The radiography program sponsored by Pima Medical Institute has revised its policy, effective on May 30, 2016, regarding the placement of students in mammography clinical rotations to observe and/or perform breast imaging. (Additionally, the policy may be applied to hysterosalpingograms.)

Under this revised policy, all students, male and female, will be offered the opportunity to participate in mammography clinical rotations. While the program will make every effort to place a male student in a mammography clinical rotation if requested, the following is in place:

1. The Radiography program is not in a position to override clinical setting policies that can restrict clinical experiences in mammography only to female students.
2. Male students are advised that placement in a mammography rotation is not guaranteed and is subject to the availability of a clinical setting that allows males to participate in mammographic imaging procedures.
3. The program will not deny female students the opportunity to participate in mammography rotations if clinical settings are not available to provide the same opportunity to male students.

The change in the program’s policy regarding student clinical rotations in mammography is based on the sound rationale presented in a position statement on student mammography clinical rotations adopted by the Board of Directors of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) at its April 2016 meeting. The JRCERT position statement is included as Addendum A to the program’s policy and is also available on the JRCERT Web site, www.jrcert.org, under Programs & Faculty, Program Resources.