

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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CATEGORY: ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: QC TECHNOLOGIST STAFFING

POSITION: It is the position of the Association that to ensure safety of the public and staff every Medical Imaging facility have a qualified Quality Control Technologist or equivalent.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION: The recognized qualification by the Association is the Diploma in QC-Radiological Technology or equivalent.

RATIONALE: A major focus in health care is on quality management issues and in particular Quality Assurance (QA) and Risk Management. Quality Control (QC) is an essential element of QA.

The Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act (HARP) is existing proof of the public's concern regarding the proper and safe use of radiation for medical purposes. QC, and therefore those qualified to do QC are essential to the aims of H.A.R.P. and the public.

Reduced inspections by the X-Ray Inspection Services (XRIS) as a cost saving measure puts more emphasis on the QC requirements of a facility.

Service contract providers may or may not do QC as part of their service contract. Even when they have a QC function it is essential that the QC tests and subsequent results are verified. Only a qualified QC Technologist can do that.