(Tuesday) ABSTRACT: ACR MRI Accreditation Update (Branham)

In October, 2008, the ACR MRI Accreditation Program was updated to a more flexible, modular process. The ACR MR Accreditation process includes the initial application, and the submission of clinical and phantom images and forms.

The medial physicist plays a critical role in the accreditation process, along with the lead technologist and the supervising radiologist. A team approach is necessary to ensure that all information is accurate and appropriate for the examinations (both clinical and phantom) submitted for accreditation. The medical physicist should assist the facility in assessing the condition of the scanner as well as optimizing the clinical protocols.

This lecture will provide a brief overview of the application steps, and some of the most common problems encountered during clinical portion of the accreditation submission.

Educational Objectives:
1. Understand the basics of the ACR MR Accreditation process.
2. Understand the relationship of the medical physicist in this process as it relates to clinical protocols.
3. Understand some of the most common pitfalls and misconceptions in the accreditation process.