

IAEA Human Health Programme



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“The Agency shall seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, **health** and prosperity throughout the world”

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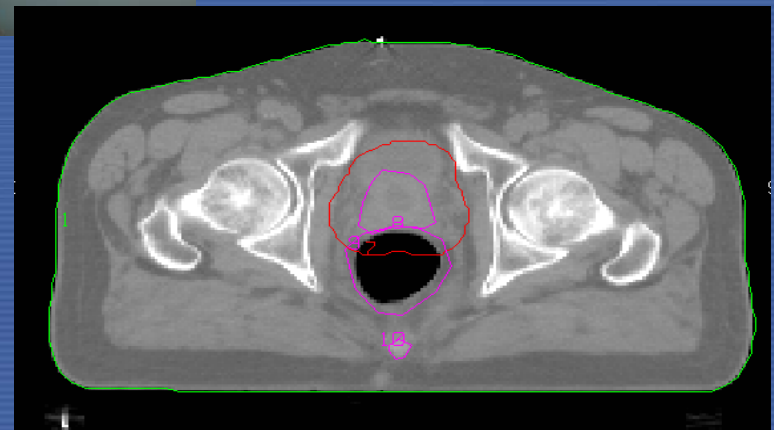
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Clinical Uses of Radiation



- Radiation Therapy
- Nuclear Scans

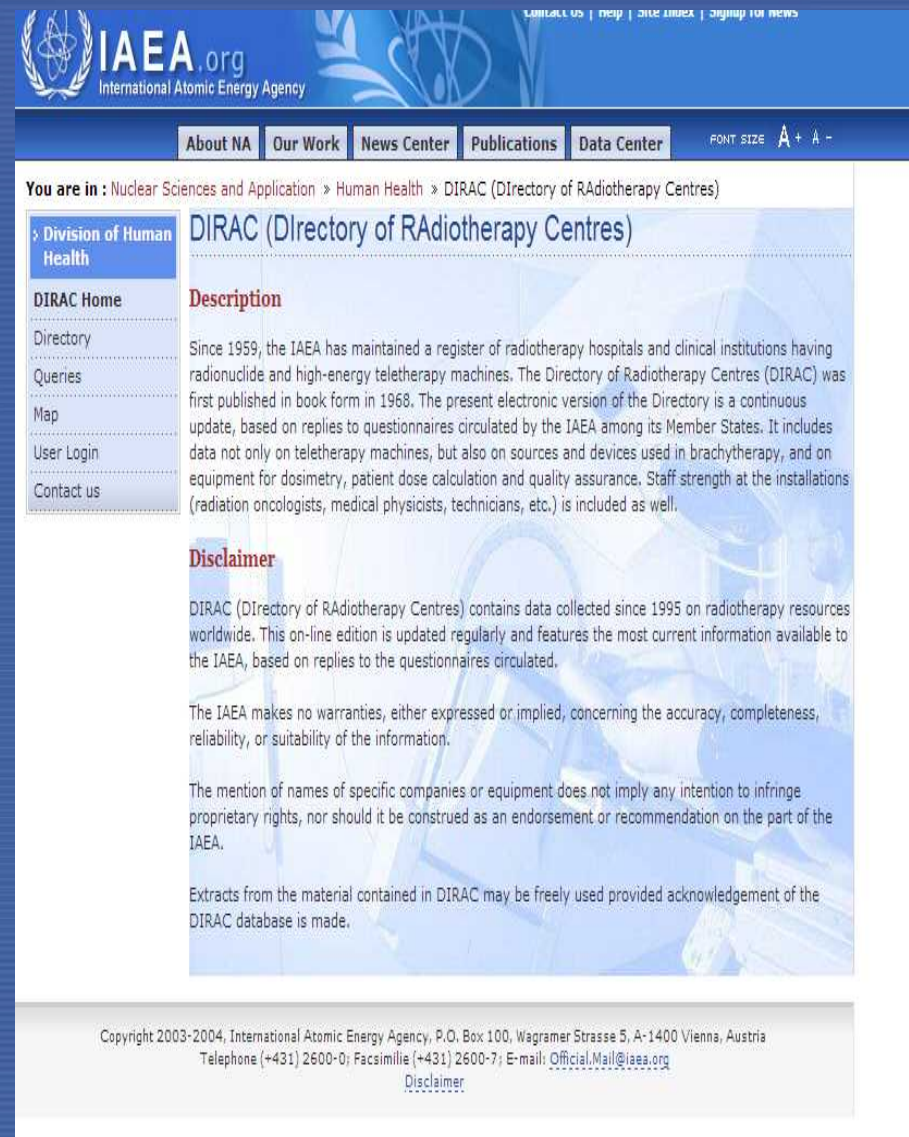


Steps in the implementation and use of Nuclear Techniques



Assessing Treatment Needs

- DIRAC Data base
- imPACT Missions:
 - National authorities, IAEA, WHO, IARC, other partners.



