Name of Policy: Director of Non-Invasive Cardiac Imaging Responsibilities

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Approving Officer: Chief Executive Officer-UTMC

Responsible Agent: Director of Cardiovascular Services

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New policy proposal

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## (A) Policy Statement

The Medical Director of Cardiac Imaging of the Heart Station within the Heart and Vascular Center will be responsible for the medical quality, accuracy and appropriateness of digital cardiac procedures performed.

## (B) Purpose of Policy

To provide the highest quality of cardiac diagnostic testing.

## (C) Procedure

- There should be direct and open lines of communication between the Cardiac Imaging Director, the Director of Cardiac Services, the Cardiovascular Echocardiography Technologists, the Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine Technologists, and the Database Specialist.
- 2. There shall be regular meetings with the Director of Cardiac Imaging, the Echocardiography Technologists, and physicians.
- 3. The Imaging Director shall be involved in the changing or establishing of current or new test procedures.
- 4. The Imaging Director shall be involved in the identification and selection of new equipment used for patient testing.
- 5. The Imaging Director shall evaluate the quality of tests performed.
- 6. The Imaging Director shall have input and approve specific Cardiac Service policies.
- 7. The Imaging Director shall be involved in the echocardiography quality improvement activities.
- 8. The Imaging Director shall evaluate the appropriateness of cardiac imaging tests ordered.
- 9. The Imaging Director shall ensure the timely interpretation of cardiac imaging procedures.
- 10. The Imaging Director will address any discrepancies in interpretation during review of variability,
  - a. timeliness, completeness, and correlation with the interpreting cardiologist.

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