

Policy on the Use of the EARL FDG-PET/CT Accreditation Signet



As indicated in the manual for EARL FDG-PET/CT accreditation, sites which fulfill all standard requirements are granted accreditation and are listed on the EARL website as accredited PET/CT center of excellence. Furthermore accredited sites will receive the "EARL FDG PET/CT accreditation signet" indicating the respective year (short: signet), which is the property of the EANM Research Ltd. (EARL).

- ❖ EARL grants to the site, represented by the head of the nuclear medicine or imaging department, a non-transferable, non-exclusive, limited right to use the signet. The head of the department is responsible for the implementation of the "signet policy" hereunder.
- ❖ The signet can be used on the institute's website (EARL strongly encourages the site to link the signet to the EARL's website: <http://earl.eanm.org>), on the accredited scanner, as well as on stationary and collateral material.
- ❖ The site is required to use the authorized signet that is provided by EARL and is not allowed to perform any changes. The minimum size of the logo is 45 mm or 530 pixels.
- ❖ As soon as the site is not granted re-accreditation due to non-, late- (after extended deadline) submission of QC documents or repeated failure of meeting the standard requirements, the signet must be removed from the institute's website and all other materials where the signet is indicated, within two weeks.
- ❖ EARL reserves the right to take appropriate action in the event of a breach of this policy. Possible actions may include, but are not limited to, revoking accreditation status, removing the name of the accredited site from the EARL website and/or instituting legal proceedings with the appropriate authorities. Any suspected misuse of the signet should be referred to earl@eanm.org
- ❖ EARL will inform the site in writing in case of change of signet policy or design of the signet.

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Date, Signature of head of imaging or NM department 4-7-16 

Statement

EARL initiated a quality control (QC) and accreditation program to support imaging sites to meet the requirements indicated in the "FDG PET and PET/CT: EANM procedure guidelines for tumour PET imaging: version 2.0."(*)

- ❖ As prerequisite, the department pledges itself to perform all FDG PET/CT oncology examinations, at least all quantitative FDG PET and PET/CT oncology examinations, strictly as described in the present guideline (*), to provide a minimum standard for the acquisition and interpretation of PET and PET/CT scans with [18F]-fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG).
- ❖ The department assures to operate QC experiments in no way other than described in the present guideline (*).
- ❖ The department ensures to send the results of QC experiments, which include calibration QC, Image Quality QC, as well as corresponding SOP (standardized operating procedure) forms regularly to EARL as specified in the "Manual for EARL FDG PET/CT Accreditation".
- ❖ The department confirms to not perform any changes concerning QC experiments or other procedures described in the present guideline (*) without prior written consent of EARL.
- ❖ The department agrees to maintain all devices involved (PET and PET/CT camera's, dose calibrators, well counters, clocks, scales) according to the manufacturer's recommendations and/or as required by national legislation.
- ❖ If an updated version of the present guideline (*) is published by EANM, the department will be notified and takes on the obligation to implement the amendments within a period stated by EARL.

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