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The Armstrong County Memorial Hospital School of Radiologic Technology has updated their policy in regard to placement of students in the mammography clinical rotations for observation and/or performance of breast imaging. (Additionally, the policy may be applied to any imaging procedures performed by professionals who are of the opposite gender of the patient.) Under this policy, all students will be offered the opportunity to participate in mammography rotations.

It is the obligation of Armstrong County Memorial Hospital School of Radiologic Technology to provide equitable learning opportunities for all students. Equitable means dealing fairly with all students, but does not necessarily mean equal. With regard to mammography, the program will schedule all students (females and males) in a mammography rotation during the second year of education. The Imaging Services department of Armstrong County Memorial Hospital does not have a policy that restricts male technologists from performing professional responsibilities in the mammography suite.

All students are taught breast anatomy and mammography positioning and pertinent patient medical history in the reproductive didactic course. The student will be scheduled in the mammography rotation following the reproductive course. During a student's rotation in mammography, a mammography technologist demonstrates the mechanisms of the mammography equipment and describes the functions to the students. Students are also given the opportunity to participate in routine mammography procedures, both screening and diagnostic. During the student's scheduled rotational assignment, the student also has the opportunity to observe special procedures being performed in the breast imaging suite.

The program feels that it is beneficial for female students to participate in the mammography imaging procedures. The female student would be at a disadvantage in the workforce where there is a demand for appropriately educated professionals to address the needs of patients. Clinical site policies may also be applicable upon employment in regard to access for males to pursue a career in mammography. Regardless, ACMH School of Radiologic Technology will equitably schedule all students in the breast imaging suite.

Students will be informed as to when they will be scheduled in the mammography rotation. If a student does not wish to participate in this rotation, the student must make this request in writing to program officials. Another clinical assignment will be provided in lieu of the mammography rotation and a clinical evaluation will be obtained for this new assignment.

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The change in the program's policy regarding student clinical rotations in mammography is based on the sound rationale presented in a position statement on student mammography clinical rotations adopted by the Board of Directors of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) at its April 2016 meeting. The JRCERT position statement is included as Addendum A to the program's policy and is also available on the JRCERT Web site, www.jrcert.org, Programs and Faculty, Program Resources.