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### **SASCRO statement on itinerant practice as it relates to Prostate Seed Implants**

SASCRO takes its guidance from the HPCSA's General Ethical Rule 6 (as published under Government Notice R717 in Government Gazette 29079 of 4 August 2006, and as amended by subsequent Government Notices) "*[a] practitioner may conduct a regularly recurring itinerant practice at a place where another practitioner is established if, in such itinerant practice, such practitioner renders the same level of service to patients, at the same fee as the service which he or she would render in the area in which he or she is conducting a resident practice.*

SASCRO's view is that such radiation oncologists must deliver the exact same level of service as at their resident practice. It is SASCRO's contention that Oncologists should personally consult with patients and do an independent assessment of such patients' suitability for such procedure. Such consultation should include a full explanation of all the possible treatment options in order to ensure that the patient is in a position to give full informed consent. SASCRO deems it inappropriate to order radio-active seeds for such procedure without the above having been done personally.

SASCRO is further of the opinion that such oncologist should be available to manage any complications and to follow up such patients after the seed implant.

SASCRO would like to re-iterate that it remains our position that this procedure must be done by an implant team consisting of the following: urologist, oncologist and medical physicist, it is our opinion that both the clinicians should decide on the most appropriate treatment.

SASCRO would suggest that individuals who offer an itinerant practice contact their professional indemnity society and discuss their level of indemnity cover for such practice.