

**Radiation therapy and stereotactic radiosurgery service standards.**

- (A) Each radiation therapy service shall evaluate the patient and assess tumors.
- (1) The evaluation shall be conducted by a radiation oncologist and shall include a medical history, a physical examination, a review of the patient's diagnostic studies and reports, and, when appropriate, consultation by the radiation oncologist with the referring physician.
  - (2) The assessment of tumors shall include a definition of tumor, location, and the extent and stage of the tumor.
- (B) Each radiation therapy service shall provide the following as necessary to meet the needs of the patient:
- (1) Consultation;
  - (2) Treatment planning, including the selection of dose, selection of treatment modality, and selection of treatment technique;
  - (3) Determination of optimal treatment program and calculation of dose;
  - (4) Simulation of treatment; and
  - (5) Clinical treatment management and patient education.
- (C) Each stereotactic radiosurgery service shall establish policies and implement procedures for the follow-up of patients who are treated with curative intent and patients who are treated with palliative intent by the radiation oncologist and/or the neurosurgeon.
- (1) A radiation oncologist and/or a neurosurgeon shall establish a post-treatment follow-up plan for each patient.
  - (2) Each stereotactic radiosurgery service shall establish policies and procedures to provide for the long term follow-up of patients treated with curative intent. The follow-up of patients treated with curative intent shall be for a five-year period whenever feasible or practical. The follow-up shall include documentation of the outcome of therapy including the results of treatment such as tumor control or survival, and significant sequelae.
  - (3) If the stereotactic radiosurgery service is unable to conduct the follow up as planned, the service shall document the reason in the patient's medical record.
- (D) Radiation therapy shall be provided only upon written order of a radiation oncologist. Each radiation therapy service shall communicate with referring physicians regarding the radiation therapy.

