

QUDI Project QR01.iii

Diagnostic imaging standards for portable media, phase 2

RANZCR response

Introduction

The consultancy has provided the College with recommendations for the inclusion of diagnostic imaging standards for portable media in the revised RANZCR Standards of Practice, and a draft Principles Paper intended to offer high-level guidance for decision-makers when implementing digital imaging technology. The work is based on the internationally recognised Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise Portable Data for Imaging (IHE-PDI) profile.

What the report tells us

The report tells us that, while there are myriad problems one may encounter when implementing digital imaging technology, there is a potential solution. By influencing IT vendors to provide IHE-compliant products the radiology industry, and the referrer groups who rely on quality imaging for patient care, can begin to realise some more of the promised benefits of digital imaging.

Implications for RANZCR

This project will inform the revised College Standards of Practice.

The issue of digital imaging on portable media has been the source of a number of complaints from referrer craft groups to the College in recent years. There is an opportunity to continue to constructively engage with these craft groups around this issue, which may lead to more productive relationships as other issues arise.

College recommendations

The College continues to support the IHE process for digital imaging standards on portable media, and promotes the use of IHE compliant technology in radiology practice through the College Standards of Practice.

The College continues to establish and maintain working relationships with referrer groups so that the implementation of digital imaging technology into radiology is as mutually beneficial as practicable.