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Strategic Radiology Establishes Patient Safety Organization

Creation of PSO enables SR to deliver world-class patient safety on a national scale.

March 8, 2013 — Strategic Radiology (SR) announced today that it has taken the necessary steps to establish Strategic Radiology Patient Safety Organization LLC, a Patient Safety Organization (PSO), by seeking formal certification from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The PSO is supported by all 15 member groups and is the first to be established by radiologists. This organized and collaborative effort will serve to facilitate the exchange and evaluation of clinical and quality data to help improve patient care in the regional markets served by SR members and beyond. Radiology industry veteran Lisa Mead, RN, MS, CPHQ, has been retained to direct the operations of the PSO and to leverage the collective experience found within SR membership to create a safety organization that can serve as a national model.

“Providing the highest level of quality care in the safest environment possible is one of the fundamental core values found in all of our Strategic Radiology group practices,” said Arl Van Moore, MD, FACR, Chairman of Strategic Radiology. “Taking this logical step to establish a Patient Safety Organization validates our commitment to delivering quality radiology services to our patients in the respective practice regions across the country, a commitment to serve our communities that we all have held for many years.”

PSOs share the goal of improving the quality and safety of healthcare delivery. Because PSOs and their provider members can offer confidentiality and privilege protections to healthcare data and analysis in relation to patient safety activities and share this information with their members, quality will be improved through the identification and reduction of risks and hazards associated with patient care. PSO participants are part of a national network focused on the reduction of adverse patient events.

“The fact that Strategic Radiology Patient Safety Organization LLC embodies the collective wisdom of 15 nationally recognized radiology group practices is very significant,” said Lisa Mead, RN, MS, CPHQ, SR's Director of Quality and Patient

Safety. "The initiation of this PSO underscores the fundamental purpose of Strategic Radiology to leverage the inherent expertise within member groups to ensure that quality and service to patients and referring physicians remains at the forefront of radiology. And with such a heightened awareness from consumers in regards to safety related to their healthcare experience, along with more interest in radiation dosage management, the timing for this move is very responsible."

SR consists of 15 radiology group practices representing more than 1000 radiologists. Founded in 2008, SR's goal is to achieve higher quality patient care and more cost efficient delivery of medical imaging and image guided services and therapies through an integrated approach of shared data and best practices, interchanging clinical expertise, and consolidating certain practice expenses. More information can be found on the SR website at <http://www.strategicradiology.org>.

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