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DIRAC (Directory of Radiotherapy Centres)

Description

Since 1959, the IAEA has maintained a register of radiotherapy hospitals and clinical institutions having radionuclide and high-energy teletherapy machines. The Directory of Radiotherapy Centres (DIRAC) was first published in book form in 1968. The present electronic version of the Directory is a continuous update, based on replies to questionnaires circulated by the IAEA among its Member States. It includes data not only on teletherapy machines, but also on sources and devices used in brachytherapy, and on equipment for dosimetry, patient dose calculation and quality assurance. Staff strength at the installations (radiation oncologists, medical physicists, technicians, etc.) is included as well.

Disclaimer

DIRAC (Directory of Radiotherapy Centres) contains data collected since 1995 on radiotherapy resources worldwide. This on-line edition is updated regularly and features the most current information available to the IAEA, based on replies to the questionnaires circulated.

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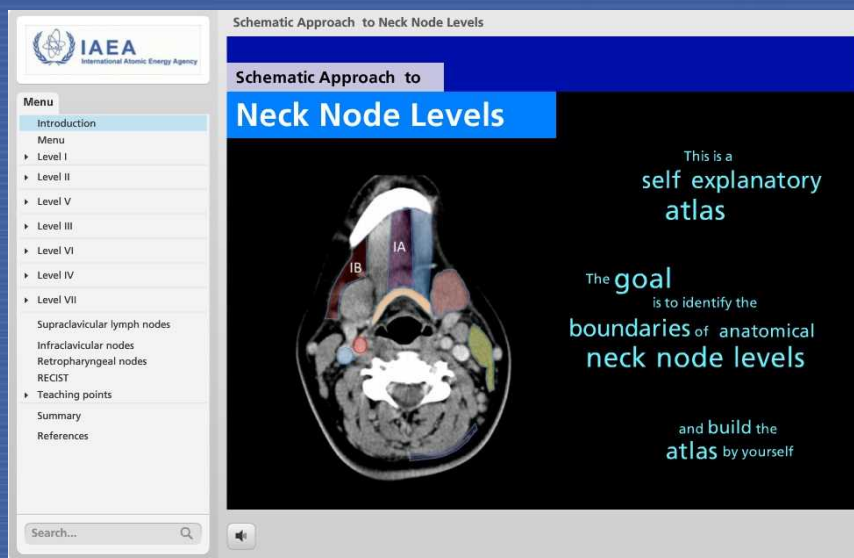
Distance Assisted Training (DATOL) Online

- Three year competency-based online program training Nuclear Medicine technologists.
 - 15 years + 800 trained technologists + 25 countries
 - >40 subjects delivered in 16 Modules, ~900 hrs of study.
 - Conventional nuclear medicine basic science, clinical imaging (Part 1)
 - Emission tomography SPECT (-CT) (Part 2)
- Certificate of achievement providing National recognition

