

ACR Accreditation Update in Mammography

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Overview

- New ACR Activities
- Requirements Today
- What's New For Tomorrow

ACR: Recognized by FDA and CMS

- 1987 – Mammography accreditation
- 1987 – Radiation oncology
- 1995 – Ultrasound
- 1996 – Stereotactic breast biopsy
- 1997 – MRI
- 1998 – Ultrasound guided breast biopsy
- 1999 – Nuclear medicine
- 2002 – CT and PET
- 2011 – Breast MRI

ACR Breast Imaging Centers of Excellence BICOE

- A center must be fully accredited in:
 - **Mammography** by ACR (or FDA-approved state accrediting body)
 - **Stereotactic Breast Biopsy** by the ACR
 - **Breast Ultrasound** by the ACR (including the Ultrasound-Guided Breast Biopsy module)
 - **Breast MRI** (Effective Jan 1, 2016)

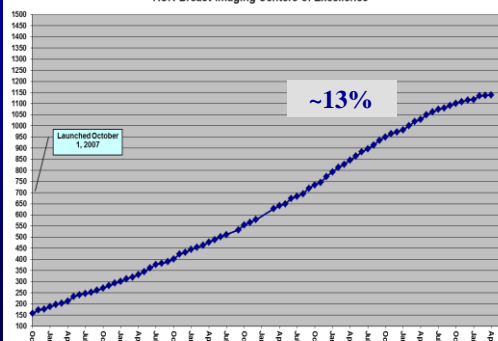


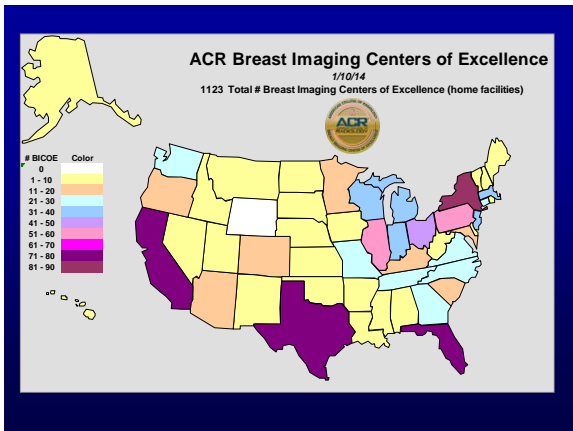
Adding Breast MR to BICOE Requirements

- Effective January 1, 2016
- Existing BICOE facilities have two years to become accredited in Breast MR, or have their associated locations become accredited
- Facilities applying for BICOE designation after January 1, 2016 must have Breast MR accreditation, or be associated with a facility this is accredited

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ACR Breast Imaging Centers of Excellence

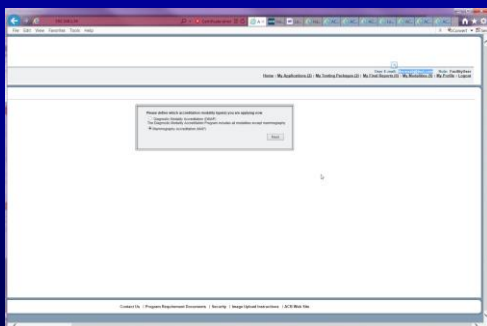




Online ACR MAP Submission

- Went Live January 20, 2014 for Mammo
 - **ACRedit:** Main Database where MAP account
 - **Triad:** Is a separate system that handles/stores uploaded images
 - Images kept 30-60 days in case they are appealed. Then deleted.
 - **Clear Canvas Software** - Image Viewer Software
 - **Future:** Going to all web applications

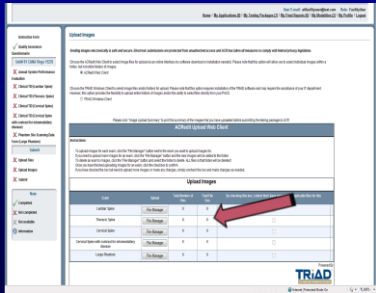
Online ACR MAP Submission



Login Screen - DMAP vs. MAP
Numbers will always stay separate but login will get you to see both.

