ANNOUNCEMENT

To: Radiation Control Program Directors
   Mammography Contacts

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Subject: Stereotactic Worksheet and Instructions

The CRCPD H-11 Committee on Mammography has a charge to “develop guidance for facilities and inspectors regarding appropriate quality control tests and outcomes for stereotactic mammography facilities including dose and personnel qualifications.” In order to complete this charge, the committee has put together a survey form and instructions for inspectors to use when inspecting stereotactic facilities.

The committee surveyed the states and found that only approximately 15 actually inspected stereotactic units, and of those 15, even fewer actually had regulations that were specific to stereotactic mammography. There are currently greater than 3,000 stereotactic mammography units in the United States. FDA does not currently regulate these units, nor are there plans to do so in the near future. Therefore, the committee felt it was important to give states a tool to use as a guideline for inspecting these units.

I would like to thank all of those states that sent in templates of their inspection forms for us to use. I would also like to thank the H-11 committee members and advisors as well as many who served as peer reviewers for this document. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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