

REMINDER:
JOIN OR RENEW TODAY

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):			
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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	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.	
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Signature	Please Print Name
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Position	Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:	Date Received: ____/____/____	Time Received: ____:____ AM / PM
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new IDCA members and to thank all of our members for their continued support and participation. More and more, the Ministry and other key stakeholders are relying on the IDCA to provide insight and guidance, as representatives of the sector. Your membership is important and will provide you with access to important information, as well as opportunities to have your voice heard.

Since our last newsletter, the IDCA was invited to join the Health Quality Ontario (HQP) Expert Panel on Peer Review Systems in Diagnostic Imaging. In May, IDCA members received an email from Colleen Taylor containing a message from HQO and an online survey asking for input into current quality assurance programs employed at their facilities. The expert panel will use your responses to gain a better understanding of what quality systems are already in place. Their goal is to create one peer review system for all radiologists. We will continue to send our members updates. We are pleased that Dr. Joshua Tepper, President & CEO of HQO, will be presenting at our September conference and updating the group on the panel's activities.

As you are aware, the Ministry and the OMA are currently engaged in the negotiation of a new Physician Services Agreement. On April 21, 2014, the Board sent a letter to the Ministry regarding the possible impact of this upcoming agreement on future funding and the sustainability of the IHF sector. The full text of the letter is on the IDCA website.

This year's Annual Conference is being held on Friday September 12, 2014 at the LeParc Conference Centre in Richmond Hill. Additional information will be made available on our website and through a mid-summer mailing, as the agenda is finalized. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Platinum sponsors, Toshiba and Siemens, as well as all of our other sponsors, for their support for this year's conference. For a complete list of vendor sponsors, please visit the website at www.IDCA.ca.

We look forward to seeing everyone this September.

Heads Up...

IHF Program Office Updates

Barry Monaghan was recently appointed Program Manager, IHF Program. Barry can be reached at 613-536-3000 or barry.monaghan@ontario.ca. Effective June 2, 2014, Dr. Garry Salisbury assumed the role of Acting Director, IHF Program. The Board is looking forward to meeting with the IHF Program staff team in Kingston. This will be a great opportunity to meet the new program team members and introduce them to the IDCA Board. A summary of this meeting, including additional information about new IHF Program staff members, will be posted on the IDCA website mid-July. We are pleased that the IHF Program staff will once again be participating at our September 12th conference.

CPSO Update Review for Pulmonary Function Studies

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario recently completed an external review of the draft, updated "IHF Clinical Practice Parameters and Facility Standards for Pulmonary Function Studies" and is now in the process of making final revisions to the document.

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Heads Up... continued

IHF's will be notified when the finalized version of the document has been posted to the CPSO website.

Mark Your Calendars! IDCA Conference September 12th!

The IDCA will be holding its annual conference at Le Parc Conference Centre in Richmond Hill on September 12th. This full day event is a great opportunity for all IHF owners and managers to learn from industry experts and key Government decision makers about subjects that matter most to our sector. Registration will be available at www.idca.ca soon. The event is open to IDCA members and non-members. We look forward to seeing you there!

CAR a Partner of CWC DI Resources to Educate Patients

Patients continue to take an active interest in their healthcare and want to be able to make informed decisions about their care. The Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) is one of the primary partners of Choosing Wisely Canada (CWC). Since its launch earlier this year, the CWC campaign has provided physicians with resources to be used to help physicians and patients engage in conversations about DI tests, treatments and procedures. The resources about appropriate medical imaging were created by radiologists with input from other stakeholders and are available at www.choosingwiselycanada.org.

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Thank you to our members who completed the Health Quality Ontario (HQP) survey for IHF facilities regarding current quality systems in place within your operations. Your responses have provided critical information to the expert panel and will assist in future recommendations to the Minister of Health.

As part of the development process, Health Quality Ontario has engaged the assistance of Price Waterhouse Coopers' Health Industries Practice team to assist with a jurisdictional scan and literature review of quality and peer review programs both in Canada and the United States.

Although the review to date has shown no established leading program(s) for peer review, the data collected helps us to better understand the various components the panel needs to contemplate. While still evolving, the program goals for an Ontario Quality model include:

- Improving the consistency and accuracy of radiology services to improve quality for patients,
- Supporting improved diagnostic

image interpretation skills through peer-to-peer learning, and

- Enabling informed decisions about patient treatment, enhancement of quality programming, physician training and continuing medical education.

As a member of the HQO expert panel, the IDCA will continue to engage its members and ensure that your views are represented. You are encouraged to forward your comments, questions or concerns to Colleen Taylor at ctaylor@idca.ca.



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A message from X-Ray Inspection Services (XRIS)

Based on the feedback received from our clients and stakeholders since the initial distribution of the XRIS information pamphlet in July 2013, we have since enhanced the information pamphlets to reflect the current installation plan approval process. The revised pamphlets help to provide guidance for respective types of X-ray facilities in achieving legislative compliance. The pamphlets are divided into the following areas:

- General information for owners & operators of X-ray facilities
- Approval of an installation plan for radiation shielding for medical X-ray facilities.

The pamphlets also provide supplementary information on the revised Forms 1, 2, and 3, which were distributed in February 2014.

As a friendly reminder, as of April 1, 2014, Forms 1, 2, and 3, became mandatory for all installation plan applications and X-ray equipment registrations.

If you have any general questions, please contact the X-Ray Inspection Service general line at: 416-327-7937 or xris@ontario.ca. For questions related to the plan approval process or if you wish to submit a

plan application, please e-mail the information to xrisplans@ontario.ca.

You may find links to the aforementioned forms on the IDCA website.

The IDCA Wants To Hear From You!

A number of our members have been experiencing frustrations with what are perceived to be "new" XRIS processes. The Ontario Association of Radiologists (OAR) and Ontario Association of Radiology Managers (OARM) have started collecting

information from their membership regarding the same frustrations. We would like to hear from you. Nancy Lytle, Director of the Performance Improvement & Compliance Branch of the Ministry of Health manages the XRIS program and would be happy to meet with the IDCA. Prior to our meeting, we are interested to hear from our membership about any questions or concerns you may have. Your comments can be forwarded to ctaylor@idca.ca.

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By July 1st - Mandatory Health & Safety Training

To help prevent workplace incidents and injuries, workers and supervisors are being made more aware of their roles, rights and responsibilities through new workplace training.

As of July 1st, 2014, new Health & Safety Training is mandatory for all workers and supervisors in Ontario who are covered by the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

Workers and supervisors may either take part in a one-hour tutorial free online, either individually or in groups, or review hardcopy workbooks.

Once the e-learning training module is complete, an employee will receive a certificate that is valid for the remainder of his or her career.

Visit www.idca.ca for links to access the online training modules.

A hardcopy of the following workbooks may be downloaded from the Ministry of Labour website or ordered from ServiceOntario free of charge:

- Worker Health & Safety Awareness in 4 Steps
- Supervisor Health & Safety Awareness in 5 Steps

Once completed, these workbooks act as a record of completion of MOL occupational health and safety awareness training.

- Ministry of Labour Website: <http://www1.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/training/index.php> Or call: 1-877-202-0008
- ServiceOntario website: <https://www.publications.serviceontario.ca/pubont/servlet/ecom/>