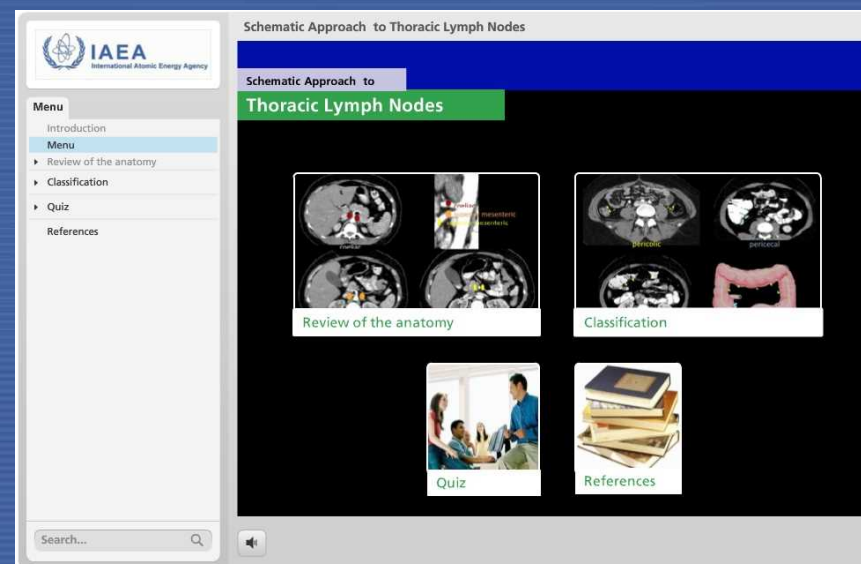
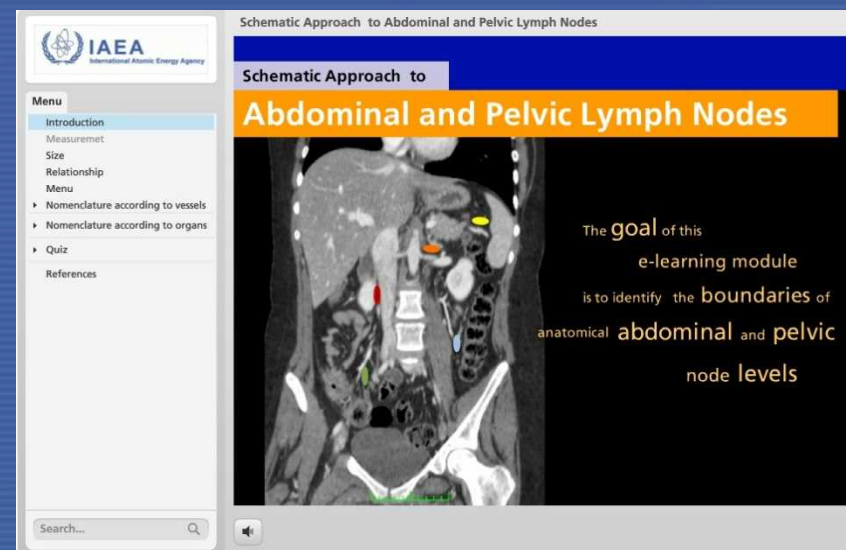


Interactive eLearning Modules

- Interactive E-learning modules that enhance the self-directed learning experience.
- Improved efficiency in education and expand educational opportunities in remote areas.

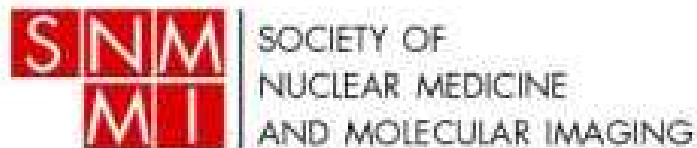


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Online CT & PET/CT Training

- Partnership with Professional organizations (SNMMI)
- Part of a Lifelong learning program
- Assistance in providing Online Training on CT and PET/CT for 600 nuclear medicine physicians and radiologists in IAEA Member States worldwide



Applied Sciences of Oncology (ASO) distance learning course



- 2 CDs
- Downloadable from the Human Health Campus
- 8 chapters
- 80 modules
- Interactive questions and answers

Education of RTTs

- Update the Syllabus
- Courses in Latin America
- CD in Spanish
- Train-the-Trainers (ESTRO/IAEA)

