



# North Dakota Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Board of Examiners

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ND Medical Imaging Professionals:

Earlier this year the ND Legislature passed SB 2236. This legislation established the North Dakota Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Board of Examiners (NDCC Chapter 43-62). The responsibility of the board is to promote, preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare of North Dakota citizens having medical imaging studies performed for the purpose of medical diagnosis and therapy. Effective August 1, 2015, nine members were appointed to the board by the Governor to develop standards and adopt rules for personnel performing medical imaging or radiation therapy procedures in ND.

The Board has the responsibility to license and regulate personnel performing medical imaging procedures and radiation therapy treatments. This responsibility includes setting minimum standards for licensure, establishing scopes of practice, enforcing disciplinary actions, and further developing standards and adopting rules for the improvement of the administration of medical imaging or radiation therapy procedures in North Dakota. Additionally, properly licensed individuals will now be able to receive, relay and document verbal, written and electronic orders for medical imaging examinations in the patient's medical record.

The initial standard to achieve the time frame of the new law is to ensure licensure for individuals practicing: 1) nuclear medicine technologist; 2) radiation therapist; 3) radiographer; 4) radiologist assistant and; 5) sonographer. Criteria for the enclosed application have been established by the board for licensure before January 1, 2016. Practitioners or other individuals practicing medical imaging or radiation therapy under the jurisdiction of another ND regulatory and licensing board or agency are not subject to licensing by this board.

Exemptions from licensing by this board include:

- 1) A licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, surgeon, chiropractor, dentist or podiatrist, performing medical imaging or radiation therapy.
- 2) A dental assistant or dental hygienist licensed under NDCC Chapter 43-20.
- 3) A student enrolled in and attending a school or college of medicine, medical imaging or radiation therapy who performs medical imaging or radiation therapy procedures on humans while under the supervision of a licensed practitioner or radiographer, radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, radiologist assistant, or sonographer holding a

license in the medical imaging or radiation therapy modality which the student is enrolled or attending under this NDCC Chapter 43-62.

- 4) An individual administering medical imaging or radiation procedures and who is employed by the United States government when performing duties associated with that employment.
- 5) A nurse licensed under NDCC Chapter 43-12.1 who performs sonography on a focused imaging target to assess specific and limited information about a patient's immediate medical condition or to provide real-time visual guidance for another procedure.
- 6) A limited x-ray machine operator who meets the requirements of rules adopted by the state department of health under section 23-20.1-04.
- 7) Medical imaging performed as a part of a post-mortem examination or on other nonliving remains.
- 8) Medical imaging performed by emergency medical services personnel certified or licensed under section 23-27-04.3.

Please know that to ensure licensure before January 1, 2016, it is not the intent of the board to prevent imaging professionals from continuing to provide care after this date should extenuating circumstances occur. Rather, the board has been working diligently to create a straightforward initial licensure application form and fiscally responsible application and licensure fee. Upon approval of your application by the board, you will be mailed a license with a two-year term beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

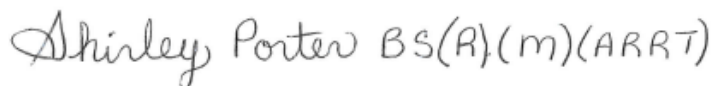
Please review and complete the enclosed licensure application form and return it along with copies of all credentialing and registration information and a check for the appropriate amount to:

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PO Box 398  
Bismarck, ND 58502

Please contact the board office with any questions regarding the application and licensure process.

Thank you for dedication to your chosen profession, your commitment to the highest quality of patient care and the continued protection of ND citizens.

Sincerely,



Shirley Porter, BS (R), (M), (ARRT)  
President

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