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General Comment

electronic signature should be implemented cross the board from radiation therapy external beam therapy either LINAC based or radioactive materials based (e.g. using Cobalt-60 radioactive source), and Brachytherapy using radioactive seeds in the format of manual implant (e.g. using I-125 seeds, Ir-192 or Pd-103) or using radioactive source in the format of an afterloader (e.g. Ir-192). As electronic medical records in health care is almost a standard, one should accept electronic signature everywhere. Certainly, rules and measures must be in place to ensure e-signature meeting the seven requirements proposed in the draft. To implement electronic signature will reduce physical paper work and increase efficiency, and could be a more reliable way of storing medical documents.

As a health care worker and a person in charge of radiation therapy and safety, I see clearly the benefit of implementing the electronic signatures.

Currently, we do both in paper and electronic format, which is a duplicate of work and waste of resource.

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