

## Pediatric Radiology Impact Statement

The following questions must be addressed in the Impact Statement for each area where substantive change is proposed:

a) Impact on Resident Education

*How will the proposed change improve the quality of resident education?*

- 1. There are additional educational experiences defined to offer more training for improving quality, safety, and error reduction within pediatric imaging, with emphasis on many of the national safety initiatives and also more emphasis on reducing radiation in children, when applicable.**
- 2. During the 12-month fellowship, at the discretion of the program director, a fellow may take three months of elective time. This experience is intended to further develop subspecialization within pediatric radiology, and to allow more in-depth learning in areas such as, but not limited to, fetal imaging, cardiac, pulmonary, musculoskeletal imaging, informatics, and research.**
- 3. There is added emphasis on recognition of the normal patterns and/or normal variants in children.**

b) Impact on Patient Care (Answer only if appropriate to the change proposed.)

**There is new emphasis on error reduction, communication skills, and the national safety initiatives as it pertains to pediatric patients. These changes should improve the quality of care.**

*How will the proposed change affect the way the resident, the service, and the staff provide the patients with continuing care?*

**N/A**

c) Impact on Faculty Resources

Will an increase in the number of faculty from within the discipline or from other disciplines be required? If so, please explain.

**No**

d) Impact on Institutional Facilities, Services, and Faculty

(1) *Will there be required institutional resources for the educational or service unit as a result of the proposed change?*

**No**

(2) *Will there be any additional costs to the institution(s) in this regard? If so, please explain.*

**No**

e) Impact on Other Services and Educational Programs in the Institution

(1) *If these changes are implemented, will there be an adequate volume and variety of patients to provide proper educational resources in the institution(s)?*

**N/A**

(2) *How will other services or departments of the institution be affected by the change?*

**There are many hospital and national efforts to reduce errors, improve patient safety, and improve outcomes. There is new emphasis on interdisciplinary teams and systems practice. All major departments and hospitals face these challenges. The Residency Review Committee hopes that these proposed changes will positively impact other services and departments in the institution.**

f) Implementation

*What is the effective date of this proposed change? Please justify the requested effective date based upon the need for faculty, institutional services, financial, or other support.*

**A July, 2009 effective date is proposed, as the Committee anticipates that no additional support will be needed and that current programs will be able to address the requirement changes in the time period specified.**