



Bureau of Radiological Health Mammography Program

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The following information is intended to inform facilities and staff of important changes and reminders regarding mammography regulations. Please review these items within your facility to ensure continued compliance with both State of Iowa and MQSA regulations.

◆ Soft Copy Clinical Images Trial:

The State of Iowa is working towards implementing softcopy review for clinical images in regards to the accreditation purposes. The next time your facility is required to submit clinical images, you will be asked to submit both hard copy images and soft copy images.

The soft copy images will need to be burned onto two (2) CDs. One CD is to be treated as if a patient requested the images. The second CD needs to have the facility and patient information removed from all images and CD labels and labeled with an IDPH issued number. This number will be provided to each facility when the accreditation application is sent. We suggest your facility test run this process to make sure you are able to do so. Your facility needs to figure out how to remove the facility and patient information.

Only the hard copy images will be reviewed for the accrediting process. The soft copy images will be used to aid IDPH in making softcopy review a reality in the near future.

◆ Hard Copy FFDM Clinical Images:

IDPH will now discard hard copy FFDM clinical images (after removing patient information), unless your facility specifically requests that the images be returned.

◆ Contact information:

The State of Iowa mammography program will now send inspection reports and letters to your facility by electronic communication (email). Please send the following information to Janet Kent by clicking on this link: [Janet Kent](#)

- AB Contact person, title, and email
- Inspection compliance person, title, and email
- Inspection contact person, title, and email
- Billing contact person, title, and email
- Lead Interpreting physician, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and email

Mammography Modality Breakdown in Iowa as of 9/23/2011

Units – 170

FFDM – 154 (91%)

Film Screen – 16 (9%)

Facilities – 142

FFDM – 126 (89%)

Film Screen – 16 (11%)

◆ Mammography Website:

Remember to visit IDPH Mammography website to stay up to date and to find answers to questions regarding mammography.

<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/eh/mammography.asp>

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