

## Commission Report

### American Society of Radiologic Technologists 2024 House of Delegates

The 2024 Commission met virtually on Feb. 5, 12, 20, 26 and March 7 and 25.

Commission members:

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The Commission was assigned one main motion, which was received by the first business day of February. Main motions can be assigned to the Commission, ASRT Board of Directors or the Committee on Bylaws.

The Commission used an online survey tool for its work, which offered members the opportunity to provide feedback on the ASRT position statements and the Practice Standards Council motion **C-24.01** prior to making recommendations during the virtual meetings.

The Commission accomplished the goals as follows:

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| 2/5/2024  | Reviewed the 2023-2024 Practice Standards Council's proposed changes to the Table of Contents, Preface, Format, Definition, and Scope of Practice for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals. |
| 2/12/2024 | Reviewed revisions to standards 1-7 of the Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy.   |
| 2/20/2024 | Reviewed revisions to standards 8-13, through the end of the document to include the Advisory Opinion Statements & Glossary of the Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy.           |
| 2/26/2024 | Reviewed ASRT position statements.   |

On March 7, 2024, the Commission met virtually to finalize its recommendations on House motions **C-24.01** and **C-24.02**.

The Commission met again virtually on March 25, 2024, to make recommendations to the Board-referred motion **C-24.03**.

Based on the committee's review, the Commission presents the following to the 2024 House of Delegates for consideration:

**C-24.01** Adoption of the amended ASRT Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy.

**C-24.02** Adoption of the amended ASRT position statement - Federal Minimum Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy.

**C-24.03** Adoption of the ASRT advisory opinion statement - Supervision of Contrast Material Administration by Radiologist Assistant.

This document is accepted as written.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. Grocott M.B.A. R.T.(R)(CT)". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Amanda Grocott, M.B.A., R.T.(R)(CT), Chair

**Commission Motions**  
2024 House of Delegates

***Main Motion C-24.01***

**Amend The ASRT Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy.**

The Practice Standards Council moves to amend “The ASRT Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy” as proposed by the 2023-2024 Practice Standards Council.

**Current Wording:** The current document is located at:

<https://www.asrt.org/main/standards-and-regulations/professional-practice/practice-standards>

**Proposed Wording:** The document with proposed language is located at:

<https://www.asrt.org/main/standards-and-regulations/professional-practice/proposed-changes>

**Rationale:**

In keeping with its charges, the 2023-2024 Practice Standards Council, addressed the ASRT Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals for practice trends, emerging technology, language, and format consistency, as well as those items that had been held over for future review. The subcommittees scheduled for this review cycle included Bone Densitometry, Mammography, Radiation Therapy, and Sonography. Collectively the PSC and the above-mentioned subcommittees have provided recommendations for consideration. The proposed revisions can be reviewed in the following sections of **The ASRT Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy:** Table of Contents, Preface, Format, Definition, Scope of Practice, Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13, Advisory Opinion Statements and Glossary.

**Conforming Amendments:**

Within this motion, there is a conforming amendment regarding the statement in Standard Five, *Radiation Therapy*. The conforming amendments are to be observed. The proposed changes would result in the striking of the glossary term fiducial markers.

| Amended language   | Conforming amendment   |
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| Compares verification images to <del>simulation reference images using anatomical landmarks or fiducial markers.</del> | <del>fiducial markers—Fixed reference points against which other objects can be measured. They may be placed internally, at skin surface or fixed externally to the patient.</del> |

**The Commission is in support of motion C-24.01**

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| <b>Your Delegate Vote</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <b>House of Delegates Vote</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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**Comments**

**Main Motion C-24.02**

**Amended ASRT Position Statement**

The Commission moves to amend the “**Federal Minimum Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy**” statement that is located in the ASRT Position Statements document.

**Current Wording:**

<https://www.asrt.org/main/standards-and-regulations/professional-practice/position-statements-online>

**Proposed Wording:**

<https://www.asrt.org/main/standards-and-regulations/professional-practice/proposed-changes>

**Rationale:**

The 2024 Commission evaluated the ASRT position statements for language and professional relevancy.

**Federal Minimum Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy** statement has been amended to reflect professional inclusion by striking the word ~~radiation~~ before the word therapy. Currently, *therapy* is delivered by an increasing number of modalities within the medical imaging profession.

The amended statement will read as:

It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists that the U.S. Congress should enact federal minimum standards of education and certification for all individuals performing, planning or delivering therapy or medical imaging.

**The Commission is in support of motion C-24.02**

**Your Delegate Vote**     YES     NO

**House of Delegates Vote**  YES     NO

**Comments**

**Main Motion C-24.03**

**ASRT Advisory Opinion Statement**

The Board of Director's proposes an advisory opinion statement titled, "**Supervision of Contrast Material Administration by Radiologist Assistants**".

**Current Wording:**

<https://www.asrt.org/main/standards-and-regulations/professional-practice/position-statements-online>

**Rationale:** On February 26, 2024, the ACR released an updated statement from the Drugs and Contrast Media Committee on Supervision of Contrast Material Administration which is broader than their previous practice parameter. This statement as worded, will now allow for the radiologist assistant to participate in this task. The proposed Advisory Opinion Statement further defines the parameters for the radiologist assistant to participate in the supervision of contrast media.

