

Radiation Risks: Joint Commission Updates Sentinel Event Alert

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Joint Commission recently updated the addendum to its September 1, 2011, Sentinel Event Alert regarding the radiation risks of diagnostic imaging. Diagnostic radiation is an "effective tool that can save lives," Joint Commission says, but as radiation dose goes up so does the risk of long-term damage. Risks include cancer, burns, and other injuries. X-rays are classified as a carcinogen by several organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization. The update mostly involved fixing broken links and adding resources and references. It includes an updated link to a Sentinel Event Alert about the role of leadership in developing a safety culture. Updated references include the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's initiative to reduce unnecessary radiation exposure. A link to Joint Commission's frequently asked questions on radiation overdose was added to the resource list.

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