



Summary of April 2015 Board Meeting

Dear Program Directors,

The JRCERT recently held its April 2015 Board of Directors meeting. The meeting was very productive and we would like to take the opportunity to highlight some of the key elements of the meeting.

From January 1, 2015 to date, the Board has taken action on approximately 114 programs; following is a breakdown:

	Radiography	Radiation Therapy	Magnetic Resonance	Medical Dosimetry
Initial Accreditation	5	1	3	1
8 Years	15	1	-	-
5 Years	12	1	-	-
3 Years	5	-	-	-
Probation	-	-	-	-
Involuntary Withdrawal	-	-	-	-

The Directors also took action on 32 interim reports. The remaining accreditation actions were progress reports and substantive changes.

The Board also developed the following interpretation at the spring meeting:

**Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography,
Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiation Therapy, and
Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Medical Dosimetry**

Standard Four - *Health and Safety*

The program’s policies and procedures promote the health, safety, and optimal use of radiation for students, patients, and the general public.

Objective 4.1: Assures the radiation safety of students through the implementation of published policies and procedures that are in compliance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations and state laws as applicable.

Interpretation:

All students who participate in using equipment in an energized laboratory or clinical environment must be monitored for radiation exposure, including but not limited to simulation procedures or quality assurance.

Also at the meeting, there were three policy revisions that you need to make note of:

1. Policy 11.400 - Requirements for Sponsors of Accredited Programs (Procedure 11.405D)

11.405D requires that programs apply for recognition of clinical settings and receive approval prior to placement of students, specifically iii. - requires a current and fully executed affiliation agreement that identifies the responsibilities of each party and clearly address professional liability.

The JRCERT no longer requires that the affiliation agreement identify a termination clause or student supervision.

2. Policy 11.600 - Site Visit of the Program (Procedures 11.601A, 11.602A)

11.601A requires the site visit team to interview students. The interviews may be conducted on the campus of the sponsor, on site at clinical setting(s), or via conference call or video conferencing.

11.602A requires the site visit team to interview a clinical instructor/supervisor/preceptor from a representative sample of recognized clinical settings. The interviews may be conducted either on campus of the sponsor, on site at clinical setting(s), or via conference call or video conferencing.

The JRCERT no longer requires all students and clinical instructor/supervisor/preceptor to be on campus for interview by the site visit team. The interviews can take place as identified above.

3. Policy 90.200 - Site Visitor/Apprentice - Lodging for (Procedure 90.201)

90.201A requires the sponsor to be responsible for the cost of hotel accommodations.

The cost of the hotel accommodations must be directly billed to the sponsoring institution.

The revised policies are on the Web site.

Also at the meeting, the Board approved a fixed rate for expenses associated with the site visit, i.e., airfare, car rental, meals, etc. Effective with site visits projected for **May 2016 and after**, the fixed site visit fee will be \$900.00 per site visitor. The program will be responsible for the arrangement and cost of hotel accommodations.

The Board further approved a fine of \$250.00 effective immediately for programs utilizing a clinical setting prior to JRCERT recognition.

The Board has accepted the recently revised ASRT Magnetic Resonance Curriculum with an implementation date of September 1, 2016.

The Board voted to begin a comprehensive Standards revision. This revision will include all Standards with a projected implementation date of 2020. This is an important endeavor and we will seek your input as we move forward.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact the office. Best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

Leslie