

CBRPA EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT and ADMINISTRATION

Purpose: The purpose of the CBRPA examination is to assess the knowledge and cognitive skills required for the intelligent performance of the major tasks assigned to the Radiology Practitioner Assistant (RPA). The examination requires a level of knowledge required to perform tasks, to recognize disease processes and an understanding of the principles underlying appropriate patient management.

The CBRPA certification examination is not intended to test everything contained in an educational curriculum. The intended use of the examination is to identify those candidates who have mastered the knowledge necessary to function at an advanced practice level of a physician extender or mid-level health professional.

Content Categories: The content categories outline the areas covered on the examination and were determined by what the RPA must know in order to perform competently on the job. Each content category comprises the knowledge and skills necessary to competently perform the tasks incorporated into each category. The content categories are as follows.

- ▶ **Pharmacology**
- ▶ **Patient Education**
- ▶ **Patient Assessment and Management**
- ▶ **Risk Management**
- ▶ **Medical Ethics and Law**
- ▶ **Computerized Imaging**
- ▶ **Radiobiology**
- ▶ **Professional Communication**
- ▶ **Image Evaluation – Addresses the interdependence of the evaluation of images, disease processes and patient management. Content includes the items listed below in relation to body systems.**
 - **Pathophysiology** **Osseous system**
 - **Clinical Pathways** **Chest**
 - **Patient Management** **Cardiovascular**
 - **Sectional Anatomy** **Gastrointestinal**
 - **Trauma** **Genitourinary**
 - **Invasive imaging** **Abdomen**
 - **Non-Vascular Invasive** **Central Nervous System**
Facial Bones and Jaw
- ▶ **Case Studies with actual cases presented.**

Examination Committee: Committee members are appointed by the CBRPA Board of Directors. Each member is appointed for four years and may be reappointed. Areas of expertise are important for accuracy of content; therefore, health professionals who are not technologists may serve on the committee as consultants. Radiologist consultants are utilized whenever needed. A CBRPA representative serves as a liaison to the CBRPA Board of Directors.

Examination Process: Each candidate must submit an application and validation of competency from their respective radiologist preceptors. Upon confirmation of program completion, the candidate is notified of their acceptance to sit for the certification examination. The candidates are given 3 1/2 hours to complete the examination and are notified of the results by mail.

Examination Dates: The CBRPA examination dates are the last Friday in February, the third Friday in May and the last Friday in September of each year, unless a holiday or other circumstances are a conflict, then the examination date is moved to the following week.