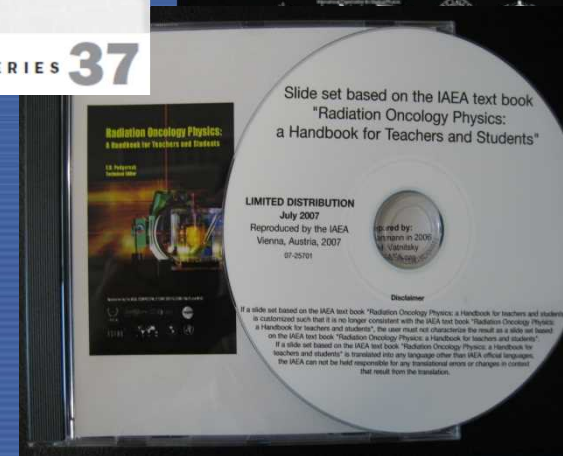
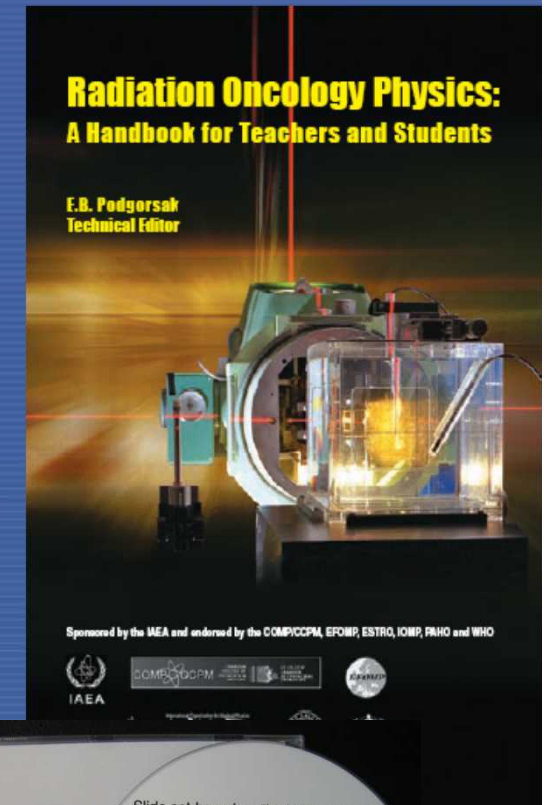
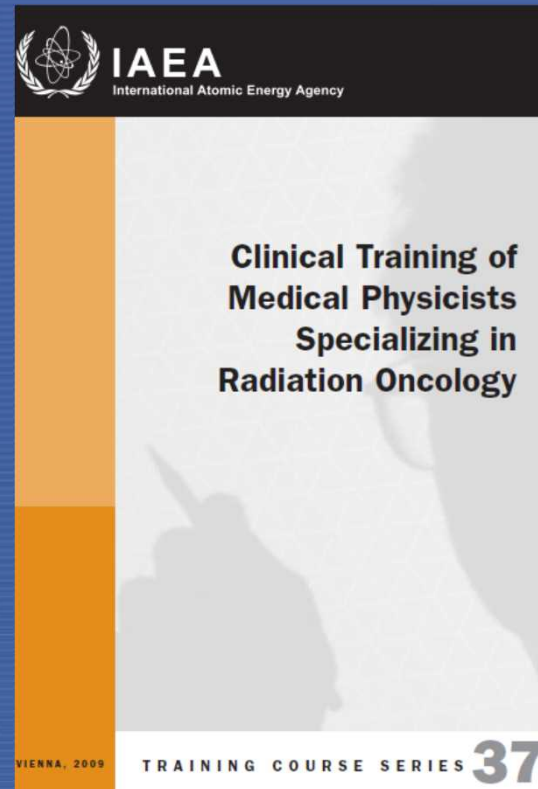


