

Dosimetry, Quality and Safety for Optimal Cancer Care

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“Thanks to
radiotherapy
I had a **fair**
chance
against
cancer”



Together in the Fight against Cervical Cancer

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Advanced technologies must be used safely

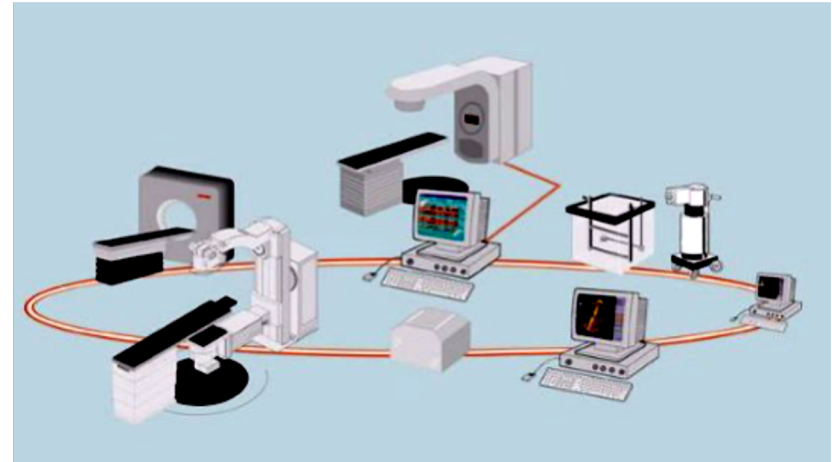
To successfully offer control and cure of cervical cancer requires:

Appropriately
designed
facilities

Safety and
quality
assurance
capabilities

Adequate
regulatory
infrastructure

Adequately
trained staff



IAEA supports the safe use of radiation in the medicine

Supports the training in medical applications to radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, radiation oncologists, medical physicists, radiographers, nuclear medicine technologists, radiotherapists and nurses in a team approach

Ensuring both quality and safety with guidance documents and safety standards

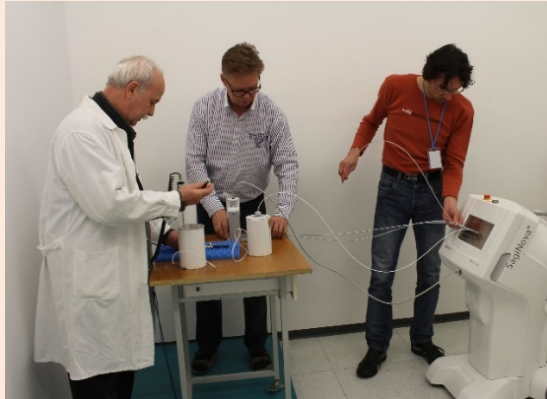
Supports audit program to help assess the quality and safety of medical radiation facilities around the world

Robust dosimetry program to assure the radiation dose delivered is what was ordered

Supports the development of a strong regulatory authority to assist member states in assuring that the equipment is used safely

Ensuring quality through accurate dosimetry

Brachytherapy source calibration



External beam dosimetry calibration

Dosimetry kit for audit missions



Postal Dose Audit Service

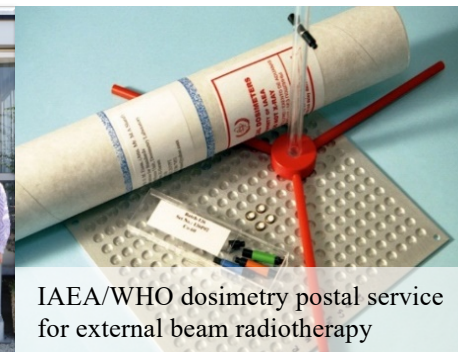
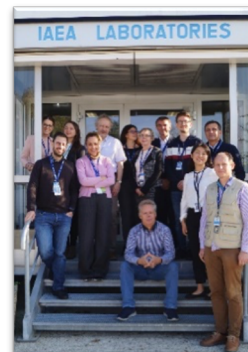
Brachytherapy and external beam dosimetry is used extensively in radiation technologies to confirm that the radiation administered to patients is accurate.



