Varian and TreatSafely Offering a New Course on the Safe Use of Varian Technology in the Clinical Setting

Other physics courses through Varian’s Education Centers now eligible for CAMPEP continuing education credits

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – August 5, 2013 – Using Varian technology to empower a culture of safety is the goal of a new class called “Optimizing Departmental Workflow, Improving Quality and Safety,” being offered through the Varian Medical Systems Training Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. The course, which addresses the safe use of Varian products in a clinical setting, was developed by Varian in collaboration with TreatSafely, a group dedicated to the development of novel teaching and mentoring programs that improve quality and safety in radiation medicine.

“Radiation safety is of the utmost importance to us at Varian, and also, to the clinicians who use our technology to help thousands of cancer patients every year,” said Sue Merritt, senior manager of clinical training for the Americas. “This class is designed to help physicists, therapists, dosimetrists, and everyone on the clinical staff to implement best safety practices within their environments.”

The course addresses incident learning, root cause analysis, what steps to take before and after an incident occurs, proactive and retroactive cause and incident prevention. Videos are used that simulate real-life scenarios and discussed in class. Participants are armed with reference materials to take back to their facilities. The next two classes have been scheduled for October 4-6 and December 12-14, 2013.

In addition, other physics courses delivered at Varian’s Training Center in Las Vegas are now qualified to receive continuing education (CE) units accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Educations Programs (CAMPEP).

“We are pleased to now offer these CE units for our physics courses.” said Sue Merritt, senior manager of clinical training for the Americas. “This is a great option for physicists who need to fulfill their CE requirements. Customers who purchase Varian equipment and then travel to Las Vegas for training will now be able to receive CE units for the physics courses they take.”

Please note: these courses do not cover all the product-specific safety information that users of Varian technology need. For official safety information, users should refer to the official “instructions for use” and other product documentation available at on the MyVarian website (http://myvarian.com/).

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