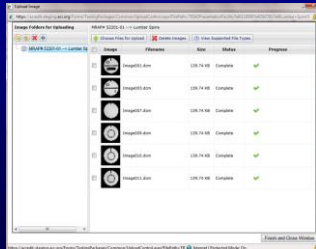
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- Select how they want to upload the images



TRIAD - Web Client

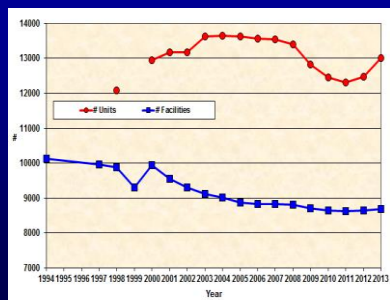
- Accepts DICOM, JPEG, TIFF, BMP
- Select Images for ACR review by uploading from their PC
 - Fatty
 - Dense
 - Phantom
- Facility exports files into TRIAD



MQSA - Who's Who



US Mammography Facilities and Units (October 1 each year)



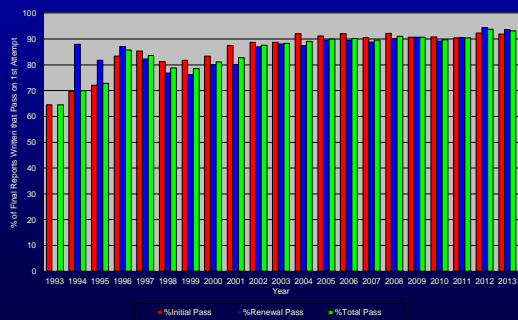
In 2000

- 12,956 units at 9933 facilities
- 1.3 units/facility

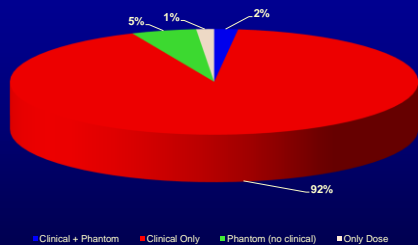
As of 7/1/14

- 13,612 units at 8713 facilities
- 1% increase in units/12% drop in facilities since 2000
- 95% are digital

ACR Mammography Accreditation Program Pass Rates



MAP REASONS FOR UNIT FAILURES - 1st ATTEMPT 2013



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- *Before You Begin*
- Qualifications
 - Initial
 - Master's or Bachelor's Pathway's
 - Board Certification
 - 8 hours of training in mammography (e.g. digital)
 - Continuing Experience
 - 2 Facilities & 6 Units over a 24-month Period
 - 15 CME's in mammography in a 36-month period

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- ACR Accreditation Program

Full-Field Digital Mammography Manufacturer			
MEDICAL PHYSICIST'S CERTIFICATION OF TEST SUMMARY		Report Date: _____ Report Time: _____	
Site Name	Physician Name		
Address	Signature		
Medical Physicist's Name	Medical		
Address	Report ID: _____		
Date of Installation	Signature		
QC Manual Version #			
Accuracy	Technique	Image	QC Manual Version #
*TSA measurements that are normally specified must be performed on the QA18 or QA19 of the Image Converter (QC) as per the QA18/19 manual. *TSA measurements that are normally specified must be performed on the QA18 or QA19 of the Image Converter (QC) as per the QA18/19 manual.			
Survey Type <input type="checkbox"/> Normal Exam Image and/or Includes QA18/19 for Normal Exam <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Survey			
Medical Physicist's QC Tests (These tests are components of the QC tests that are performed on the QA18 or QA19 of the Image Converter (QC) as per the QA18/19 manual.)			
INSISTANT			
1. Site Audit/Verification of Technologist QC Program a. Acquisition Workstation Manufacturer: _____ b. Acquisition Workstation Model: _____ c. Artifacts Detection: _____ d. Compression: Chest Size & Compression Paddle Position: _____ e. AEC Threshold Setting: _____ f. Repeat Reduction: _____			
2. DQE, CNR and AEC Reproducibility a. DQE: _____ b. CNR: _____ c. AEC: _____ This number of mean pixel value and standard deviation is 15% of mean pixel measurements			
3. Image Quality a. Target 1 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ b. Target 2 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ c. Target 3 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ d. Target 4 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ e. Target 5 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ f. Target 6 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ g. Target 7 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ h. Target 8 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ i. Target 9 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ j. Target 10 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ k. Target 11 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ l. Target 12 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ m. Target 13 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ n. Target 14 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ o. Target 15 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ p. Target 16 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ q. Target 17 film, a peak signal and a mean signal: _____ r. 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- ACR Accreditation Program

