

Radiation-generating Equipment Committee (REC)

August 12, 2011

Approved Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lawrence Osher, Chair
Jill Paessun
Thomas Hangartner
Ruth Hackworth
Nina Kowalczyk
Kathryn Gardner

ODH ATTENDEES

Margie Wanchick
James Castle
David Lipp
Michael Snee
Allison Sincek
Lance Himes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kerry Krugh, Vice Chair
Brenda Johnson
Teresa Yates
Chuck Wissuchek
Jack Dukes
Nina Mayr

GUESTS

Susan Suchan, Mt. Carmel Health System
Rick Sites, Ohio Hospital Association
Jessica Ladd, Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists
Heather Moore, Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists
Lin Hopewell
Rebecca Pryon, CCHMC
Amanda Marker, Wright State University
David Jordan, UH
Claudia Kraly, University Hospital
Jimelle Rumberg, Ohio Podiatric Medical Association
Daniel Howell, OSUMC
Tracy Simpson, SICP/CCI
Keneth A. Gorski, Cleveland Clinic
Randy James, OSU East
Eric M. Ballinger, OSU Ross Heart
Nicki Lyons, OhioHealth-Grant
Amy Baker, Premier
Hannah Sparks, MVH
John Olsen, RAC/Ohio State Radiological Society

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The Radiation-generating Equipment Committee (REC) meeting was called to order by chairperson, Larry Osher at 10:10 a.m. The meeting was held at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) in the Basement Conference Room A/B at 35 Chestnut Street, Columbus, Ohio. The Sign-in Sheet serves as the official record of attendance.

Approval of Agenda: Margie Wanchick requested that General Radiographic rule 66-05 be added to the list of Old Business on the agenda.

Past Minutes: The committee reviewed the June 3, 2011 minutes. Nina Kowalczyk made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted. Thomas Hangartner seconded the motion; the members present unanimously approved the minutes.

Old Business:

Status of X-ray Rules - Margie Wanchick provided handouts of the latest status of the Chapter 67 rules and Chapter 72 rules. She explained the only therapy rule awaiting a vote for approved by the Public Health Council on August 18, 2011 is rule 67-10, Electronic Brachytherapy. The status sheet for the Radiologist Licensing rules shows that the four rules are still in REC whereas public comments are being reviewed today.

Review Public Comments for Chapter 3701-72 rules

Margie Wanchick informed the committee that hundreds of letters were received stating opposition to the deletion of “administering contrast media” from the definition of “radiographer” in paragraph (X) of rule

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3701-72-01 and provided a list of those individuals who commented. All of the original comments were displayed at the meeting for anyone to review and will remain on file with the BRP which will be made available upon request. Margie summarized the nature of the opposition to the definition change. She further reported that discussions were held about the issue between ODH and outside parties to determine the validity of the present language. Although the Department plans to conduct more research about how to better include the scope of practice for the radiographer, they want to rescind that particular recommendation. Lance Himes, from the Office of General Counsel, added that although the rule language has been validated by the state process, the scope of practice can be better situated in another rule, such as in rule 3701-72-04 where "licensee authorizations and requirements" are addressed. Margie explained the Board of Pharmacy's (BOP) issue which prompted BRP to make the original recommendation to change the rule. However, the BOP contacted ODH this week to explain that they no longer had an issue regarding the radiographers administering contrast media. Margie informed the committee that ODH would rather see the Chapter 72 rules go forward without changing the definition of "radiographer" at this time which will enable the other amendments to become adopted while the standards of practice issue is researched and developed. The members agreed to return the definition of "radiographer" back to its original language.

Margie asked the guests in attendance if wanted to make statements about the cardiac cath lab tasks listed in paragraphs (D) and (E) of the 72-04 rule. Although the recommendation made by the REC during its July 2011 meeting was to delete these provisions, ODH did not accept the recommendation. The tasks listed in the subparagraphs were written to delineate which individuals required a license. Jill Paessun explained that she primarily was concerned that the same provisions did not apply to other types of radiologic labs, such as peripheral vascular. ODH and the committee members agreed to look into that again, and other areas where fluoroscopy may be utilized by teams of various health care professionals (e.g., operating rooms, electrophysiology and gastrointestinal labs). Again, this topic was proposed to be addressed when the 72-04 rule is open for review for the scope of practice of the radiographer.

The committee finished reviewing the comments on the rule. Other than typographical errors noted and fixed, one substantive change was made to these rules based on the public comments. 1) New paragraph (L) of 72-04 was changed to read, "*CT simulation procedures shall be overseen by a radiation therapist. Licensed radiographers or licensed radiation therapists, who have obtained training and demonstrated competency with the equipment and CT protocols, may operate CT units for radiation therapy simulation procedures. If the CT scanner is operated for any other diagnostic radiographic procedures, the CT scanner shall be operated by a licensed radiographer.*" Thomas Hangartner made a motion to move the Chapter 72 rules to the Radiation Advisory Council with a recommendation to recommend adoption. Nina Kowalczyk seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Rule 3701:1-66-05 - Margie Wanchick informed the committee that David Close responded about his comment not being accepted which relating to paragraph (B)(6)(c). She also provided the committee feedback about the same subject from Kerry Krugh who supported the decision to leave the language as written with suggestion to further discuss the exposure switch/barrier requirement for cephalometric installations. Following this discussion, Ruth Hackworth made a motion to send this rule to the Radiation Advisory Council with a recommendation to recommend adoption. Thomas Hangartner seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Future Meeting Dates: Friday, September 16, 2011 and Friday, October 28, 2011

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45pm.