.

After the holidays, we will be sending another survey to our site visitors to seek their specific input in assessing the validity, reliability, and ease of interpretation of the current Standards through the lens of a volunteer peer reviewer.

Results of our initial survey should be posted to our Standards Revision Web page after the April 2017 committee meeting.

We welcome comments at any time, so if you were unable to respond to the initial survey, please feel
free to send comments to Standards.Revision@jrcert.org. As always, we look forward to your continued input and to publishing the first draft of the Standards in fall 2017.

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