

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 (Please attach address list of all facility locations, if more than one)	Street Address		Email
	City	Province	Postal Code
	Telephone	Facsimile	
Total Number of Employees			
Types of Services (by facility if specific locations offer different services):			

SECTION B: MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION			
Enclosed with my application is my membership fee in the amount of: (please check one of the appropriate boxes and attach address list of all facility locations)			
Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$350	1-2 Clinics
(Owner/Operator)	<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: SIGNATORY	
Please sign and print your name clearly, along with your position and the date.	
_____	_____
Signature	Please Print Name
_____	_____
Position	Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: ____/____/____ Time Received: ____:____ AM / PM

Heads Up...

New Medical Claims Electronic Data Transfer (MC EDT) Web Service is ready for conformance testing

The Ministry has announced that electronic data transfer (EDT) and health card validation (HCV) will be upgraded to an internet web service. IHFs will no longer be required to use a dedicated line, instead using a web portal-like platform called EBS (Electronic Business Service). A number of measures are being implemented to assure the integrity and confidentiality of all communications that are to be transmitted over this new system. All software designed to access the MC EDT web service must be conformance tested to ensure compliance.

We will update you as new information is forthcoming.

DRAFT **Relocation Policy**

The IHF Program office of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care recently shared a DRAFT updated relocation policy with the IDCA and requested our comments on proposed changes. We would like to extend our

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

This has been a difficult year for the IHF sector in Ontario, with further erosion in government funding. Effective April 2013, OHIP technical fees were reduced by 0.5%, which followed a 2.5% reduction in 2012. Compensation levels have now been reduced to a level not seen since the 1980s. Not surprisingly, in the last year we have seen a number of larger clinic operators sell their clinics and exit the sector. For many operators, the onerous cutbacks that have been imposed and uncertain funding environment have made effective planning for the future all but impossible.

Despite the difficult economic climate, the IDCA has worked hard to advocate on behalf of IHF operators. Representatives from the IDCA board regularly meet with Ministry of Health representatives to advise regarding proposed policy and funding initiatives. In addition, we have worked with the CPSO and eHealth Ontario regarding their oversight of programs that impact on our sector. We were also asked to consult with Cancer Care Ontario on the recently announced CR Mammography Technology Replacement Project, which will result in 71 IHFs having their CR mammography equipment replaced with full field digital mammography units.

At the upcoming IDCA conference on September 20, 2013, we will have speakers from the Ministry of Health, eHealth Ontario, CPSO, Cancer Care Ontario, the LHINs and the Canadian Association of Radiologists. These governmental and regulatory bodies have a tremendous impact on our operations. We anticipate that these speakers will provide us with insight regarding how we can collectively build an integrated health delivery system.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our conference on September 20, 2013.

appreciation to the following members that participated in this review:

Colleen Taylor - Chair
Glenn Kayama
Lorraine Thibideau
Gerald Hartman
Karey Hogan
Hy Eliasoph
On June 11, 2013 IDCA

Board members participated in a meeting at the Ministry offices to review the DRAFT document and provide our feedback. We anticipate that Ministry representatives will update us on the proposed IHF licence relocation policy at the September 20th IDCA conference.

2013 IDCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 20TH

Building Bridges, Removing Silos: working towards an integrated health delivery system.

On Friday September 20th, the IDCA will hold its annual conference at Le Parc Conference Centre in Richmond Hill. Space is limited for this one-day event so **register early at www.idca.ca** to guarantee your seat.

Our theme reflects the current challenges our industry faces. IHFs provide approximately 50% of all diagnostic imaging services in Ontario. How do we play a more active role in decisions relating to the delivery of care? The IDCA is working with key decision makers to ensure our sector is better integrated into the healthcare system.

This conference is an opportunity for all IHF owners and managers to hear from industry experts and key

Government decision-makers about subjects that matter most to our sector. We have confirmed Sandy Nuttall, Director, Diagnostic Services & Planning, MOHLTC, Angela Lianos, Director, Diagnostic Imaging, eHealth Ontario, Carl Cunningham, LLB, Employment Lawyer, and representatives from CPSO, Cancer Care Ontario and other speakers this year. Panel discussions and Q & A sessions will provide you with an

opportunity to ask your questions and gain helpful insight into the future of our industry.

This event is open to both IDCA members and non-members. Membership information is contained on the last page of this newsletter.

If you have questions, call 905-855-0739 or email sbolton@idca.ca. We look forward to seeing you there!