**The Commission is in support of motion C-24.03**

**Your Delegate Vote**       YES     NO

**House of Delegates Vote**  YES     NO

**Comments**

**Notification of Editorial Changes:** The Practice Standards Council identified several minor editorial changes that were referred to the appropriate staff members. These editorial changes noted below will not be presented for an individual vote but are being reported to you as edits that do not change the intent of the document. All applicable ASRT documents will also be updated to reflect these changes. For your review, the editorial changes are as follows in the practice standards document:

**Following ASRT style guide recommendations, all uses of practice standards as a proper noun have been corrected to read as Practice Standards. Those changes can be located at line numbers:**

**Preface**

Line Number 2: ~~These~~ The ASRT ~~p~~Practice ~~S~~Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy serve as a guide...

Line Number 8: The Practice ~~S~~Standards can be used by...

**Format**

Line Number 28: The ~~Practice~~ ~~S~~Standards define the activities...

Line Number 33: ... explanations of the ~~P~~practice ~~S~~Standards and are...

Line Number 35: ... throughout the ~~P~~practice ~~S~~Standards.

Line Number 37: The ~~Practice~~ ~~S~~Standards are numbered...

**Radiologist Assistant**

Line Number 225: ...of the ~~P~~practice ~~S~~Standards should be consulted...

**Advisory Opinion Statement**

Line Number 1601: ... provide explanations of the ~~P~~practice ~~S~~Standards.

**For document continuity, the phrase *the licensed practitioner* has been updated to a *licensed practitioner*. Those updates can be located at line numbers:**

**Magnetic Resonance**

Line Number 463: Assisting ~~the~~ licensed practitioner or radiologist assistant...

**Radiography**

Line Number 542: Assisting ~~the~~ licensed practitioner or radiologist assistant...

**Following ASRT style guide recommendations, the following uses of and/or have been updated and can be reviewed at line numbers:**

**Radiologist Assistant**

Line Number 227: ...regulations, ~~or~~~~and~~ lawful institutional policies.

**Scope**

Line Number 415: ... compounding, preparing ~~and~~/or administering medications...

**Radiation Therapy**

Identifies ~~and~~/or removes objects that...

Line Number 1133: ...calculations ~~and~~/or treatment plan...

### **Advisory Opinion Statement**

Line Number 1746: ...compounding, preparing ~~and~~/or administering...

Line Number 1810: ...compounding, preparing ~~and~~/or administering...

### **Standard Four**

Line Number 914: remove the parenthesis from the word device(s).

... radiation monitoring device(s) as indicated...

### **Standard Ten**

Line Number 1425: insert a hyphen between vendor and specific.

...participates in vendor-specific applications training...

Line Number 1428: remove the comma after the word strengths.

...applies personal strengths, and recognizes opportunities...

### **Standard Thirteen**

Line Number 1563: remove the parenthesis from the word area(s).

...accreditation standards affecting area(s) of practice.

### **Guidance for the Communication of Clinical and Imaging Observations and Procedure Details by Radiologist Assistants to Supervising Radiologists**

Line Number 1685: insert an a after Performs and before history.

Performs a history and physical examination, analyzes data, and reports findings as part of a radiologist-led team. (Standard One, radiologist assistant only)

### **Medication Administration in Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Lines or Ports With a Power Injector\*\*†**

#### *Curricula*

Line Number 1725: Computed Tomography Curriculum (ASRT, 2018~~23~~)

Line Number 1727: Nuclear Medicine Technology Competency-Based Curriculum Guide (SNMMI, 2022)

Line Number 1728: ~~2015 Amended April 2020~~)

#### *Certification Agency Content Specifications*

Line Number 1737: 2021~~3~~)

Line Number 1738: Vascular-Interventional Radiography (ARRT, 2017~~23~~)

## **Medication Administration Through New or Existing Vascular Access\*†**

### *Current Literature*

Line Number 1773: American College of Radiology; 202~~2~~3.

### *Curricula*

Line Number 1785: Computed Tomography Curriculum (ASRT, 20~~18~~23)

Line Number 1787: Mammography Curriculum (ASRT, Revised 20~~18~~23)

### *Certification Agency Content Specifications*

Line Number 1800: Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Specialty Examination Content Outline (NMTCB,

Line Number 1801: 202~~1~~3)

Line Number 1804: Vascular-Interventional Radiography (ARRT, 20~~17~~23)

## **Placement of Personnel Radiation Monitoring Devices**

### *Curricula*

Line Number 1848: Bone Densitometry Curriculum (ASRT, Revised 20~~19~~23)

### *Certification Agency Content Specifications*

Line Number 1856: Cardiac-Interventional Radiography (ARRT, 20~~17~~23)

Line Number 1863: Vascular-Interventional Radiography (ARRT, 20~~17~~23)

Line Number 1866: remove the parenthesis from the word device(s).

... radiation monitoring device~~(s)~~ as indicated...

## **Use of Postexposure Shuttering, Cropping and Electronic Masking in Radiography**

### *Current Literature*

Line Number 1919: Carter C, Vealé B. *Digital Radiography and PACS*. ~~3rd~~ 4th ed. Elsevier; 20~~19~~23

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### **Documentation of Digital Images to Maintain the Patient Dose Record**

...interpretation, documented ~~and~~/or archived as part...

### **Federal Minimum Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy**

...certification for all individuals performing, ~~or~~ planning ~~and~~/or delivering therapy or medical imaging.

### **Opposition to Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals Supervising ~~and~~/or Training Unlicensed or Uncertified Individuals**

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists opposes ~~any~~ medical imaging or radiation therapy professionals being required to supervise ~~and~~/or train ~~any~~ individuals...