MEDICAL PHYSICIST'S MAMMOGRAPHY QC TEST SUMMARY

Evaluation of Technologist QC Program

Use only. Technologist programs designed to ensure adequate QC standards of mammography are required for this test. The technologist is responsible for ensuring that the QC program is properly implemented and that the results are recorded and reviewed. The technologist is responsible for ensuring that the QC program is properly implemented and that the results are recorded and reviewed.

Patient Image Quality

TEST	REMARKS	COMMENTS
1. Patient Image Quality		
2. Contrast Resolution		
3. Artifact Detection		
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REMARKS

COMMENTS

Medical Physicist's Recommendations for Quality Improvement

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Introduction

- Golden Rules
 - Must use manufacturer's QC procedures
 - Mandate action limits
 - Manufacturers' QC may refer to Monitor & Printer Manufacturers' QC
 - Multimodality Workstations may have own separate QC
 - Printers may have their own QC
 - Various failures may result in stopping clinical imaging until failure can be corrected

Introduction

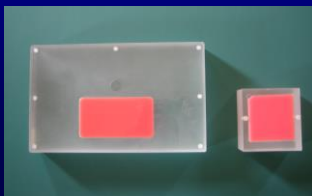
- Golden Rules – Clinical Tips
 - Always get latest version of ACR Summary Forms
 - Verify you're using correct Mfr QC Manual
 - Record the correct Mfr QC Manual on your report
 - Read the Mfr QC Manual - make sure you perform all tests
 - Always seem to be updates or changed manuals

ACR FFDM QC Manual Project

- Goals:
 - Keep in mind Mammo has MQSA Regulation
 - Account for all past, present, and future FFDM systems
 - Reasonable and appropriate for mass implementation (~13,000 units)

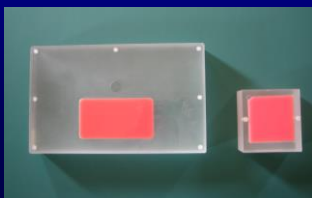
The ACR DM Phantom

- Phantom Prototype Design Principles
 - Based on existing ACR Accreditation Phantom
 - Similar imaging and scoring to current SFM phantom
 - Build on experience of QC techs and physicists at ~8,700 US facilities who already know how to use and score the existing phantom (~24,000 Techs)



The ACR DM Phantom

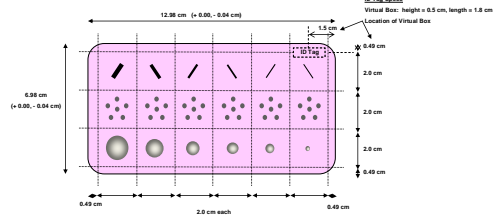
- Phantom Prototype Design Principles
 - Can be used on both SFM & FFD
 - Total attenuation matched to current SFM phantom
 - Similar thickness
 - Similar total dose
 - Permits testing of the MQSA 3.0 mGy dose limit (Single CC view)



Proposed Scoring Changes

- Eliminate subtraction for artifacts
- Add "Fail" for artifacts
- New pass/fail criteria from
 - 4,3,3
 - To: 2,3,2
 - **But, objects are the same (effective) size as SFM Phantom

Wax Insert Specifications with Virtual "Placement Grid"



Notes:
Test objects to be centered on their respective "placement grid" locations.

