



CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, INC.

RESOLUTION

Relating to: Efforts to Reduce Medical Errors

WHEREAS: The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors have served as a focal point for comprehensive information about reducing radiation exposure to patients, workers, and the public for 32 years;

WHEREAS: The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors has expertise in identifying errors, root causes, and corrective actions with regard to radiation exposure;

WHEREAS: The Suggested State Regulations for the Control of Radiation have been a model for states in the area of radiation protection in the medical setting;

WHEREAS: Individual states have often emerged as leaders in establishing new programs to regulate or encourage radiation safety, and that the strength of the CRCPD has been in promoting the free exchange of information among the states, taking the best practices and putting them into the Suggested State Regulations;

WHEREAS: The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors has supported credentialing of professionals to demonstrate knowledge and competence in radiation safety;

WHEREAS: The Institute of Medicine has recommended a comprehensive approach to improving patient safety with a goal to reduce medical errors by 50 percent in five years;


WHEREAS: The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors has been a model of cooperation with federal agencies, professional societies, and licensing bodies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors express their support for the goal suggested by the Institute of Medicine and pledge our participation in the efforts of the Center for Patient Safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors fully cooperate in any effort to require meaningful patient radiation safety programs, offering our expertise in writing radiation safety regulations that are enforceable, understandable, do not interfere with medical practice, encourage continuous improvement at the facility, and enhance public confidence, protecting not only the patient, but the workers and the public as well, from unnecessary exposure to radiation.



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