POLICY FOR ALTERNATE PATHWAY TO CERTIFICATION IN DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY
FOR OSTEOPATHIC (DO) PHYSICIANS

INTRODUCTION:

Physicians who have completed their radiology residency in osteopathic hospital systems in the United States or Canada are considered eligible for the Alternate Pathway for Osteopathic Physicians. If they have completed a clinical year at an ACGME, AOA, or RCPSC approved program, and four years of diagnostic radiology training at a facility approved by the American Osteopathic College of Radiology and the American Osteopathic Association (http://www.aocr.org/residency/training_programs.asp), they are eligible to pursue certification by the American Board of Radiology through either of two pathways, the Standard (ACGME residency) Pathway or the Alternate Pathway.

ALTERNATE PATHWAY:

The Alternate Pathway is available at institutions with an ACGME accredited residency program and requires the sponsorship of the department chair of the institution in which the Osteopathic Physician (DO) is a faculty member or fellow. The department chair establishes a four-year plan with the individual, attests to the plan in writing to the ABR, and monitors and reports to the ABR on a yearly basis the individual DO’s progress on the path to certification. The required admission process to the alternate pathway to ABR certification is: (1) documentation of service and certification obtained, as described on the ABR website https://theabr.org/diagnostic-radiology/initial-certification/alternate-pathways/do-pathway;

(2) American Osteopathic Board of Radiology (AOBR) certification; (3) submission of the completed and signed form, “Sponsoring Department Agreement: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) Alternate Pathway for Diagnostic Radiology Certification”; and (4) submission of completed and signed registration form and application fee. The ABR retains the right and responsibility to exercise Board discretion concerning the request of any individual to enter the examination process.

Alternate Pathway to Diagnostic Radiology Certification
The DO must serve four continuous years as a full-time member of the department in any combination of the following categories: resident, fellow or faculty. The four-year experience must include 4 months of Nuclear Medicine training.

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