0.49 cm perimeter around test object "placement grid".

0.49 cm (1/4 inch) radius on corners of wax insert.

Fiber Placement Specs

Fiber Length = 1.0 cm ± 0.1 cm

Fiber Diameter = See Table

45° ± 5°

45° ± 5°

45° ± 5°

Speck Placement & Specs

1. Specks to be placed at points on star and middle of star

2. Speck Size (spherical) = See Table

3. Center speck placement to be within ± 0.1 cm of center of virtual grid

4. Distance from center speck to center of speck on perimeter = ± 0.5 cm ± 0.1 cm



Mass Placement & Specs

1. Mass pre-cut sphere diameter = 5/8 inch

2. Mass placement to be within ± 0.1 cm of center of virtual grid

The ACR FFDM Phantom Prototype



Image of Entire Phantom



***Note:** Gray dot in lower left corner of wax insert is an artifact due to a bubble in wax insert.

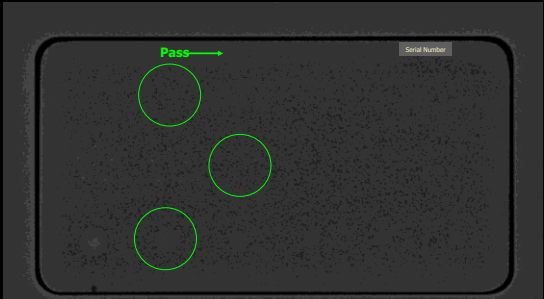
Wax Insert



Expanded view of Wax Insert



Pass Criteria: 2 Fibers, 3 Specks, 2 Masses
Equivalent to SFM Phantom: 4 Fibers, 3 Specks, 3 Masses



Effects of Thickness Equalization



- New FFDM phantom equalizes attenuation inside and outside wax insert.
- This permits evaluation of artifacts over entire phantom area with same WW and WL used to score test objects.

Technologist QC Tests

Test Number	Name (If of Test Elements)	Minimum Frequency	Required Corrective Action
1	ACR DM Phantom Image Quality (3-4)	Weekly	Before Clinical Use
2	Visual Checklist (1)	Monthly	As noted on form
3	Acquisition Workstation (AW) Monitor QC (3)	Monthly	30 Days or Before Use for Severe Artifacts
4	Radiologist Workstation (RW) Monitor QC (4)	Monthly	30 Days or Before Use for Severe Artifacts
5	Film Printer QC (4)	Monthly	Before Clinical Use
6	Viewbox Cleanliness (If app) (1)	Monthly	Before Clinical Use
7	Facility QC Review (1)	Quarterly	Not Applicable
8	Compression Force (1)	Semiannual	Before Clinical Use
9	Manufacturer Detector Calibration (If Applicable)	Per Mfr Recommendation	Before Clinical Use
	Optional - Repeat Analysis	As Needed	Within 30 days after analysis
	Optional - System QC for Radiologist	As Needed	30 Days or Before Use for Severe Artifacts
	Optional - Radiologist Image Quality Feedback	As Needed	Not applicable
Management Forms			
	ACR DM Phantom Technique Summary		
	AW & RW Monitor QC Summary		
	Film Printer Procedure Summary		
	Corrective Action Log		
	Facility Equipment Inventory Form		
	Mammography System QC Summary Checklist		
	Display Device QC Summary Checklist		

Tech Tests

ACR Technique and Procedure Summaries

Facility: _____ Room ID: _____
 MAP: 01-0100 (0000-00) Unit: MFR & Model: _____

ACR DM Phantom Image Quality

Procedure

Use technical instructions for typical screening exams of 4.2 cm (16.93) breast (per MFR). Obtain exposure mode, phantom setup, and operating levels from Medical Physicist. Use clinical technique for typical screening exams of 4.2 cm (16.93) breast (per MFR). Use 18x24 cm or 12x16 cm compression force. Score and analyze on acquisition workstation (AW). Adjust film to optimize test results; do not substitute for artifacts. Zoom and pan across entire image to evaluate for artifacts. Stop in new form if new operating level (OSL).

