

IANZ INFO – RADIOLOGY JANUARY 2015

Happy New Year everyone!

After a busy 2014, January gave us all here in the Radiology Programme at IANZ the opportunity to pause, reflect and recharge so we can hit the ground running for 2015!

We have decided to take turns at compiling the Radiology Programme newsletter and who better than me, the new guy, to get thrown in the deep end! I would like to thank all the clients that allowed me to be involved in your assessments as part of my training, as a former clinical tutor I know what having an extra body around can mean to a team so a big thank you to everyone. It has been great to have met so many of you and I look forward to this continuing in 2015.

It would seem that no one wants to be assessed over the Christmas period! So the Radiology Team has spent some time working on several projects – expect to hear more on some of these projects over the next twelve months.

We welcome your feedback regarding any subject within the industry. Just email the radiology team at info@ianz.govt.nz

Craig Watson – Lead Assessor

He's back and in charge!

Phil Barnes returned to IANZ at the end of 2014 after a stint at Waitemata DHB. Some of you will remember Phil from when he was the Programme Manager of the (then) combined Medical Testing and Radiology programmes. Stepping into the General Manager vacancy, Phil now has the role of overseeing the entire Accreditation Services area. From Metrology - to Building Consent Authorities - to Radiology, it is a diverse mix! Expect to see Phil out on the occasional assessment.

MRI suite design

MRI safety has been in the news lately with incidents in New Zealand and overseas reminding us all of the importance of suite design, safety protocols and education of those using the facilities.

We encourage clients, along with facility designers to consult extensively and refer to the following hyperlinked documents when considering installing, modifying and reviewing MRI facilities:

[RANZCR MRI Safety Guidelines](#)
[ACR Guidance Document for Safe MR Practices: 2013](#)

NSU Nuchal Translucency policy

In September 2014 newsletter we stated:

“IANZ requires that the name of the sonographer who performs an examination be recorded and be readily retrievable when required. The NSU is the only agency that requires the name of the sonographer who performs the examination to be clearly identified in each nuchal translucency examination report.”

There is still some variation among our clients on how this is put into practice, please refer to the National Screening Unit requirements [here](#).

Technical Expert contact

From time to time we are asked about how we contact technical experts for each peer review assessment. Do we call their boss? Do we ask anyone? Do we spread the work out amongst the pool of experts we have?

Well in short the answer is no, no and yes!

No, we do not call the boss; our relationship is with the individual technical expert. It is the technical experts' responsibility to check with their employer as to availability and any other internal organisational arrangements.

No, we do not ask anyone. First our team here at IANZ work hard to compile a list of technical experts who best 'suit' the client. We try and sift through any potential conflict of interest, major differences in work type and any other applicable flags. Second, the list of potential technical experts is sent to the Authorised Representative of the client to be peer reviewed for them to veto any missed conflicts.

Yes, we do spread the work out, as much as we can. This would be made easier by having more technical experts in our pool – please contact us with any potential technical experts! Technical Experts are selected for their personal and up-to-date expertise in a particular branch of Radiology and preferably have had a relevant senior role for at least five years.



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Opening of a new site (Special Assessment)

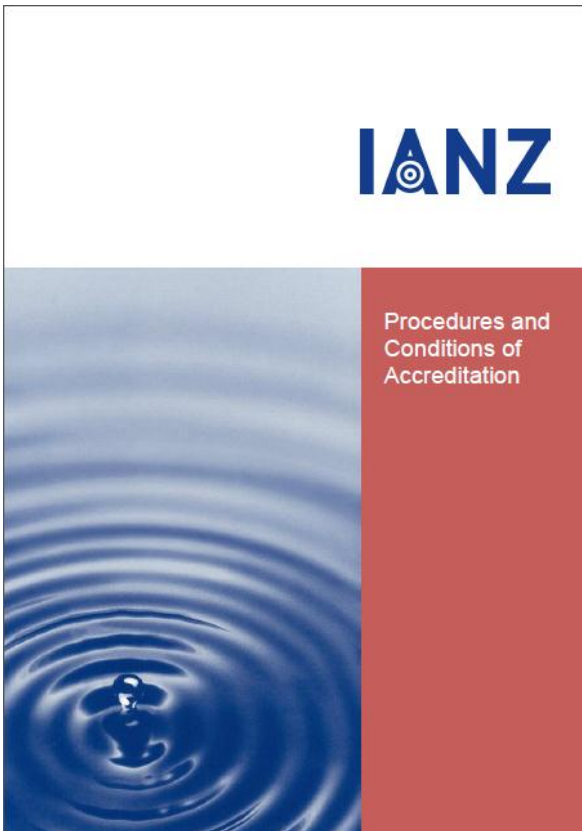
When clients are looking at opening a new site, IANZ asks that you let us know as soon as possible. We plan in advance as much as possible with assessments to keep costs down for clients and to spread out the workload as best we can.

