

APPLICATION FOR OWNER OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Facility Information			
Owner, Operator	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Name of Applicant	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Clinic Address <i>(Please attach address list of all facility locations, if more than one)</i>	Street Address		Email
	City	Province	Postal Code
	Telephone	Facsimile	
Total Number of Employees			
Type of Services <i>(by facility if specific locations offer different services) :</i>			

Section B: Membership Information			
Enclosed with my application is my membership fee in the amount of: <i>(Please check one of the appropriate boxes and attach address list of all facility locations)</i>			
Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$350	1-2 Clinics
<i>(Owner/Operator)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$750	3-5 Clinics
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,250	6-9 Clinics
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,500	10-29 Clinics
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5,000	30+ Clinics
Associate Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50	Member-Clinic Employee (e.g. Technologist) or Vendor
I am available to participate on working committees of IDCA			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	

Section C: Payment Options		
Members may complete this application providing VISA credit card information.		
_____ (credit card nos)	_____ (name on the card)	_____ (expiry date)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either fax in this form using 905-707-0616 or email it to info@idca.ca. A receipt will be provided once payment is processed. • Or, you may mail in this application with a cheque made out to the "IDCA". The mailing address is IDCA, 7330 Yonge St., Ste 120, Thornhill, ON, L4J 7Y7. 		

Section D: Signatory			
Please sign and print your name clearly, along with your position and the date of application			
_____ (Signature)	_____ (Please print Name)		
_____ (Position)	_____ (Date)		
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date received: ____/____/____ Time Received ____:____ AM / PM			

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

2017 is proving to be a year of patience for the IDCA Board, as we have been asked to participate in several Government implementation committees which have been slow to convene. For example, the Health Quality Ontario sponsored expert panel on radiologist peer review and its implementation consultations. In addition, we're contributing to the DI Task Force and will make updates to three DI Clinical Practice Parameters & Facility Standards with the CPSO and comments are expected to be submitted in the coming months for Diagnostic Imaging, Chronic Kidney Disease and Nuclear Medicine.

In a recent speech by the Minister of Health and Long-term Care, Eric Hoskins reiterated the government's focus on equitable access to health care in all geographic areas of the province and the need to do more to address the social determinants of health care. He applauded the need for LHINs and strengthening a system-wide integration of service providers to improve access and care demands. In order to support Ministry goals, the IDCA has been on the LHIN CEO Council meeting agenda for several months, but other priorities have prevented our participation to date. We look forward to the opportunity to move towards more engagement as part of Integrated Health Services Planning and the improved coordination of local service delivery to avoid service duplication, reduce capital costs and leverage existing capacity in our healthcare system.

It is the need for operating efficiencies that has evolved our annual conference theme of "Survival Economics for IHFs" for this year. We hope you will join us on Friday September 8th at Le Parc Conference Centre in Richmond Hill. It's a "must attend" event for IHF owners and operators, as well as those interested in our industry. Participants and speakers will include representatives from every regulatory body having a direct impact on IHFs. As always, the event is open to the entire IHF community; in fact, we hope you'll bring your business partners with you. Make use of the discounted rate for IDCA members and guests. It is your opportunity to hear firsthand and to ask questions of regulatory representatives and business leaders regarding issues that directly affect your operations. Our vendor sponsors will also be available to discuss their product offerings and suggestions to meeting economies.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Heads Up...

Survival Economics for IHFs

2017 IDCA Conference
Friday September 8th, 8am – 4pm
Le Parc Conference Centre,
Richmond Hill, ON

Learn from industry experts regarding savings, scaling, diversification to improve your operational efficiency, meet your compliance commitments and grow your opportunities in our current business environment.

Also, hear firsthand about compliance changes and updates from regulatory leaders to better deliver public healthcare privately.

