



News from the Ohio Radiological Society

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Name Change:

It's official! The new name of the association representing Radiologists in Ohio is now the **Ohio Radiological Society (ORS)**. For years, there was confusion among the medical community and others as to whether we were associated with that large university in Columbus, Ohio. While we represent many physicians from Columbus, the ORS represents radiologists from all over the state.

Ohio Senate Bill 236 - Radiation Control and Radiation Technology Professionals

The ORS has identified a few areas in state law that are counter-productive to providing the best services to patients in the most efficient and effective manner and has initiated [Senate Bill 236](#) to help solve these problems.

[Section 3748.04](#) of the Ohio Revised Code does not allow the Director of the Ohio Department of Health discretion to use standards any less stringent than “suggested state regulations for control of radiation” prepared by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. Ohio is the only state where the Health Director’s hands are inappropriately tied to a private, non-profit member organization. This legislation would require the Director to *consider* those recommendations that are “suggested” by this private group to determine if they are appropriate in Ohio. The recommended suggestions would no longer become automatic mandates in Ohio.

Senate Bill 236 also seeks to address an inefficiency within the scope of practice of nuclear medicine technologists and radiographers. Currently, the documenting of contrast and radio-pharmaceuticals administered by radiographers and nuclear medicine technologists can be entered into an electronic medical record only after a second prescription is ordered by the radiologist just for that documentation.

The prescription requirement for documentation into an electronic medical record is unnecessary; however, the Pharmacy Board is having considerable success in enforcing this requirement. Senate Bill 236 would explain that the documenting of these orders can be processed using an institution’s clinical guidelines, which are established by the clinical leadership of the institution. These changes would in no way increase any provider’s scope of practice, but instead clarify what is already being done.

The Ohio Radiological Society worked with the Ohio Hospital Association, the Ohio State Medical Association and the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists to help us to develop these minor, but significant changes.

Please Help Support the Ohio Radiological Society

2020 is an election year. The Ohio Radiological Society Political Action Committee ([ORSPAC](#)) is able to provide limited contributions to candidates that are working to help with SB 236 and other important bills with modest contributions, but we need to be doing more for Radiology. Please consider joining the [PAC](#) and help your profession get stronger in Ohio.

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