



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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CATEGORY: ADMINISTRATION - GENERAL
SUBJECT: MRI AND CT UNITS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF HEALTH CARE

POSITION STATEMENT:

It is the Position of the Association that Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Computerized Tomography (CT) Units are acceptable diagnostic imaging tools to be utilized in the private health-care sector under specified conditions but not recommended as the ideal environment for such units.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

The specified conditions noted below are considered by the Association to be the important considerations and key criteria concerning sophisticated diagnostic imaging tools such as MRI and CT Units being operated in the private health-care sector. These criteria are:

- They must be regulated under the Independent Health Facilities Act (IHFA) in the same manner as all other diagnostic imaging facilities and subject to the same inspection and Quality Assurance requirements.
- The diagnostic imaging units are operated by properly qualified radiant energy practitioners who are certified nationally and/or registered with the regulatory body responsible for the type of radiant energy emitted by the piece of diagnostic equipment.
- The practitioner operating the equipment must be certified as competent by the regulatory body to operate that equipment.