When considering the need for an onsite assessment, peer review, facility assessment or desktop review IANZ looks at a client's full accreditation as much as the new site about to be opened. Please fill out the application for special assessment located [here](#) as fully as possible when you apply so that we can make the most informed decision possible.

IANZ updates

Procedures and Conditions of Accreditation

The 5th edition of the Procedures and Conditions of Accreditation (PCA) was released in December of 2014. It can be found on our website [here](#). Please remove all previous versions from circulation. The PCA explains the structure of IANZ and the procedures for accreditation. This edition supersedes the 4th edition published in May 2013.



Survey

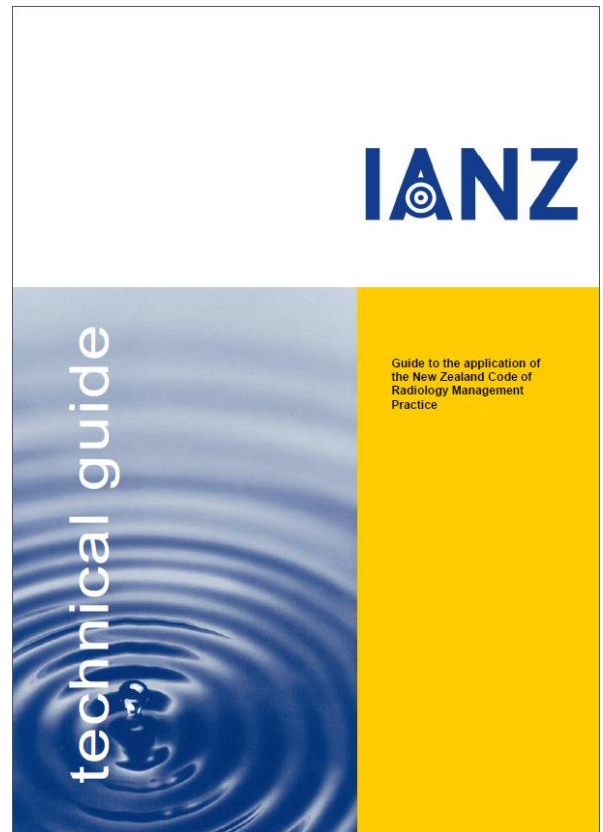
Authorised Representatives will have received in January an invitation via email to complete a survey on "Cloud Technology in Radiology Practices in New Zealand". I would like to thank all of you who take the time to complete the anonymous survey.

The results of the survey will be used to help ensure we, as an accreditation body, are appropriately positioned to provide a meaningful and up to date review of document management systems in use throughout New Zealand.

As well as utilisation internally, collated results will be fed back to Authorised Representatives and reported on at the national NZIMRT conference should we be accepted.

Technical Guidance Document

Following completion of an internal workshop, a document (Guide for the application of the New Zealand Code of Radiology Management Practice) has been generated to assist with the interpretation and application of the New Zealand Code of Radiology Management Practice. It can be found on our website [here](#).



Radiology quality management course

The New Zealand Quality College provides an annual two day course to assist participants in developing, implementing and refining radiology management systems and the subsequent practical requirements of accreditation by IANZ.

This year's course is scheduled for 21 – 22 October 2015 in Auckland. If interested, please click on the following link to find out more <http://www.nzqc.co.nz/radiology.htm>

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If the course dates do not suit, or if you would prefer a more tailored course, in-house training is possible where the course presenter can come to you.

PET-CT discussion paper

As some of you will know, IANZ has been working on PET-CT accreditation criteria for some time so we apologise for the delays in this.

In late 2014, a revised discussion document was sent to stakeholders for comment. The collation of feedback has now been completed and further review is underway.

It is hoped that a PET-CT Supplementary Criteria document will be published soon. IANZ thanks all those involved for their valuable and constructive feedback to date.

Technical Expert (TE) fees

Just a reminder that as of January this year, a fee for Qualified Health Physicists used during applicable Peer Review assessments will be passed on to the client. This was signalled in the September 2014 newsletter.

Supplementary Criteria

Work has begun reviewing the various modality specific Supplementary Criteria publications, as mentioned in the September 2014 newsletter.

Any feedback from clients about the existing supplementary criteria would be gladly received. Please email info@ianz.govt.nz

Time waster of the day.....

For all those with kids who love the Frozen movie please click [here!](#)

Coming up in 2015....

ANZSNM Conference	17 - 20 April 2015
ASUM NZ Branch ASM	3 - 5 July 2015
NZIMRT/AIR Scientific Meeting	24 - 26 July 2015
RANZCR NZ Branch ASM	31 July - 2 August 2015
Interventional MRT Workshop	26 - 27 September 2015
IFPN Conference	16 - 18 October 2015
RQM Course	21 - 22 October 2015
ANZBMS Scientific Meeting	1 - 4 November 2015
EPSM 2015	8 - 12 November 2015
Radiation Safety Training	Various

More details about each event can be found linked to the event dates.

Have we forgotten any applicable events? Please email us on

info@ianz.govt.nz