Phantom Setup	Item	Result	
		Pass/Fail	Notes
	Exposure Mode	Auto/Spot	
	Positive Spot (Hq or Fnc)	Spot	
	Positive Spot (Hq or Fnc)	Spot	
	View or Selected Image Type	ACR Phantom	
	Compression Force	12x16 or 18x24	
	ACR Cell Position (if any)	Center	
	Supporter (if any)	NA	
	WFO (if any)	NA	
	Densitometry (if any)	NA	
	Image Name	Screening QC	
	Image ID	0000	



Tech Tests

ACR Technique and Procedure Summaries

Facility: _____ Room ID: _____
 MAP ID: _____ Unit: _____ Model: _____

Film Printer QC

Procedure
 Required Equipment: ACR DM Phantom image and densitometer
 Print image acquired in "ACR DM Phantom Image Quality" test.
 Print from workstation/computer/PACS used for printing most clinical films.
 Do not adjust exposure and beam settings prior to printing.
 Evaluate the phantom for artifacts & scores.
 Note: Print phantom image from same x-ray unit each time for this test.
 Note: Use film size most commonly used for mammography.
 Note: Start a new QC form if Operating Unit changes. (See Precautions and Cautions.)
 Note: For each printer, only print a single image from a single x-ray unit or workstation.

Image Data

Date	Beam
_____	_____
Film Size (3 x 4 or 4 x 5)	_____
QC of x-ray unit	_____
Exposure for printer phantom	_____

Contrast = Cavity CD - Background OD

Dense Note: Cmos to be measured on perimeter of film.
 If not available, print a clinical image and measure in the non-breast area.

Cavity OD **Background OD** **Dense**

Tech Tests

8. Facility QC Review

Facility: _____ Date of QC Mgt: _____ Overall Pass/Fail (PPV): ☐ ☐

1. Review and update "Facility Equipment Inventory Form"

2. Review Medical Physics Surveys and Results

Room	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
Score (0-5)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Date of last Medical Physics (MP) Survey	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MP (SD) QC Test Surveys received by radiologist	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
All MP corrective actions completed	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
ACR DM Phantom Average (Standard Deviation)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Film Score	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Beam Score	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
View Score	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Review Tech QC

Test	Frequency	Summary Comments from Last Quarter
1. ACR DM Phantom Image Quality	Weekly	_____
2. Visual Checklist	Monthly	_____
3. AW Monitor QC	Monthly	_____
4. Air Monitor QC	Monthly	_____
5. Film Printer QC	Monthly	_____
6. Wireless Checkpoints	Monthly	_____
7. Repeat Analysis	Quarterly	_____
8. Facility QC Review	Quarterly	_____
9. Compression Force	Semiannual	_____
10. Manufacturer Detector Calibration (if app)	_____	_____
11. Review and verify completion of all "Corrective Action"	_____	_____
12. Technique Chart review for each room (see BP report for recommended chart) - (Annually)	_____	_____
13. Infection Control procedures followed	_____	_____
14. Offsite (RUC) & Film Printer(s) QC reviewed	_____	_____
15. Past and future service or service upgrades discussed (if app)	_____	_____
16. Past and future State and/or MQSA inspections discussed (if app)	_____	_____
17. Past and future ACR Accreditation issues discussed (if app)	_____	_____

