Stand above the competition — raise your team to the next level of quality and safety

The ACR Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence™ (DICOE) designation is not only the recognition you deserve, it is the singular achievement that will put your imaging team above the rest.

The DICOE program recognizes the highest level of imaging achievement — showcasing that you are among the best in the world at providing imaging quality, safety and patient care.

Reach the pinnacle of medical imaging

By achieving DICOE status, you can demonstrate that your practice has gone beyond the norm of accreditation to achieve a national standard of excellence and gain recognition for your best-quality imaging practices and diagnostic care.

BENEFITS

• Comprehensive assessment of your medical imaging facility, including structure and outcomes
• Ongoing process for self-assessment
• Recognition that distinguishes your facility to providers, payers, patients and administrators
• Customizable materials for local public relations and marketing
• 100% discount on the initial NRDR® registration fee for one DICOE facility
• Participation in ACR registries at a discounted price for all DICOE-designated facilities
• Ability to use DICOE participation as a PQI Participatory Activity
• Three-year status as a DICOE facility, demonstrating that your site provides the highest quality imaging services

BASIC CRITERIA

• ACR Accreditation in all modalities provided by your facility for which ACR Accreditation is offered
• Participation in two NRDR registries
• Image Gently® and Image Wisely® pledges
• Site survey assessing multiple areas of quality, safety, procedures and personnel by an ACR survey team that includes a radiologist, medical physicist and technologist working with your team members

Beginning January 1, 2021 DICOE facilities can choose NRDR registries based on their offered services. With more NRDR registries to choose from, sites can select those that best suit their business model.

Sites with CT service must participate in the ACR Dose Index Registry (DIR) plus a second NRDR registry.

Sites without CT service must participate in the General Radiology Improvement Database (GRID) plus a second registry.


AREAS OF ASSESSMENT

• Governance and personnel
• Facility organization and management
• Physical environment
• Equipment and IT infrastructure
• Radiation and general safety
• Quality management
• Policies and procedures
• Patient rights and medical records
Obtaining DICOE status was important to us as the designation is a mark of high distinction in the provider community, with payers and among the general public. It was a very thorough review, and we appreciated the timely information and sharing of best practices. We are the first children’s hospital in our region to achieve this prestigious designation, and we are actively communicating this achievement in the media, on our website, and with banners and advertisements.

— David C. Gregg, MD
Medical Director Pediatric Imaging
Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin

Eden Medical Center is proud to be the first Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence in California. The honor validates our passionate commitment to ensuring that our patients receive the best care possible. The process of preparing for the on-site review helped us focus on what we can do better. DICOE status demonstrates to the medical community and patients that our site provides the highest quality imaging services. It also has significantly enhanced the esprit de corps throughout the imaging department. In addition, it adds credibility to the Eden Medical Center’s marketing efforts — with the DICOE designation being promoted in local publications and highlighted on the center’s website.

— Mark Goldsmith, MD
Diagnostic Imaging Medical Director
Eden Medical Center, CA

Demonstrate your value
Achieving the elite DICOE status instantly distinguishes your imaging team as a leader that provides outstanding diagnostic imaging and patient care.

Showcase your commitment to exceptional care
The DICOE award reflects excellence at multiple levels — professional staff, technology, policies and procedures. Ultimately, it represents superior patient care. If you’re already accredited by the ACR, DICOE is just one more step to show you go the extra mile.

Give patients and providers trust and peace of mind
The DICOE designation shows you deliver today’s highest levels of imaging quality, safety and value — from the minute a patient walks in the door to the minute your report goes to a referring provider. Patients and referrers want the best. DICOE lets them know it’s you.

Take your place at the top
The DICOE award takes your imaging team to the next level of imaging efficiency, safety and quality care. Show the world that your medical imaging team delivers superior patient care and achieves excellence in all aspects of the medical imaging enterprise.

Outshine the competition
Earning DICOE recognition is a clear differentiator for your radiology practice — demonstrating your commitment to excellence at every level. Display your mark of excellence with pride to showcase your success, gain true competitive advantage and drive business value.

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