Education and Training of Medical Physicists

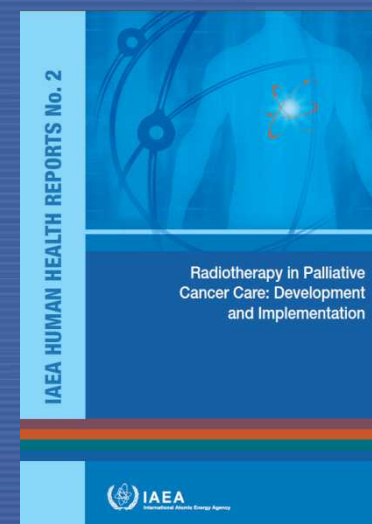
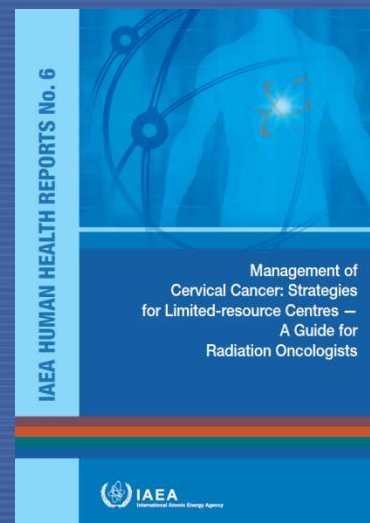
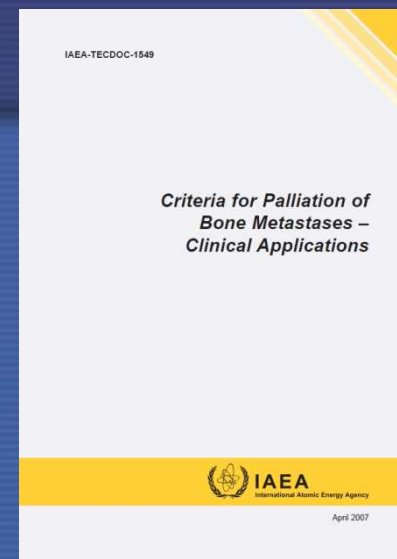
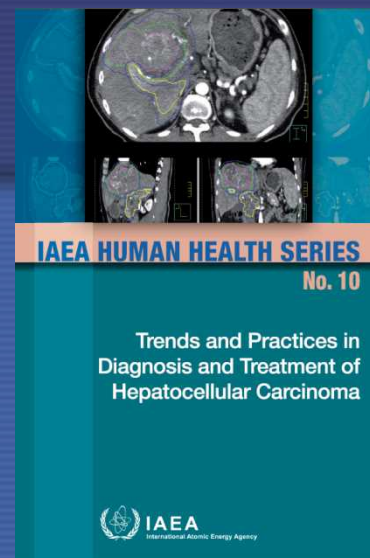
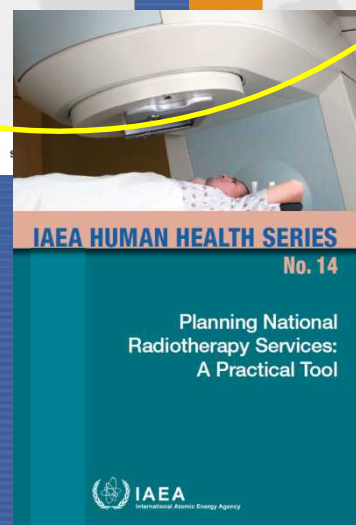
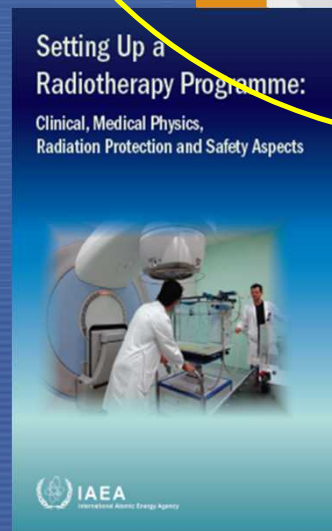
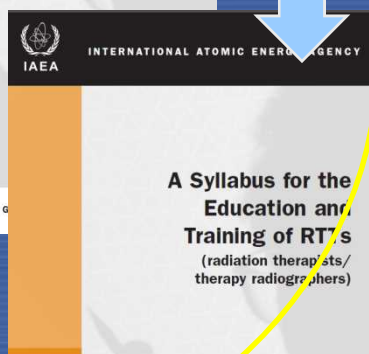
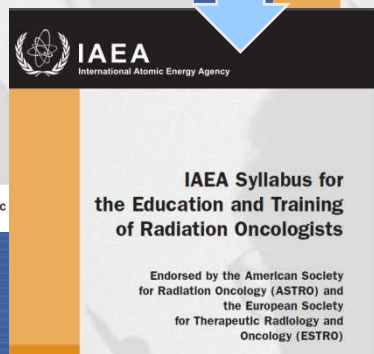
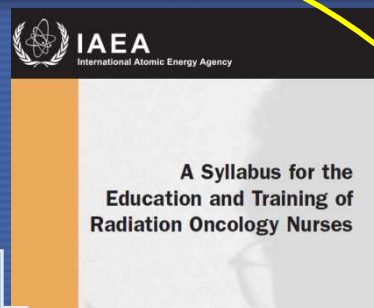
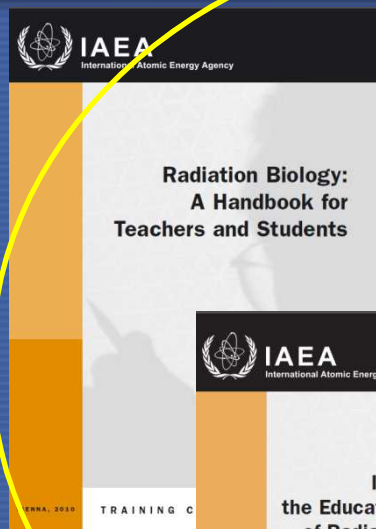
IAEA provides reference material to support education and clinical training for medical physicists