Network with fellow business owners who have overcome similar challenges and potential investors.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

8am

Continental Breakfast
Regulatory Leader Insights
• IHF Program, MOHLTC
• CPSO • eHealth • CCO
• Health Quality Ontario

Noon

Networking Lunch
Business Strategies
• Operational Economics & Efficiencies
• Cut Benefit Costs
• Drive Up the Value of Your Business
• Diversification Options

4pm

IDCA Annual General Meeting
For Members

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Modernizing Ontario's Radiation Protection Legislation

Any time a patient or member of the public is exposed to devices for the purpose of diagnosis or therapy, he or she should be able to expect a health benefit that outweighs the associated level of risk. This is fundamental in the Quality Contract of today's health care system.

Health Quality Ontario established an Expert Panel to Enhance the Safety and Quality of Energy-Appling Medical Devices (EAMDs) in Ontario. The IDCA was one of 15 members that took 8 months to engage in research and developed recommendations through the lens of quality. It was decided that a new and future-proof framework to modernize Ontario's radiation protection legislation was needed to:

- provide a common language for regulating diverse technologies,
- allow for the nimble uptake of technologies,
- address increasing complexity in the field, and
- accommodate the depth of expertise required to navigate it.

From reviewing the literature and practices of other jurisdictions (and even other industries), several key emerging trends were observed:

- 1. Expand the scope of legislation.**
It is recommended that when determining what devices to subsume under regulation and how those devices should be regulated, dimensions of risk and benefit should be taken into account, including both a device's specific applications and the patient cohorts in which it will be applied.
- 2. Establish new governance** by creating a new oversight body with the mandate and resources to establish policies and regulations and ensure compliance; collect and analyze data and engage with relevant stakeholder groups to harmonize requirements; and require facilities to identify an individual accountable for maintaining compliance and ensuring ongoing quality management.

3. Use a phased approach by setting up a taskforce to develop regulations to replace the HARP Act and launch additional taskforces (for MR and ultrasound) under the new governance model. Specifically, it is recommended that a taskforce be immediately struck to develop regulations for conventional xray radiography, fluoroscopy and CT.

4. Establish new taskforces where indicated by the advisory body to develop and set regulations (related to facilities, equipment, processes, professional competencies, quality management systems and compliance mechanisms) to ensure ongoing compliance and accountability within the quality management framework.

5. Continue to develop infrastructure to identify opportunities and drive system learning including data collection (digitally/ automatically collected wherever possible) and the development of indicators and new standards. Local facilities should be allowed access to compare their own performance against their peers.

6. Develop and foster mechanisms for public reporting and transparency by making reports/ recommendations publicly available and investing in educational interventions. By ensuring incident reporting and disclosure requirements are clear, this public reporting strategy will support transparency and promote confidence in the quality of EAMD services in Ontario.

In total, the expert panel produced 30 recommendations for phased implementation. These are with the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care for review. Implementation will require extensive consultation and engagement of which the IDCA will be a part.

Excerpt from the IDCA's 2016 conference presentation by David Jaffray, PH.D., co-chair, Health Quality Ontario's Expert Panel; EVP, Technology and Innovation and Head, Medical Physics, University Health Network; Professor, University of Toronto.

Quality Management Partnership to release updated Mammography Quality Management Program reports

In November 2016, the Quality Management Partnership emailed Mammography Quality Management Program (QMP) facility reports to all facilities that provide mammography services in Ontario. In May 2017, the next round of Mammography QMP facility reports will be released.

The Mammography QMP reports provide an overview of quality that is measured by select indicators at the facility, regional and provincial levels. The purpose of these reports is to help foster conversations about quality and quality improvement in mammography facilities across Ontario.

A supplementary information package will accompany reports and optional teleconference briefings following the release of reports will be scheduled to provide an opportunity for report recipients to learn more about the reports and to ask any questions they may have.

In the future, the Partnership will begin to offer training to support facility leads in their roles as leaders for mammography quality within their facility. To ensure this training supports leads in their new roles, a research team is undertaking a study to identify the training needs of mammography facility leads. The study involves a short (45-minute) one-on-one phone interview, and participants can receive Maintenance of Certification credit for participating. If you have not already participated and would like to volunteer, or would like more information about the study, please contact Melissa Smith at msmith@cpsp.on.ca.

For more information about the Quality Management Partnership or the Mammography QMP, please visit qmpontario.ca, or contact us at info@qmpontario.ca.

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