H-55 Task Force on Digital Imaging

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* Ashley Menard and H. Dean Baker are no longer Members of the committee. * Robert Uzenoff removed as Advisor. No longer a CRCPD member.		
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Objectives:

The technology of digital imaging creates an image based on a post processing algorithm that essentially hides the ability of the user to see errors with technical factors. As a result, several undesirable outcomes have become prevalent in Texas.

- 1. Increased entrance skin exposure (ESE) overall and an increase in ESE violations with the greatest root cause being a lack of understanding by technologists and operating physicians regarding the relationship between exposure factors, dose, and digital imaging.
- 2. Lack of understanding in how positioning effects Digital Imaging Software processing.
- 3. Lack of understanding of digital imaging QA/QC and the repercussions of not following a quality QA/QC program.

Note: As there is current federal legislation to mandate digital imaging usage or reimbursement will be reduced, this problem will continue to grow.

Charges:*

- 1. Work with digital imaging manufacturers and providers to institute a minimum standardized QA/QC protocol. To be completed by January 1, 2017.
- Develop guidance and training for state inspectors to use when inspecting facilities including digital imaging QA/QC. To be completed by December 31, 2017.
- 3. Propose suggested state regulations that focus on digital imaging QA/QC and digital imaging acquisitions maintenance by **December 31, 2017.**
- 4. Work with appropriate organizations to develop curriculum that focuses on the use of technique in digital imaging, the digital imaging acquisition system and digital imaging QA/QC by January 1, 2017.

Note: When a Letter/Number combination appear in brackets after a charge, it denotes how the charge links to CRCPD's Goals and Objectives, as listed in <u>CRCPD's Strategic Plan</u>.

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