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Publications



Available in Spanish

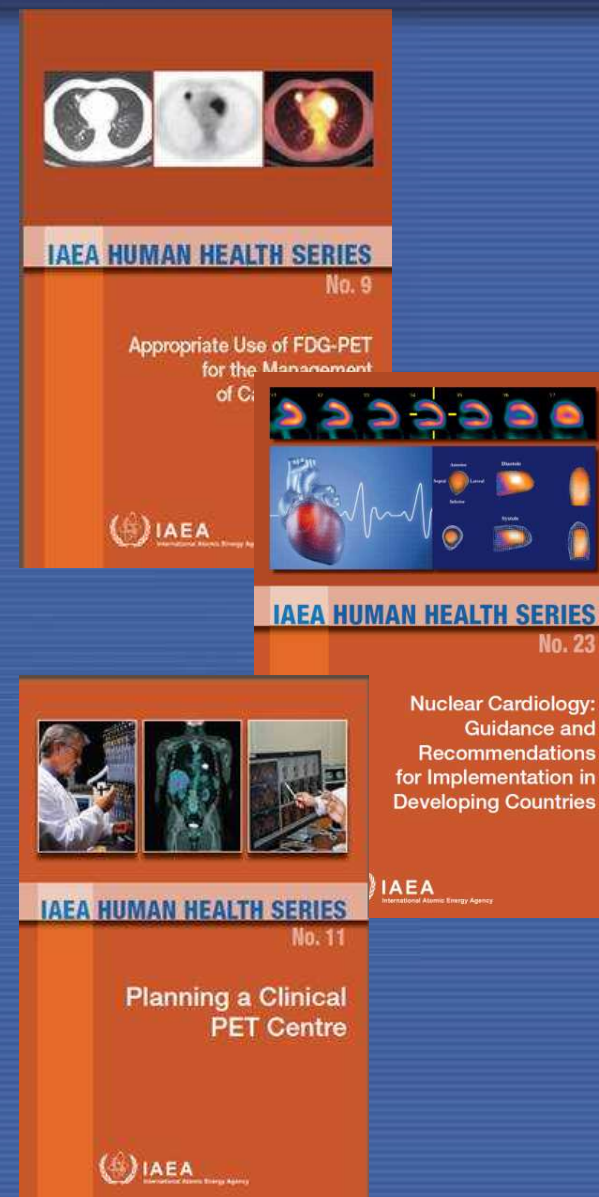


IAEA Publications - NMDI

- Standard Operating Procedures for PET/CT - A practical approach for use in adult oncology
- Quality Assurance for PET and PET/CT Systems (DMRP)
- Strategies for Clinical Implementation and Quality Management of PET Tracers
- Quality Management Audits in Nuclear Medicine Practices
- A Guide to Clinical PET in Oncology: Improving Clinical Management of Cancer Patients
- Clinical Applications of SPECT/CT: New Hybrid Nuclear Medicine Imaging System
- The Role of PET/CT in Radiation Treatment Planning for Cancer Patient Treatment

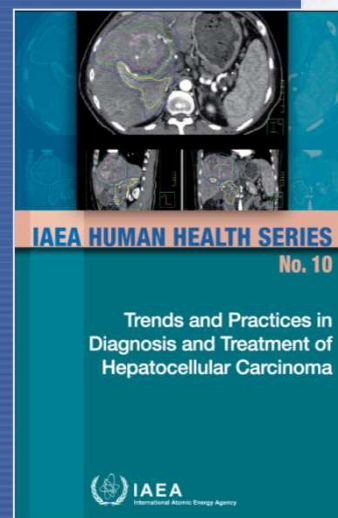
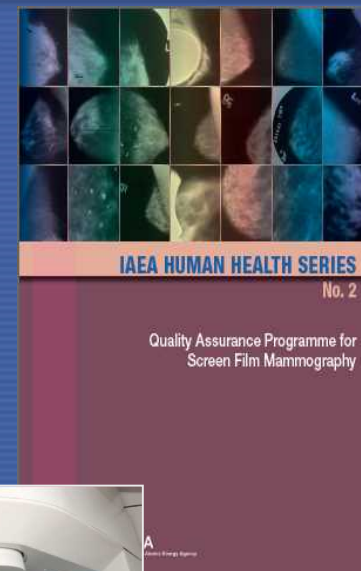


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Publication of technical guidance & protocols

- Guidelines on setting up radiation medicine infrastructure
- Guidelines on Quality Assurance & Quality Control
- Dosimetry protocols



ARBR: 2016.04 CRP2137 Modern Radiotherapy Techniques in Cervical Cancer

Background

Cervical cancer has a very high incidence in a number of MS and regions.

Scientific question Will the combination of definitive chemo-radiotherapy and a therapeutic anti-HPV vaccine improve outcomes in moderately and advanced cervical cancer?

Benefit to MS

Reduction of the morbidity and mortality of cervical cancer in south Asia, SE Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

ARBR : 2016.05 CRP2125 Image-based treatment planning in Cervical Cancer

Background

Axial image-based brachytherapy treatment planning is becoming the most accurate and reliable approach. However, it currently relies on MRI/open-MRI technology

Scientific question

Can ultra-sound based treatment planning replace MRI in the brachytherapy planning of cervical cancer?

Benefit to MS

If US-based can be proven equivalent to MRI, then a much resource economic method can be developed and recommended to RT centres.