Medical Physicists QC Tests

Test Number	Name (# of Test Elements)	Minimum Frequency	Required Corrective Action
1	Mammography Equipment Evaluation and MQSA Req	MEE Only	Before Clinical Use
2	ACR DM Phantom Image Quality (5)	Annual	Before Clinical Use
3	Spatial Resolution (1)	Annual	Before Clinical Use
4	Automatic Exposure Control System Performance (1)	Annual	Before Clinical Use
5	Average Glandular Dose (1)	Annual	Before Clinical Use
6	Unit Checklist (1)	Annual	Before Clinical Use
7	Computed Radiography (If Applicable) (3)	Annual	Before Clinical Use
8	Acquisition Workstation (AW) Monitor QC (5)	Annual	Before Clinical Use
9	Radiologist Workstation (RW) Monitor QC (3)	Annual	Before Clinical Use
10	Film Printer QC (5)	Annual	Before Clinical Use
11	Evaluation of Site's Technologist QC Program (1)	Annual	Within 30 Days
12	Evaluation of Off-Site Technologist QC Program (If App) (1)	Annual	Within 30 Days
MEE or Troubleshooting Test Forms			
	Beam Quality (Half-Value Layer) Assessment	MEE or Troubleshooting	Before Clin or 30 D
	kVp Accuracy and Reproducibility	MEE or Troubleshooting	Before Clin or 30 D
	Collimation Assessment	MEE or Troubleshooting	Before Clin or 30 D
	Ghost Image Evaluation (Troubleshooting only)	Troubleshooting	Before Clinical
	Viewbox Luminance (Troubleshooting only)	Troubleshooting	**
Summary Report Forms			
	Medical Physicist DM QC Summary		
	Technique Chart (Clinical & Phantom)		
	Medical Physicist Summary Letter for the Radiologist		

MP Tests

Medical Physicist's DM QC Test Summary
Medical Physicist's QC Tests - Cont'd

Facility Name: ABC Breast Center Room #1 Room 1
 MFP ID: 12345 (2010-01-01) Survey Date: December 20, 2010
 Medical Physicist: MFP Name Here, PhD Signature: Signature:

Corrective Action Summary*

*Note: This is only a summary page, the Corrective Action Log Form may contain further details.

Response or Recommendation	Time Frame	Description	Initials/Signature (Person responsible)	Date Completed	Update
Received	Immediately	1. Artifact(s) seen on detector, perform recalibration.			
Received	Immediately	2. DMX module tests, give copy of Corrective Action Log Form to service engineer.			
Received	30 Days	3. Confirmation is out of compliance, give copy of Corrective Action Log Form to a qualified service engineer.			
Recommended	30 Days	4. Print and follow the new Technique Chart on Page 5.			
NA	NA	5. QC Test during outstanding job with performing and documenting QC. Keep up the good work.			

MP Tests

Medical Physicist QC Letter for the Radiologist

March 1, 2014

Association College of Radiology
 1801 Preston White Dr
 Reston, VA 20191

Re: Medical Physicist Survey: Room 1, Unit 101 (01-01-01) Survey Date: 01/01/14

Dear Lead Interpreting Radiologist,

On April 12, 2010 Room #1 (Image Station) at Anywhere Breast Center underwent an annual Medical Physicist survey. Below is the relevant summary information as a result of the survey. Please note that your facility must follow-up on the Action Items below and obtain relevant documentation from the service engineer. Please evaluate the ACR Phantom image acquired during the Medical Physicist testing (Image ID information listed below) and send my comments. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

Image Quality

Phantom Name: Phantom Image Room 1
 Patient ID: 1234
 Date: 01/01/14

ACR Digital Mammography Phantom Scores

Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Comments on Phantom Image: ACR image has artifacts, please and detector should be replaced.

Radiation Dose

ACR Digital Mammography Phantom Radiation Dose Scores

Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail
Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass

Comments on Radiation Dose: Dose is in acceptable range.

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Medical Physicist QC Summary Letter for the Radiologist, Cont'd

Required Action Items

Time Frame	Description
Immediately	1. Artifact(s) are seen on the detector. Service should recalibrate.

Recommended Action Items

Time Frame	Description
30 Days	1. A printed technique chart was generated and it is recommended that it is printed and follow.

Comments on Monitor, Monitor QC, & Viewing Conditions

Time Frame	Description
NA	Add general statement from ACR on lighting conditions.

