The Joint Commission’s New and Revised Diagnostic Imaging Standards

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Program Description
The Joint Commission updated diagnostic imaging requirements for hospital and ambulatory care programs (effective July 1, 2015). The new requirements address: imaging equipment testing and maintenance; annual education for staff supporting computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) services; minimum qualifications for medical physicists; managing MRI safety risks; data collection on MRI incidents and CT radiation dose data; CT protocol management; and documentation of CT radiation dose.

The aim of these new standards is to help prevent duplicate and unnecessary medical imaging and reduce potentially harmful exposure to radiation for patients who need different exams. The new imaging standards focus primarily on the radiation dose index. While uncertainties remain about the long-term impact of imaging on patients, researchers agree it affects patients differently depending upon factors such as sensitivity to radiation, age, body parts being tested, and absorption rates.

In issuing specific standards to help improve patient safety, The Joint Commission joins other healthcare organizations, including the American College of Radiology (ACR), that are releasing new quality-focused recommendations. These organizations also provide enhanced education tools and technologies to help physicians use diagnostic imaging to shed light on serious health conditions without exposing their patients to unintended risks.

Knowledge of a patient’s previous imaging exams, according to The Joint Commission, helps prevent duplicate exams and further radiation exposure. The Joint Commission recommends considering a patient’s age and recent imaging studies when deciding the most appropriate exam.

Through in-depth expert panel discussion, examples, and scenarios, this program focuses on issues related to diagnostic imaging, and what can be done to help protect patients.

Objectives
After completing this activity, the participant should be able to:
- Explain diagnostic imaging issues that led to the standards update.
- Identify the new and revised diagnostic imaging standards.
- Provide strategies to meet these standards.

Target Audience
This program is relevant to the entire organization and medical staff, organization leaders responsible for performance improvement (PI) initiatives, and staff involved in PI activities.

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- Complete the online Evaluation Form and Post Test.
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