Guidelines

For Professional Conduct for Medical Radiation Professionals

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These guidelines are issued by the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT) to guide and support members in the practice of their profession.

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the Constitution of the ASMIRT. Any queries or comments on these guidelines and requests for further copies should be addressed to:

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CODE of PRACTICE
For Medical Radiation Professionals

1. The prime concern of the Medical Radiation Professional shall be the welfare and safety of patient/clients, staff and the public.

2. Medical Radiation Professionals are personally accountable for their work, actions and professional conduct.

3. A Medical Radiation Professional must provide services to the highest standard in keeping with the philosophy and mission of the profession and within the relevant standards, guidelines and codes of practice.

4. Medical Radiation Professionals should only perform requests for procedures which are properly authorised in accordance with established or recognised criteria.

5. Medical Radiation Professionals may not commence a procedure until they are satisfied that it is appropriate and safe.

6. Medical Radiation Professionals should alert medically significant findings to the medical personnel responsible for the patient/client’s care. At the request of such personnel may provide an opinion that lies within their knowledge and expertise. It is important at all times to ensure that appropriate identification of the Medical Radiation Professional’s designation is provided to the other party.

7. A Medical Radiation Professional shall respect a patient/client’s right to privacy and shall also respect the confidentiality of information relating to patient/clients and their significant others.

8. Medical Radiation Professionals shall ensure that their professional responsibilities and standards of practice are non-discriminatory.

9. Medical Radiation Professionals must work and co-operate in a collaborative manner with professional colleagues and members of other health professions.

10. Medical Radiation Professionals shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession and not engage in any activity that may bring the profession into disrepute.
11. Medical Radiation Professionals shall at all times have regard for and shall observe laws and regulations applicable to their practice in their State.

12. Medical Radiation Professionals are responsible for their own professional development to ensure the maintenance of the highest standards. Guidelines for Continuing Professional Development are contained in the publication Guide to ASMIRT Continuing Professional Development Triennial Program.

13. In the field of research, a Medical Radiation Professional shall observe the ethical principles and standards as set down by the relevant state, national and international organisations. A Medical Radiation Professional shall also observe principles governing intellectual property, copyright and due acknowledgement in scientific publication, and openly declare all financial and non-financial interests in the course of reported scientific findings.

14. Medical Radiation Professionals shall maintain effective professional relationships with patients/clients, colleagues and other health professionals.