

Policy Title:	Availability of Radiation Oncologists during Radiation Treatment	
Applies To:	Radiation Oncologists	
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Sponsor:	Senior Director, Cancer Care Senior Medical Director, Cancer Care	
Issuing Authority:	VP Operations, Central Zone	
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POLICY STATEMENTS

1. At all times when radiation treatment is being given, a Radiation Oncologist must be present at the radiation treatment facility.
 - 1.1. This includes regular working hours and when treatment services are being delivered outside of regular hours (as per [NSHA CAN-RT-070 Emergent Radiation Therapy Delivery Outside Regular Treatment Hours](#)).
 - Treatment facilities include Cape Breton Regional Hospital and QEII Health Science Centre.

PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

It is important that the radiation therapy team is able to access a Radiation Oncologist when radiation treatment services are being delivered.

REFERENCES

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Canadian Partnership for Quality Radiotherapy. (2015). *Quality assurance guidelines for Canadian radiation treatment programs*. QRT.2015.12.03. Retrieved from <http://www.cpqr.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/QRT2015-12-03.pdf>

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VERSION HISTORY

Version:	Effective:	Approved by:	What's changed:
Original	2018-06-27	VP Operations, Central Zone	Formerly CL-ONR-025
Revised / Reaffirmed	2021-07-27	Senior Director, Cancer Care Senior Medical Director, Cancer Care	Standard Review - Removed Exception that RO may be at Dalhousie Med School and provide contact information.