Well-established role in providing technical guidance at every step involved in the implementation and use of Nuclear Techniques



QA & Dosimetry Services

- **Radiation Dosimetry**

- Dosimetry audits for radiotherapy hospitals to verify implementation

- IAEA/WHO Network of Secondary Standards Dosimetry Laboratory
Dissemination of traceable dosimetry standards to SSDLs

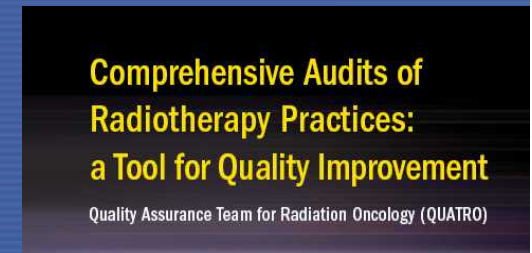
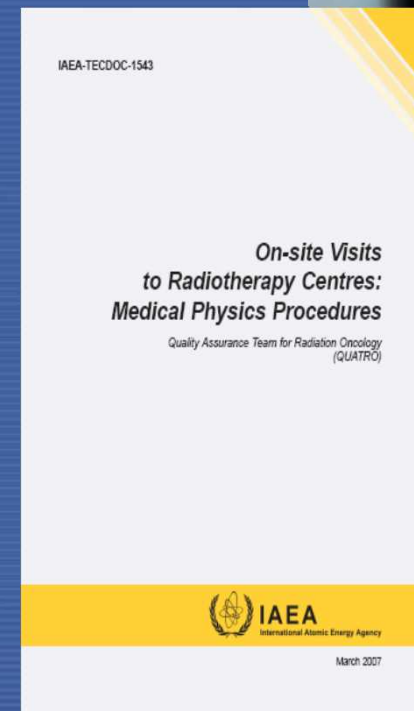


Quality Improvement in Radiation Oncology

Quality Assurance Team for Radiation Oncology

- ✓ Radiation oncologist
- ✓ Medical physicist
- ✓ RTT
- ✓ Safety specialist (local)

IAEA dosimetry travel kit
used for QUATRO missions

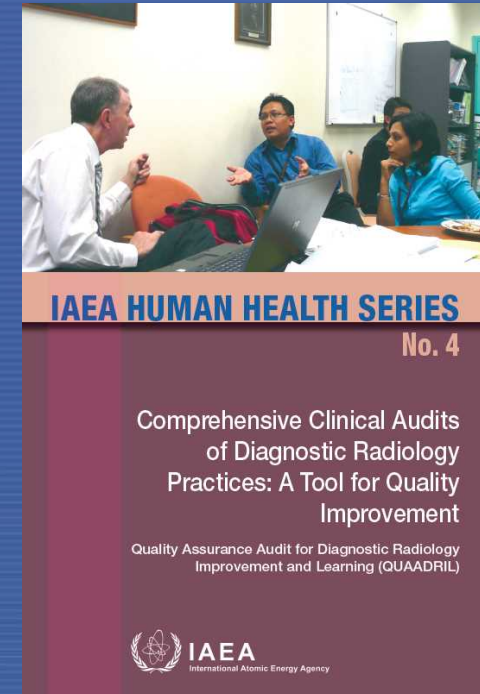


QUATRO

Quality Improvement in Diagnostic Radiology

Clinical Audits of Diagnostic Radiology Practices

- ✓ Radiologist
- ✓ Medical physicist
- ✓ Radiographer
- ✓ Safety specialist (local)



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Quality Improvement in Nuclear Medicine

Quality Management Audits in Nuclear Medicine Practices



- QUANUM project: helps MS implement QA systems
 - Training professionals in QA
 - Quality check-list
 - Internal and external audits (EANM-EUMS)
 - Audit missions to advise on how to improve the quality of practice.
 - 28 audits in 19 countries



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Resources and Learning for Health Professionals

The IAEA Online Information Resource for Health Professionals working in Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Oncology, Medical Physics, and Nutrition, providing insight into the different aspects of modern clinical practice.

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In the Spotlight



What's New

[Radiotherapy in Children](#)[CT Review: A Guide for Hybrid Imaging Analysis - Abdomen and Pelvis](#)[International Conference IMIC 2013](#)[Standard Operating Procedures for PET/CT: A Practical Approach for Use in Adult](#)

Goal: To support the MS with information for strengthening and improving the quality of practices through the use of CME Materials

<http://humanhealth.iaea.org>

Use of TC, RB and PUI funds

Focus of IAEA's programme in nutrition

To enhance Member State capabilities to combat malnutrition in all its forms:

- Maternal, newborn and child nutrition
- Obesity and non-communicable diseases



Stable isotope techniques are reference methods for assessment of:

- Body composition
- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Total daily energy expenditure
- Micronutrient bioavailability
- Vitamin A status
- Protein and amino acid bioavailability and metabolism

