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DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY TRAINING GUIDELINES

MQSA **DOES NOT** require that the 8-hour FFDM training be in the form of CE credits.

RadComm, Inc. offers a 3.5 credit course in FFDM that is designed to introduce the technologist to new digital terminology and practices. This will serve as a valuable foundation in understanding digital mammography. With an additional 4.5 hours of “hands-on” digital training in the mammography department by a qualified and experienced FFDM technologist or medical physicist, the mammographer can satisfy the 8-hour MQSA FFDM training requirement. **The 4.5 hours of “hands-on” training does NOT earn continuing education credits.**

It is extremely important to obtain documentation from the training provider detailing the dates, hours in training, location, name and credentials of the instructor, and the content of the training. This documentation serves as evidence of the FFDM modality training requirement for MQSA.

It is also important to mention that MQSA **DOES NOT** specify the content of the instruction. Information related to image acquisition, patient positioning, equipment operation, technical selections, image critique, and quality control testing as outlined by the manufacturer are examples of information that may be included during the FFDM training sessions.

RadComm, Inc. is committed to your success in the field of mammography. We hope this information will resolve some of the confusion surrounding digital mammography training.

3.5 hours of Category A Training in Digital Mammography were obtained from RadComm, Inc. on

DATE

An additional 4.5 hours of training were completed at _____
NAME OF TRAINING FACILITY

I attest that I have assisted in the completion of this log and Digital Mammography Training for:

Signature of Technologist in Training Print Name Date

And to the best of my knowledge, the information is true and correct.

Signature of Supervising Technologist Print Name Date

The following training log must accompany this document.

Criteria and suggested times for the 4.5 hours of “hands-on” digital training are as follows:

Instrumentation	Dates of Training	Suggested Time – 30 Minutes	Actual Time
Equipment locks			
Compression device			
Spot and magnification			
Total Time			

Patient Preparations	Dates of Training	Suggested Time – 30 Minutes	Actual Time
Explanation of exam			
Personal care approach			
Screening versus Diagnostic			
Patient History and Reports			
Limited breast exam			
Total Time			

Positioning	Dates of Training	Suggested Time – 1 Hour	Actual Time
Standard views (CC & MLO)			
Performs different/additional views as necessary			
Appropriate amount of compression			
Proper technical factors			
Total Time			

Quality Control	Dates of Training	Suggested Time – 2 Hours	Actual Time
#1 Observed			
#2 Observed			
Total Time			

Computer Operation	Dates of Training	Suggested Time – 30 Minutes	Actual Time
Log in/Log out procedure			
Operating system log on			
Patient selection			
Exam/Procedure selection			
Edit patient information			
Exposure mode selection			
Transmitting images			
Changing images			
Adding images			
Deleting images			
Total Time			