Comments on Tech QC

Time Frame	Description
NA	1. Tech QC is being performed, please and follow recalibration.
NA	2. QC records are in acceptable order.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Signature: Phone: MFP Name: Email:

Challenges

- Accounting for, and incorporating, all the different current & future FFDM technologies
- Handling offsite equipment
- Ensuring all necessary tests are included, meaningful, and relevant for an accreditation program

What's Next

2 Steps

- Draft being sent to manufacturers for preliminary feedback
- Final draft to be sent to FDA from ACR to apply for alternative standard under current regulations
 - Alternative standard will allow facilities to use this instead of the manufacturer's manuals
 - Potential for ACR QC Manual to be basis for new MQSA Regulations

Preemptive Questions

- Cost of phantom?
 - Don't know. Reason to believe it will be affordable.
- Implementation and roll-out?
 - ACR to develop a plan to include some form of training.

End of Presentation

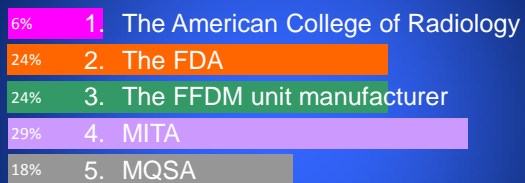
Questions?

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SAM's Questions

In digital mammography, who mandates the pass/fail criteria for site QC?



Answer: 3 - The FFDM unit manufacturer

References

- MQSA Regulations 900.12(e)(6)
- <http://www.fda.gov/CDRH/MAMMOGRAPHY/frmamcom2.html#s90012>

To meet the FDA requirement for continuing experience, how many mammography facilities and mammography unit surveys must be performed within the previous 24 months?

- 5% 1. 6 Facilities and 2 Mammography Units
- 15% 2. 4 Facilities and 6 Mammography Units
- 0% 3. 2 Facilities and 6 Mammography Units
- 25% 4. 1 Facilities and 6 Mammography Units
- 10% 5. 2 Facilities and 12 Mammography Units

Answer: 3 - The FFDM unit manufacturer

References

- MQSA Regulations 900.12(e)(6)
- <http://www.fda.gov/CDRH/MAMMOGRAPHY/frmamcom2.html#s90012>

Answer 3: 2 Facilities and 6 Mammography Units

References

- <http://www.fda.gov/CDRH/MAMMOGRAPHY/robothelp/FFDM.htm>
- 900.12(a)(3)(iii)(B): Continuing experience. Following the second anniversary date of the end of the calendar quarter in which the requirements of paragraphs (a)(3)(i) and (a)(3)(ii) of this section were completed or of April 28, 1999, whichever is later, the medical physicist shall have surveyed at least two mammography facilities and a total of at least six mammography units during the 24 months immediately preceding the date of the facility's annual MQSA inspection or the last day of the calendar quarter preceding the inspection or any date in between the two. The facility shall choose one of these dates to determine the 24-month period. No more than one survey of a specific facility within a 10-month period or a specific unit within a period of 60 days can be counted towards this requirement.

For FFDM, the exposure for a single CC view of the ACR phantom shall not exceed:

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| 12% | 1. 0.75 mGy/exposure |
| 8% | 2. 1.25 mGy/exposure |
| 12% | 3. 2.00 mGy/exposure |
| 15% | 4. 3.00 mGy/exposure |
| 15% | 5. 4.00 mGy/exposure |

Answer: 4 – 3.00 mGy/exposure

References

- <http://www.fda.gov/Radiation-EmittingProducts/MammographyQualityStandardsActandProgram/PolicyGuidanceHelpSystem/ucm052690.htm>
- 900.12(e)(5)(vi): Dosimetry. The average glandular dose delivered during a single craniocaudal view of an FDA-accepted phantom simulating a standard breast shall not exceed 3.0 milligray (mGy) (0.3 rad) per exposure. The dose shall be determined with technique factors and conditions used clinically for a standard breast.



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