

Introductory Memorandum

TO: Medical Physicists

FROM: Brian Monzon, MBA, RT(R)(T)
Radiation Oncology Program Manager

SUBJECT: Radiation Oncology ACR M-P PEER™ Program for Maintenance of Certification

The American College of Radiology is pleased to offer radiation oncology medical physicist(s) the opportunity to fulfill Part Four: Assessment of Performance in Practice for the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program for the American Board of Radiology (ABR) through the Radiation Oncology Practice Accreditation (ROPA) Program. Similar to R-O PEER, this Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) program will not require the submission of any additional cases; the PQI review will be conducted concurrently with the facility's ROPA on-site survey.

If there are two or fewer medical physicists at a practice, each participating medical physicist will need to make available, during the ROPA on-site survey, two cases that are documented and checked by that physicist. If there are 3 or more medical physicists at a practice, the group will be evaluated as a whole. Pricing for group PQI fees is included on the application.

Following the ROPA survey, a final ACR M-P PEER report will be issued to the participating medical physicist(s) or, if the medical physicist is being evaluated as part of a group, the medical physics group. If any recommended action measures are identified, the final report will request additional documentation that demonstrates that such measures have been appropriately addressed. Upon satisfactory completion, each medical physicist who participates in ACR M-P PEER will receive a certificate.

The application for ACR M-P PEER is attached. Those who would like to take advantage of this program should include this application and the appropriate fee along with the site's application for accreditation. ***All applicants (individual medical physicists or medical physics group) participating in ACR M-P PEER must submit their application before their scheduled site survey. However, if your facility participated in an ROPA survey between June 1, 2015, and February 29, 2016, and you would like to participate in ACR M-P PEER during the current calendar year, please contact an ACR staff member.***

If you would like additional information, please contact the Radiation Oncology ACR M-P PEER Program at 1-800-770-0145 x3711 or e-mail at rad-onc-accred@acr.org

Please send all materials to:

**Radiation Oncology Practice Accreditation Program
American College of Radiology
1891 Preston White Drive
Reston, VA 20191-4397**

Original or electronic signatures are required on this form. Stamps are unacceptable.

American College of Radiology (ACR)
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Reston, Virginia 20191-4397

ACR M-P PEER™ AGREEMENT (Medical Physicist Group Practice Only)

The undersigned hereby requests a review of his/her patient cases and relevant clinical documentation including but not limited to patient treatment records (charts), simulation films, port films, DRRs, isodose plans and any other treatment planning or patient information necessary to complete case reviews. This review will be conducted concurrently with the facility's Radiation Oncology Practice Accreditation (ROPA) on-site survey.

The purpose of this request is to fulfill the Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) component of Maintenance of Certification (MOC) for the American Board of Radiology (ABR) through the ROPA Program. The cost of the review will be paid for by:

Name of Participating Medical Physicist Group: _____

Chief Physicist of Medical Physicist Group: _____

E-mail Address: _____

As a condition of receiving the requested review, the Medical Physics Group agrees to:

1. The Medical Physicist Group at a practice during the ROPA survey; pricing is based on the number of Medical Physicists at the site who elect to participate in ACR M-P PEER. To qualify for ACR M-P PEER as a group, there must be 3 or more medical physicists participating. The following fees apply to the number of participating medical physicists. Please indicate how many medical physicists that would like to participate and select the appropriate fee:

Number of participating Medical Physicists: _____

- 3-6 participating Medical Physicist Fee of \$800
- 7-10 participating Medical Physicist Fee of \$1600
- 11-15 participating Medical Physicist Fee of \$2400
- 16-19 participating Medical Physicist Fee of \$3400
- 20-24 participating Medical Physicist Fee of \$4200
- 25-29 participating Medical Physicist Fee of \$5200

2. The fee should be submitted to the ACR office with this signed agreement and the ACR M-P PEER application components. Fees are not refundable.

3. Provide any necessary additional information requested by the review team including an improvement plan in response to recommendations and appropriate follow-up data.
4. Receive the written final report and any peer review information. Each medical physicist participating must fill out the form below:

The undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the ACR, its directors, officers, members agents, volunteers, and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, damages, losses, expenses (including attorneys' fees) and liabilities by reason of, arising out of, or related to participation in the aforesaid review of the practice assessment of radiation oncology medical physics and the making of any report, statement, or recommendation, or failure to make a report, statement or recommendation, or the loss, damage or destruction of any image, record or other items received from the facility with respect to the aforesaid practice assessment of radiation oncology medical physics, including but not limited to any such claims or other matters based on alleged or actual negligence, antitrust, misconduct, defamation, personal injury or economic loss, catastrophic event (flood, fire, wind or other similar event), failure to receive a satisfactory report or any actions that may be taken by others as a result of this review, when such activities performed by or on behalf of ACR are done in good faith and without malice in connection with conducting this review.

The undersigned also agrees that the ACR is a health care entity as defined by the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986 (HCQIA), and thus is afforded all the protections due to such entities under HCQIA, and all documentation collected as part of the review process be considered peer review, privileged and confidential communications.

The above obligations are agreed to and understood. These obligations will survive the grant or denial of a certificate of satisfactory completion of practice assessment by the American College of Radiology.

I certify that the information provided is true and correct.

Executed on _____ 20_____
Date

Signature Medical Physicist

Printed Name Medical Physicist

For the group ACR M-P PEER, each medical physicist participating must sign to receive a certificate. The final report and all certificates will be e-mailed out to the Chief Physicist.

- Check enclosed, made payable to ACR **OR**
- Charge credit card

If faxing the application and paying by credit card, please fill in all credit card information except the card number. DO NOT fill in the card number prior to faxing for security reasons. Please provide the contact person and telephone number on the next page so that an ACR representative can call them to obtain the credit card number.

- VISA
- MasterCard
- American Express

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder: _____

Signature: _____

**Fax to
ACR M-P PEER Program at 703-390-9836**

**or mail to
American College of Radiology
ACR M-P PEER Program
1891 Preston White Drive
Reston VA 20191**

Contact person _____
Telephone number _____
Fax number _____

List of Medical Physicist Participating in ACR M-P PEER™
(Please print first and last name)

Please submit one list per medical physics group

Final report will go out to the Chief Physicist

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