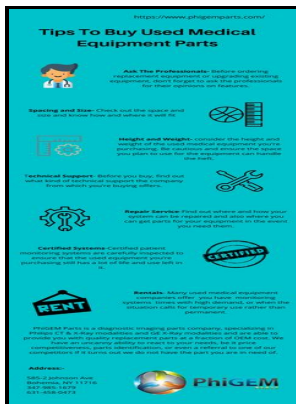


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## Performance Measures in Radiology

This article introduces the measure development process, beginning with topic selection, followed by measure development and testing, National Quality Forum endorsement, and implementation.

## Quality and Standards

To improve the safety and quality of the care that radiologists provide, and to allow radiologists and radiology personnel to remain competitive in an increasingly complex environment, it is essential that all imaging departments establish and maintain managed, comprehensive, and effective performance improvement programmes. The practice of medicine involves not only the science, but also the art of dealing with the prevention, diagnosis, alleviation, and treatment of disease. The practice parameters and technical standards will be adopted, adopted as amended, not adopted, or referred to the Board of Chancellors for action.

## PAHO/WHO

The variety and complexity of human conditions make it impossible to always reach the most appropriate diagnosis or to predict with certainty a particular response to treatment. Document Drafting A writing committee is constituted prior to drafting or revising documents for a given year.

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Even before the team formed, the department had a results communication solution embedded within its dictation system to expeditiously deliver imaging findings to referring clinicians. In 2001, the Institute of Medicine published the report Crossing the quality chasm, which specified six goals for healthcare quality improvement efforts: that healthcare be safe, effective, patient-centred, timely, efficient, and equitable Committee on Quality of Health Care in America 2001.

## Quality and Standards

Thus, an approach that differs from the parameters, standing alone, does not necessarily imply that the approach was below the standard of care. Document Approval The final documents are sent to the relevant collaborating societies for acknowledgement if they are going through the Council

approval process. Many UMMC patients, especially those in the emergency department ED , undergo imaging studies that frequently reveal potentially clinically relevant incidental findings, such as pulmonary nodules.

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