The flyer features the IDCA logo and the text: 'Independent Diagnostic Clinics Association'. The main heading is '2013 IDCA Annual Conference'. It lists speakers: Sandy Nuttall, Director, Diagnostic Services & Planning, MoHTLC; CPSO Representative; Cancer Care Ontario; Angela Lianos, Director, Diagnostic Imaging Program, eHealth Ontario; and Carl Cunningham, LLB, Employment Lawyer. It includes three sections: 'Building Bridges' (IHF provide approximately 50% of all diagnostic imaging services in Ontario...), 'Removing Silos' (The IDCA is working with key decision makers to ensure our sector is better integrated into the healthcare system...), and 'Ask your questions' (Panel discussions and Q&A sessions will provide you with an opportunity to ask your questions and gain helpful insight into the future of our industry...). It also includes 'Mark your calendar!' (We look forward to seeing you on September 20th. Feel free to share this invitation with your IHF colleagues.) and the registration link 'Register at www.idca.ca'.

DR Mammography Conversion: Joint Initiative of Cancer Care Ontario & Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

On May 14, 2013, Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) announced that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care had accepted their recommendations to remove all CR mammography technology from the province and replace with DR technology. At the time of the announcement, more than

90% of the CR units being used in the province were located in IHF facilities. Those IHF facilities employing CR technology should have already begun the transition process with the CCO. There are several key dates to keep in mind over the coming weeks:

- July 26th – CCO will confirm reimbursement amounts for facilities that chose to participate in the group procurement options. For sites choosing independent purchase, CCO will confirm the

reimbursement amounts with sites as Facility Notices are received.

- August 9th – for those sites that chose independent purchase, Facility Notice is due.
- August 30th – deadline to submit purchase agreement and purchase order, along with estimated installation date.
- November 29th – deadline for physics inspection sign-off. Reimbursement will be provided

once CCO has reviewed and approved the physicist's report.

Each site or corporation has been assigned a Service Analyst to provide guidance and support associated with procurement and transition-related activities. To contact your Service Analyst, or to learn more about this program, inquiries should be directed to screening@cancercare.on.ca.

Community-Based Specialty Clinics

In response to Health Minister Matthew's Action Plan for Health Care the government has committed to move certain ambulatory procedures into specialized not-for-profit clinics in instances where it is clear that these clinics can provide patients with safe, high-quality care at better value. In support of this initiative, the Negotiations & Accountability Management Division of the MoH welcomed Pearl Ing as Director of their Projects Unit. Taking the lead on "specialty clinics", Ms. Ing has been selecting her team of advisors and developing policy relating to these specialty clinics. During this fiscal year, the mandate of Ms. Ing and her colleagues is focused on colonoscopy and cataract community-based facilities; however this mandate will expand to other diagnostic and ambulatory services in the coming years. To learn more about this initiative and its potential impact on the IHF sector, please join us at our September 20th conference and hear Ms. Ing's presentation.



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Professional Liability Insurance for Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs)

In 2009, the government introduced amendments to the Health Professionals Procedural Code that would oblige members of all health profession regulatory colleges, including MRTs, to be personally insured against professional liability. While some health professionals working in the IHF sector have already adopted this requirement (respiratory therapists in 2004), many health care professionals remain without professional liability insurance (PLI).

Although the College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO) enacted a by-law in 2010 requiring MRTs to be personally insured against professional liability, the by-law has not been enforced to date. Recent developments however will change this and it is expected that your MRTs will begin to enquire as to the coverage your facility provides. It is expected that PLI will become mandatory and enforced effective March 31, 2014.

The Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) provides personal PLI through its various practice memberships, however many MRTs are not members of that organization. The IDCA is exploring additional, cost effective options for IHF-based health care professionals. Watch for updates on the IDCA website at www.idca.ca. Additional information about the PLI requirements can be found on the CMRTO website at www.cmrto.org.

Mammography Accreditation Program (MAP)

As your facility prepares to replace CR mammo technology with DR technology, please be reminded that sites currently accredited or those working towards accreditation must advise the MAP coordinator **no earlier than two weeks prior** to the installation of the new unit and **no later than two weeks after** the installation of the new unit. Your written notification must include; the facility's MAP ID, exact installation date, the make, model and serial number of the new DR equipment, information

about the units being replaced and finally, the date the physicist will be inspecting the unit.

Due to the high volumes of requests at this time, the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) is anticipating that the accreditation process for all new units will take approximately 6-7 months to complete. Units that are currently on the CAR MAP's list of accredited units, and that are in good standing, will receive a seven month temporary accreditation on their new unit. This will allow time for the accreditation process while remaining on the list of accredited units.