

# Alliance

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## **For Radiation Safety In Pediatric Imaging**

### **Statement of Purpose**

The Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging is a coalition of health care organizations dedicated to providing safe, high quality pediatric imaging nationwide.

The primary objective of the Alliance is to raise awareness in the imaging community of the need to adjust radiation dose when imaging children. The ultimate goal of the Alliance is to change practice.

The Alliance has chosen to focus first on computed tomography (CT) scans. The dramatic increase in the number of pediatric CT scans performed in the United States in the past five years and the rapid evolution, change and availability of CT technology and equipment well justify this Alliance strategy.

### **Founding Members**

The founding members of the Alliance include the Society of Pediatric Radiology, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the American College of Radiology and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. The founding members aim to:

- Develop educational resources for radiologists and technologists who perform CT scans in children in the United States.
- Craft messages to communicate the availability of these educational resources using a wide variety of electronic and print media and through networking with Alliance affiliate organizations, vendor partners, health care organizations, educational institutions and government agencies.
- Designate public spokespersons from the founding member organizations to present unified messages to the media and the public.

### **Affiliate Organizations**

The founding members of the Alliance are joined in these efforts by affiliate organizations. Affiliates invited to join the Alliance show support by agreeing to:

- Endorse the primary objective of raising awareness in the imaging community of the need to adjust radiation dose when imaging children and the ultimate goal of changing practice.
- Communicate Alliance messages through their organizations' electronic and print media on specified release dates.
- Communicate the Alliance's goals to their members and constituents through mail, email, conferences, and meetings
- Contribute to the body of knowledge contained on the Alliance Web site.
- Refer questions and media queries to the designated public spokespersons from the founding member organizations.

## **Vendor Partners**

The success of the Alliance depends on the support of vendor partners from the imaging community. Vendor partners show support by agreeing to:

- Endorse the primary objective of raising awareness in the imaging community of the need to adjust radiation dose when imaging children.
- Communicate Alliance messages through their staff and corporate customer networks on specified release dates.
- Incorporate Alliance messages in new equipment and upgrade training sessions for radiologists and technologists.
- Provide technical assistance that contributes to the body of knowledge contained on the Alliance Web site.
- Refer questions and media queries to the designated public spokespersons from the founding member organizations.

Through the unity gained in forming the Alliance for Safety in Pediatric Imaging the founding members, affiliate organizations and vendor partners will reach the goal of providing safe, high quality pediatric imaging nationwide.

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American Society of Radiologic Technologists  
American College of Radiology  
American Association of Physicists in Medicine