Overview of ACR

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Objectives

- Explain bigger picture: How ACR works
- Use patient journey as frame of reference
- Explain what ACR Q&S does
- Reframe
ACR Core Purpose

- To serve patients and society by empowering members to advance the practice and science of radiological care.
How Does the ACR Work?

With so many initiatives going on at once, the College needs a well-defined, streamlined structure that is well representative of its diverse constituency. But who does what, how do the different parts of the ACR fit together, and how are you represented in this structure?
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**THE BOARD OF CHANCELLORS**

The CEO reports to the BOC.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee acts for the BOC when the group is out of session.

**ACR COUNCIL**

The BOC may submit resolutions to the council.

Policy decisions from the council are sent to the BOC.

**COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE**

The CSC acts for the council when the group is out of session and may submit resolutions to the council.

**COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND TASK FORCES**

Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces

- Who makes up these groups? Each commission is chaired by a member of the BOC and made up of ACR members typically with specific experience in the area. Commissions are further divided into committees and subcommittees, task forces are formed at the discretion of the chair of the BOC.
- What do they do? Commissions, committees, and task forces are established to carry out policy initiatives and oversee activities and programs.

**ACR STAFF**

ACR staff report to the CEO and execute policy and implement programs in accordance with approved budgets.

**ACR Bulletin**

Chapters and councils may submit resolutions to the council.

Each chapter and qualified society is represented on the council.

**CHAPTERS, SUBSPECIALTY SOCIETIES, RFS, AND YPS**

Chapters and councils may submit resolutions to the council.
ACR Chapters

- 50 states
- DC
- Puerto Rico
- CARROS
- Canada
Pre-Council caucuses

- Chapters
- States
- Specialties
- Geographic regions
ACR Board of Chancellors

- Max. 34 members
- Execute Council policy
- Oversight of programs
- Oversight of finances
- How does one end up on the BOC?

What is the Board of Chancellors? The Board of Chancellors is the executive body of the ACR. It includes a maximum of 34 chancellors and is presided over by the chair.

What does it do? The BOC meets to discuss strategic issues, guide the College’s finances, oversee the activities and programs of the College, and implement policies determined by the ACR Council.
ACR Commissions

Operational
- Day-to-day
- Tend to align with HQ departments

Specialty
- Specific areas of concern
Specialty Commissions

- Commission on Body Imaging
- Commission on Breast Imaging
- Commission on General, Small, Emergency and/or Rural Practice
- Commission on Interventional & Cardiovascular Imaging
- Commission on Medical Physics
- Commission on Neuroradiology
- Commission on Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
- Commission on Pediatric Radiology
- Commission on Radiation Oncology
- Commission on Ultrasound
Operational Commissions

- Commission on Economics
- Commission on Government Relations
- Commission on Human Resources
- Commission on Informatics
- Commission on International Relations
- Commission on Leadership and Practice Development
- Commission on Membership and Communications
- Commission on Patient- and Family-Centered Care
- Commission on Publications and Lifelong Learning
- Commission on Quality and Safety
- Commission on Research
- Commission for Women and Diversity
ACR Board of Chancellors

- Commission Chairs
- At Large
- YPS
- Leadership

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Commission on Quality & Safety
and
Department of Quality & Safety
“Quality is about delivering consistent excellence.”

“Continuous improvement is the dedication to the proposition that we can always become better.”

From the Quality and Safety Newsletter.
Enable radiology professionals to use appropriate tools to improve the outcomes and experience of our patients, and to manage population health.
Patient journey
Quality and Safety develop tools to support every aspect of a patient journey through radiology.

- **ACR Appropriateness Criteria** (with patient friendly summaries)
- **ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards**
- **ACR Accreditation** (with patient focused resources)
- **Reporting and Data Systems (RADS)**
- **Managing Incidental Findings**

- Is an imaging exam necessary? If yes, which one?
- Is the imaging being performed safely and well?
- Does the radiologist have access to the best evidence when interpreting this study?
These tools support the radiologist in delivering excellent care.

- Did the patient come in with the right order?
  - ACR Appropriateness Criteria
  - Clinical Decision Support

- Did the imaging team follow to acquire the image safely and well?
  - ACR Accreditation
  - Contrast Manual
  - Radiology Safety

- What is the current state of evidence and consensus regarding this study?
  - Reporting and Data Systems (RADS)
  - Managing Incidental Findings
Additional tools support ongoing improvement and demonstration of excellence.

- Monitor, benchmark & improve
  - National Radiology Data Registry

- Centers of Excellence Designations
  - DICOE and BICOE

- Improve image ordering
  - R-SCAN

- Learn from other practices
  - Annual Q&S Conference

- New measures for improvement
  - Performance measures

- Reducing errors
  - Peer review and Peer learning
ACR members shape every aspect of the Commission’s work.

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The Commission on Quality and Safety engages over 1,000 members in these activities.
Medical Physics

26 PP&TS documents (14%)

~3% of ACR membership
QC manuals all free online

- https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Medical-Physics-Resources
ACR Accreditation Programs

- Designed by members
- Self assessment
- Peer review
- Standards for quality and safety
Changes in ACR

- Evidence
- Consensus
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