

## **DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE**

**Division: CONTINENTAL** 

Classification: MAMMOGRAPHER

**Applicant Name:** 

#### Mammographer:

The Mammographer must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.

### **Definition of Care or Service:**

The Mammographer works closely with the Radiologist to obtain images of the breast for breast cancer screening and diagnostic purposes.

Scope of service may include:

- Specializes in imaging the breast using screening and diagnostic mammography for detection of breast disease.
- Prepares patients for mammographic exam and explains procedures to patient to reduce anxieties and obtain patient cooperation.
- Obtains appropriate mammograms by using optimal positioning and technical factors.
- Assists patients onto exam table and may be required to assist patients to prevent falls.
- Demonstrates radiation safety by practicing ALARA to minimize radiation exposure to patient and staff.
- Completes related paperwork and obtains interpretation by radiologist.
- Gives patient appropriate images, paperwork, instructions, and information to complete exam.
- Ensures equipment is in working order and reports any equipment malfunctions to supervisor.
- Maintains stocked, neat and clean area including dressing rooms.
- Stocks supplies and clean linen including dressing rooms; collects soiled linens.
- Processes routine paperwork.
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.

#### Setting(s):

- Surgical services areas including but not limited to hospitals and outpatient surgery centers
- Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers, and physician practices

#### **Supervision:**

• Indirect supervision by Imaging Director or Radiologist.

**Evaluator:** Department director or designee in conjunction with supervising Radiologist.

Tier Level: 2

eSAF Access Required: No

#### Qualifications:

- Associate's degree or higher
- Registered as a Mammography Tech (M) by ARRT
- American Heart Association or Red Cross health care provider BLS Certification

NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

#### **State Requirements:**

N/A



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#### **Experience:**

N/A

#### **Preferred Experience:**

One year experience

#### Competencies:

The Mammographer will demonstrate:

- Produces diagnostic quality images without assistance or supervision. Uses good judgment in seeking assistance or supervision when needed.
- Uses correct technical factors or refers to posted techniques according to manufacturer guidelines. Adopts positioning techniques to various imaging situations.
- Follows established positioning protocols. Positions correctly with minimal exposure or repeats..
- Selects appropriate technical factors to ensure optimum exposure.
- Utilizes appropriate patient immobilization to prevent motion and repeats.
- Performs repeat images when positioning or technical quality is not optimal.
- Understands basic radiation safety knowledge when working with a patient who has been injected for sentinel node with radioisotopes.
- Sets up patient, supplies, and equipment before notifying radiologist to begin procedures. Assists radiologists as needed during procedures. Anticipate the radiologist's needs and has appropriate supplies and equipment ready for immediate use.
- Assists with quality control, compliance and/or OSHA, HIPPA, ACR, AAAHC requirements.
- Prints images as needed for surgical procedures/surgical specimen to send with specimen to the pathology department.
- Performs all imaging exams in an efficient and professional manner. Communicates with patients to gain their cooperation.
- Assists in correct lifting techniques and obtains assistance when needed to prevent employee or patient
  injury when moving a patient to or from a wheelchair, bed, stretcher, or imaging table. Transports
  patients in a safe and responsible manner.
- Provides a safe environment for patients.
- Uses at least two methods of identifiers before treating or performing a procedure.
- Understands and follows established radiation safety procedures. Uses appropriate radiation safety devices to protect self, others, and the patient.
- Participates in the pre-procedure "time out" process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process.
- Remains with patients in imaging rooms if they present any risk of falling or being injured due to their observed age, physical, mental, or emotional condition.
- Takes appropriate precautions to prevent patient falls or injury. Ensures that unstable patients are not left alone on imaging tables.
- Accurate patient information review and evaluation.
- Complies with local, state and federal regulations.
- Uses appropriate image markers and ensures ALL patient demographics are on the image.
- Infection Prevention
  - Practices consistent hand hygiene
  - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) when required
  - o Required immunizations per Division requirements
  - Complies with Isolation precautions
  - Maintains sterile field



**References:** 

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