

RAMPS/ORH
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2013

Location: 42-09 28th Street, 14th Floor CN# 56, Gotham Center Conference Room, Long Island City, NY 11101

Members Present: S. Wagner, J. Kamen, T. Petrone, K. Strining, V. Parisi, M. Holberg, C. Boyd, H. Ching, J. Burgos, T. Lickerman, James Astarita, R. Subramaniam

Topic	Comments	Follow-up
Review and approval Of previous meeting minutes	Previous minutes were approved via email.	Accepted.
Recently Adopted	Item 114 (p3) which removes the exemption of “High Radiation Area” for diagnostic radiography rooms was of concern. This could result in stricter signage requirements which were not the intent. The need for NRC compatibility was probably the cause. Re-instatement of the exemption was supported.	C. Boyd would look into why that was removed. We hope to re-instate
Proposed Article 175 Changes	<p>Open for comment by October 22nd. The lead apron testing change is welcomed. There was some discussion regarding CBCT quarterly testing and compatibility with NYS CT guidelines. NYS is in the process of changing CT regulations at which time the NYS CT guide will be changed in draft and sent for comment to interested parties.</p> <p>The medical event reporting system includes exposure due to machine sources. A discussion took place regarding the definition of such an “event” due to long interventional procedures where the intent was to complete the procedure, yet a skin reaction was caused. Perhaps the section requires greater explanation. Earliest effective date is January 30, 2014.</p>	<p>Comments can be submitted up until public hearing on October 22nd. Follow NYS on draft change to CT testing guide.</p> <p>Comments can be made until Oct. 22nd.</p>
PDM Education	R. Fleischman, imaging physicist at Memorial Sloan Kettering has agreed to a 2 hour didactic session to be given to the ORH staff followed by Q and A. After that, we will conduct a few lab demonstrations with smaller groups.	Mr. Holberg will identify a few options for education at ORH in January. A conference room with audio, visual and internet capabilities is requested.

Follow-up Testing	This ongoing discussion was brought to a summary report by Mr. Boyd. He said that facilities are required to comply and do so according to their in-house Q.A. manual. If repairs/corrections are required and the Q.A. manual indicates follow up by a specified individual, i.e. (engineer, Q.C. person, physicist..) then that is what should be done, without exception.	Everyone should operate according to the in-house Q.A. manual when achieving compliance after repair.
Update on Accela	The online registration system recently went live for X-Ray and Linac registrations. RAM licenses are still a work in progress. There have been some glitches and uploading documents can be a problem. The mail and in person alternatives still exist. Hopefully issues will be fixed soon.	Continue to Monitor
Database and Handheld	This program is stepping through the process. The next phase involves identifying how best to utilize the technology. It will allow collection of a great deal of data during inspections.	Continue to monitor
CRCPD Task Force	NYC chairs the TF and is in the process of collecting information from other states. There are other states using handheld devices for data collection. This may result in a template for uniform regulatory practice across all states.	Continue to update
Fluoroscopic Exposure Report	NYC is requiring a fluoro dose page be posted that lists the common procedure and the settings (Auto, Grid, Dose mode, pulsed or not) used for the common procedure. "Pain management" is sufficient for those units that are so dedicated.	Physics community will strive to comply.
Article 177 - Tanning	NYC will be taking over the regulations of tanning salons. Article 177 will apply to about 190 establishments and each with 8 to 11 booths. The Deadline for comments is in November. Dr. Petrone suggested that independent verification of tanning machine UV output should be included to avoid conflicts from manufactures, proprietors and users.	Post on RAMPS site. Submit comments by deadline. Consider independent output measurements.
Inspectors Asking about I.V. Contrast	Mr. Parisi confirmed Mr. Astarita's experience that inspectors have been asking about I.V. contrast administration primarily in private facilities. Techs must have special credentials. PA's and authorized techs can administer only if an M.D. is on premises.	Physics community can alert private clients that I.V. contrast must be administered by the proper individuals with medical presence.
ORH Openings	ORH has posted a job for a Scientist I that will graduate to Scientist II. The position vacated by Gene Miskin, Director of the Office of Radiological Health, will soon be posted. This high profile position provides the selected individual to have a major impact on public health and safety in NYC and beyond.	C. Boyd will send Director posting for circulation

Adjournments	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.	Adjourned
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There being no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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