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***Radiologist Peer Review  
Program Implementation***


*Improving Quality, Enabling Collaboration and Innovating Continuously*

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## The Joint Department of Medical Imaging (JDMI)


- **Largest** MI program in Canada
- **700+** staff **85+** sub-specialized radiologists
- **695,000+** exams annually
- **110** trainees annually


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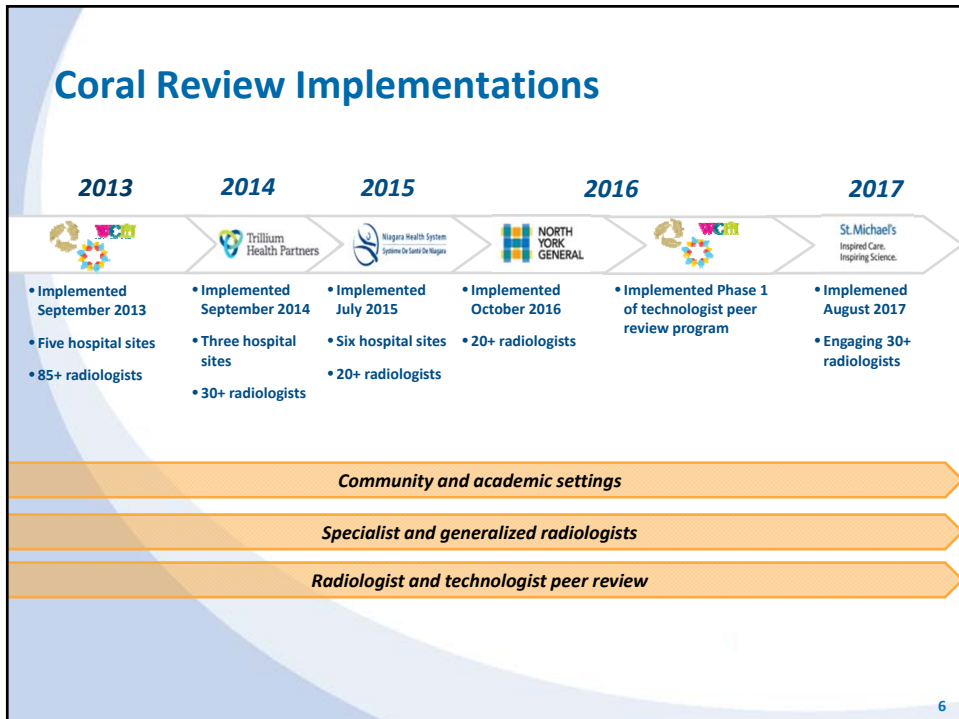
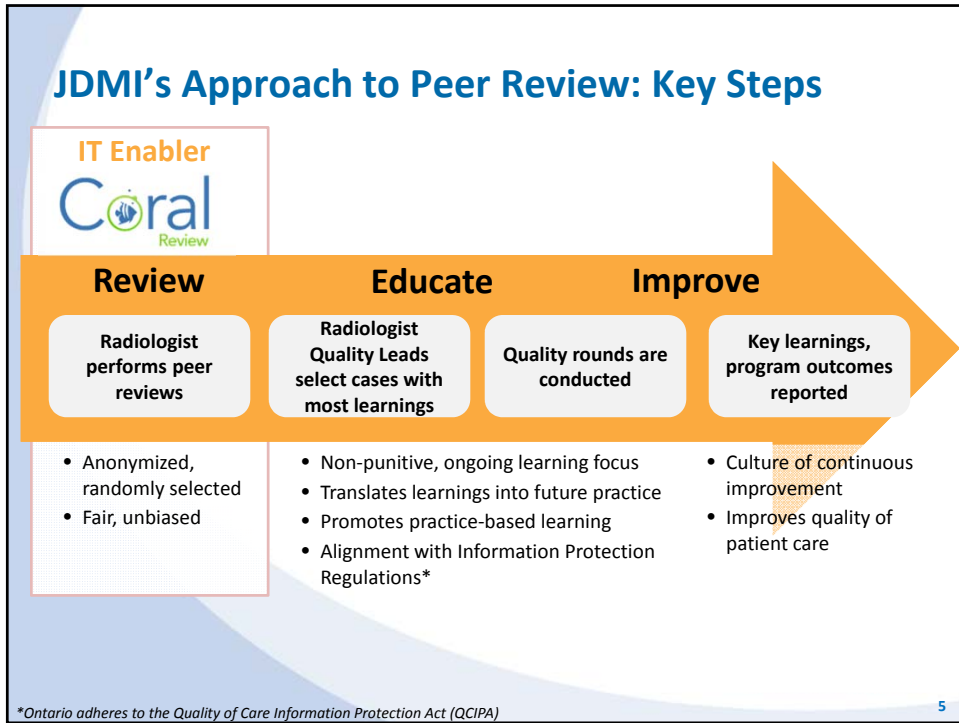
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## Peer Review: Definition & Principles







- Radiologist peer review is an important quality assurance tool involving the assessment of diagnostic accuracy between peers through educational mechanisms
- Through the promotion of peer education and learning in medical imaging practice, radiologists are able to identify opportunities for additional education and self-improvement
- Program Principles
  - **Non-punitive**, ongoing learning focus
  - **Anonymous review** allowing for unbiased review from the perspective of both diagnosis and relationship with the reporter.
  - **Second radiologist** reviews original clinical interpretation of case
  - Classification of peer review findings (**4-point scoring scale**)\*
  - **Random selection** of studies for review on a regular scheduled basis
  - Defined **policies and procedures** for action taken in the event of a significantly discrepant finding
  - **Retrospective**, within days of original report verification
  - Clearly defined **data security** practices
  - Exams and procedures representative of the **actual clinical practice** of each radiologist

\*Based on the American College of Radiology (ACR) and Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) guidelines and recommendations for Peer Review in Radiology

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## Key Features: Coral Review

-  Developed in-house by JDMI IT team
-  4 point score submission
-  RIS Integration
-  Image, indication and relevant prior viewing
-  Peer Review notification directly to users' email
-  Data analytics interface

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## Coral Review Successes

### Radiologist survey conducted at Trillium Health partners

-  55% learned new information to incorporate into their own practice
-  55% selected Quality Rounds to be the most valuable aspect
-  55% develop more comprehensive reports

### Leadership Recognition of Coral Review

**HealthAchieve**

Health Quality Transformation 2015

**OHA** ONTARIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

**RSNA** Radiological Society of North America

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Survey conducted in 2015 at Trillium Health Partners; N = 11

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## Future Initiatives Related to Peer Review



**Expansion of the Radiologist Peer Review program across Ontario**



**Development of Image Quality Criteria for the Purpose of Technologist Peer Review**

- Collaboration with **5 Ontario Hospital sites** across **6 modalities**: General Radiography, CT, MRI, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine and Mammography



**Implementation of Technologist Peer Review program across modalities**

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