

RADIOLOGY ACCREDITATION – OFFSITE REPORTING

International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) recognises the increasing role and importance that offsite reporting presents to the radiology industry.

To ensure IANZ accredited organisations utilising offsite reporting facilities continue to conform to the requirements of accreditation, the following criteria have been developed.

These requirements will be enforced from December 2010, providing existing clients with two years to prepare.

Radiologist, Nuclear Medicine Physician and Specialist Records

Clients will be required to provide the following evidence for each offsite reporting Radiologist, Nuclear Medicine Physician and Specialist:

- (a) Holds specialist registration or an Annual Practising Certificate in Diagnostic Radiology or other corresponding registration with the New Zealand Medical Council (NZMC) and the relevant registration board for the location of the Radiologist, Nuclear Medicine Physician or Specialist
- (b) Must be able to demonstrate that they meet the minimum credentialing requirements as stated in the appropriate IANZ Supplementary Criteria for Accreditation
- (c) Meets Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements of the NZMC
- (d) Has medical liability coverage at referring and reporting sites.

Reporting facility/practice

The offsite facility where results are transmitted to and images are reported from will need to provide evidence of the following:

- (a) That it is accredited by a provider recognised by IANZ e.g. RANZCR NATA accredited practice
or is compliant with
- (b) the *Quality Use of Diagnostic Imaging* standards in teleradiology, or
- (c) the current version of the RANZCR accreditation standard on Teleradiology.

Reports and Records

- (a) Content/format of each examination report must be consistent with that stated in IANZ criteria documents for accreditation
- (b) Must include the name, qualification and location of the reporting Radiologist, Nuclear Medicine Physician and Specialist
- (c) If re-reported by a New Zealand domiciled radiologist, the original report may not be altered, but additional reports/comments must be added as an addendum.

Reference documents:

1. *Position Statement on International Clinical Teleradiology*. RANZCR 1st March 2007
2. *Recommendations for Technical Standards for Accreditation Requirements for Clinical Teleradiology*. Appendix 2 of *Final Report, Quality Use of Diagnostic Imaging QS7*. RANZCR 2007
3. *Standards of Practice for Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology*, Version 9. RANZCR 2008
4. *ACR Technical Standard for Teleradiology*, ACR Technical Standards Amended 2006
5. *IRQN: Top10 Principles of International Clinical Teleradiology*, IQRN Principles draft 2007 V1.2

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