



Webinar: CMS New Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Hospital Conditions of Participation

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Did you know that CMS rewrote all of the hospital conditions of participation on radiology and nuclear medicine effective July 10, 2015? These address the issue that ionizing radiation can cause cancer and that radiology services are not without risk. CMS discusses safety precautions a hospital should do to decrease radiation exposure. If a surveyor showed up at your door tomorrow would you be able to demonstrate compliance with the 41 pages of changes? Every hospital that accepts Medicare or Medicaid must be in compliance with these regulations and interpretive guidelines.

Webinar Objectives

- Recall that CMS rewrote all of the radiology and nuclear medicine provisions in the hospital CoP manual
- Discuss that there are a number of policies and procedures required for radiology by CMS
- Describe that the hospital must have diagnostic radiology services that meet standards of care and standards of practice
- Recall that an order is needed for any radiology or nuclear medicine test

Target Audience

Radiology department director, radiology medical director, radiology staff, patient safety officer, risk manager, compliance officer, regulatory affairs officers, chief operating officer, risk management, chief medical officer (CMO) emergency department physicians, clinic physicians, physicist, education department staff, chief nursing officer, hospital legal counsel, or any person in charge to ensure compliance with CMS guidelines on radiology and nuclear medicine.

Webinar Outline

- How to locate a copy of the current CMS CoP manual?
- The risk of ionizing radiation
- Increased patient exposure and the risk of cancer
- Safety precautions to decrease radiation exposure
 - Trained staff, identify high risk patient, appropriate shielding, inspect and calibrate the equipment
- FDA initiative to reduce unnecessary radiation exposure
- Diagnostic radiology and standards



- Therapeutic radiology and standards
- Required policies and procedures
- CT scans, radiation therapy, ultrasound, MRI. DEXA scan etc.
- Radiology services to meet the needs of patients
- Direct service or through contractual agreements
- Teleradiology
- Order needed
- Badge tests or exposure meters for radiation
- Must be provided in accordance with the standard of care
- Monitoring for quality and safety in radiology services
- Blue boxes
- Need qualified director of radiology
- Reports signed by practitioner who interpreted them
- Record retention period
- Nuclear Medicine guidelines

About the Speaker

Sue Dill Calloway, R.N., M.S.N, J.D. is a nurse attorney and President of Patient Safety and Healthcare Consulting and Education. She was the past VP of Legal Services at a community hospital in addition to being the Privacy Officer and the Compliance Officer. She worked for over 8 years as the Director of Risk Management and Health Policy for the Ohio Hospital Association. She was also the immediate past director of hospital patient safety and risk management for The Doctors Insurance Company in Columbus area for five years. She does frequent lectures on legal and risk management issues and writes numerous publications.

Ms. Calloway has given many presentations locally and nationally to nurses, physicians and attorneys on medical and legal issues. She has authored numerous articles and over 1000 articles and 100 books, including the 2009 Joint Commission Leadership Standard (HCPro), Nursing and the Law (PESI, 1986 and 1987), Ohio Nursing Law (West Publishing), Nursing Ethics and the Law (PESI, 1986), Legal Issues in Supervising Nurses (PESI, 1988), Medicine Made Easy (PESI, 1992) and The Law for Nurses Who Supervise/Manage Others (PESI, 1993), Legal Issues in Obstetrics (PESI, 1997) and JC Leadership Standards (HCPro, 2004), and the Compliance Guide to the CMS and the Joint Commission Patient Rights Standards (HCPro, 2005), and the 2009 book on the Joint Commission Leadership Standards (HCPro). She often writes articles called the “CMS Corner” in Briefings on the Joint Commission. Ms Calloway is a 1996 recipient of PESI's Excellence in Education Award.

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