Global Nutrition Situation

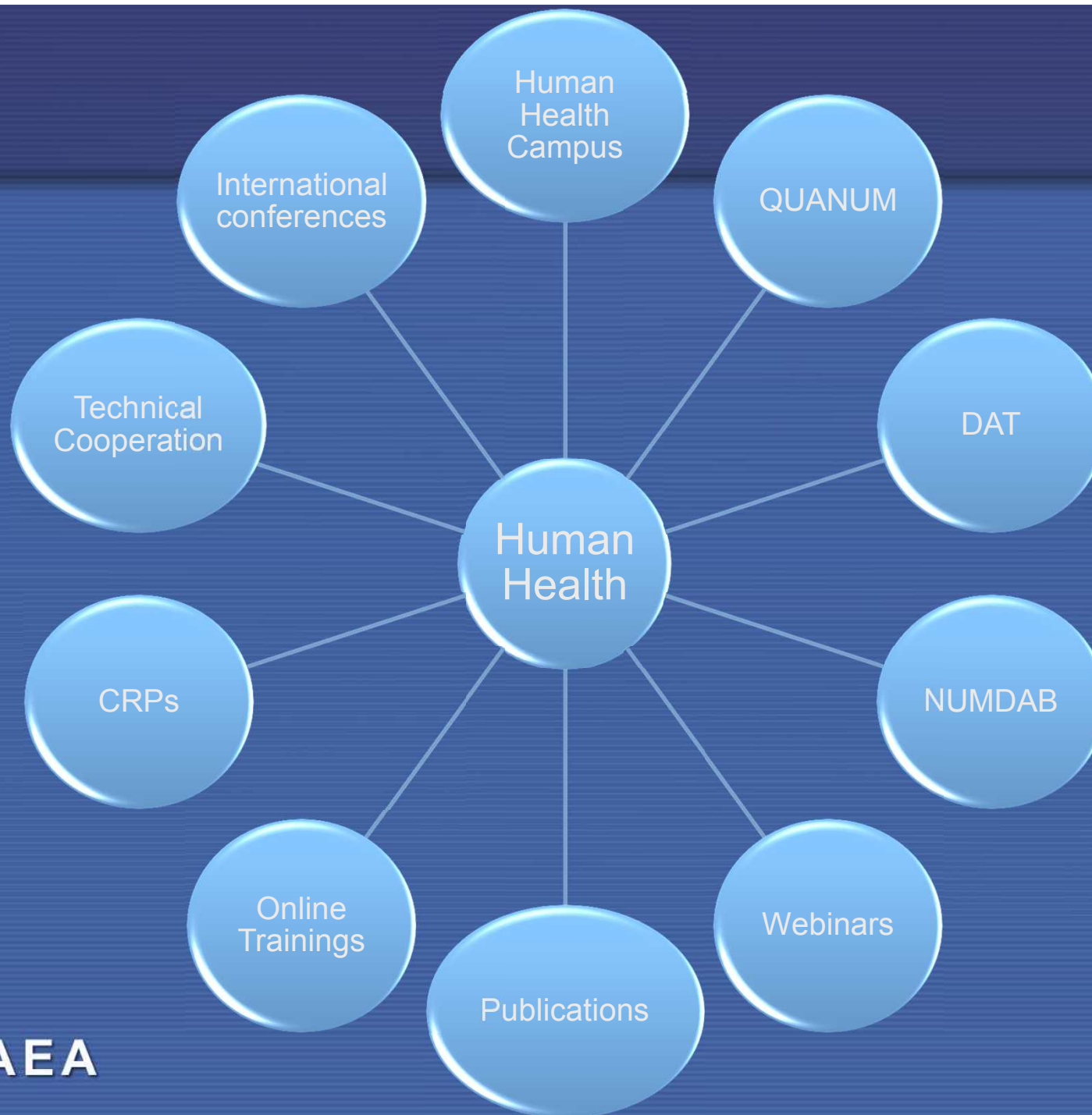
- **Undernutrition** (including suboptimum breastfeeding, stunting, wasting, deficiencies of vitamin A and zinc) causes **45%** of child deaths annually
- **A well nourished child is more likely to**
 - Continue education
 - Have a higher IQ
 - Earn up to 46% more over his lifetime
- **Overweight and obesity** increasing globally contributing to diabetes and other chronic diseases in adulthood

Stable isotope techniques

Used **to evaluate programs** that:

- Promote good nutritional practices, eg breastfeeding and healthy foods for infants
- Increase vitamin and mineral intake through food fortification and supplements
- Prevent and treat moderate and severe malnutrition





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