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IDPH INFORMATION NOTICE 00-X01: Technologists performing simulation therapy

ADDRESSEES: Radiation therapy facilities

PURPOSE:

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is issuing this information notice to clarify the requirements for a permit to practice in radiation therapy for technologists who perform simulation therapy. It is expected that recipients will review the information for applicability to their individual situations and consider actions, as appropriate. No written response to this notice is required.

DISCUSSION:

The Iowa Radiation Machines and Radioactive Materials Rules, Chapter 42 defines a simulation therapist as an individual who applies x-radiation to human beings for the purpose of localizing treatment fields and isotopes and for treatment planning. A permit to practice in diagnostic radiography does not qualify an individual to perform simulation therapy. A diagnostic radiographer wishing to perform simulation therapy must apply for a permit to practice radiation therapy as a simulation therapist and provide proof of completion of additional training in simulation therapy. This limited radiation therapy permit for a simulation therapist requires 24.0 hours of continuing education. 12.0 hours may be in radiation therapy and 12.0 hours in diagnostic radiography.

Please contact Charlene Craig at 515/281-4942 for a permit to practice radiation therapy application and for any questions.

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Date