Calibration Services / Radiation Dosimetry

Secondary Standards Dosimetry Laboratories

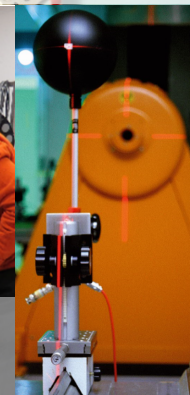
Services	Beams
Calibration of ion chambers: RT, DR, RP levels	X rays (10–300kV), ^{137}Cs , ^{60}Co beams
Calibration of well type ion chambers for brachytherapy (LDR/HDR)	^{137}Cs , ^{60}Co , ^{192}Ir
Comparison of RT level ion chamber calibrations for SSDLs	^{60}Co beams
RPLD audits for RT for SSDLs and hospitals	^{60}Co , h. e. X rays
OSDL audits for RP for SSDLs	^{137}Cs beams
Ref. irradiations of dosimeters for RT, RP	X rays (40–300 kV), ^{137}Cs , ^{60}Co beams



IAEA/WHO dosimetry postal service for external beam radiotherapy



Calibration of a reference mammography ionisation chamber at the IAEA Laboratory in Seibersdorf



Calibration service for national dosimetry standards



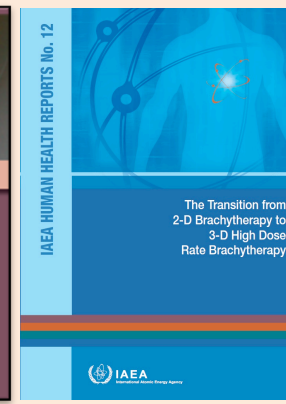
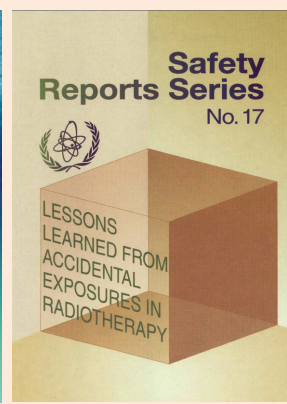
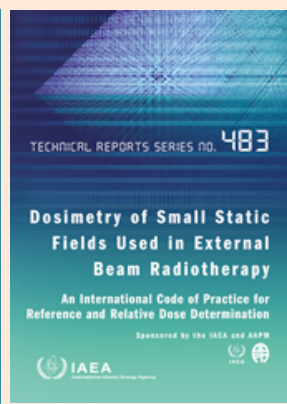
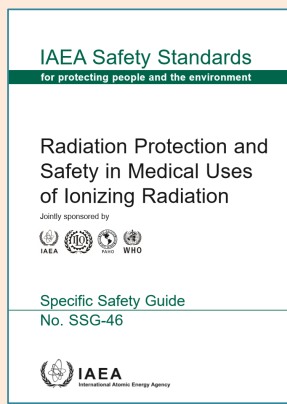
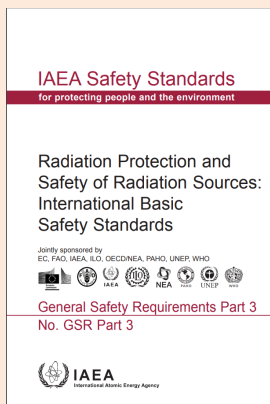
Support training

Supports team training through expert missions and scientific visits to expand medical professionals competency in advanced technologies



Therapy and imaging professionals must be trained in the latest advanced technologies to assure that safety and quality are a priority





Ensuring quality and safety through guidance

- Equipment quality assurance
- Training material Human Health Campus and Radiation Protection of Patients web training
- Standards and Guidance
- Incident learning
- Code of practices

Radiotherapy, nuclear medicine and imaging equipment must meet both safety and quality standards to ensure effective treatment

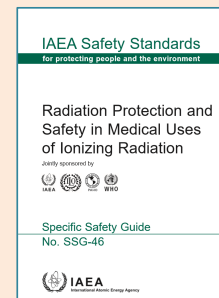
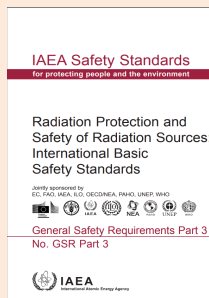
Regulatory authority to assure radiation sources are managed safely and securely

Regulations

Inspection for compliance

Authorizations

Regulatory Infrastructure must be in place to assure that safety and quality requirements are maintained from the concept, implementation and final approval to offer patient services



Audit program

QUATRO
audits for
radiotherapy

QUAADRIL
audits for diagnostic
radiology centres

QUANUM
audit for nuclear
medicine centres



The audits conclude with a written report that assesses the current quality of the programme and makes suggestions for improvement.



These audits provide independent quality audits through comprehensive reviews of practices.



Audits include a self assessment and a one week visit from external peer reviewers (speciality specific physician, medical physicist and radiographer)

Audits are peer reviews of practices and management at the appropriate medicine centre.

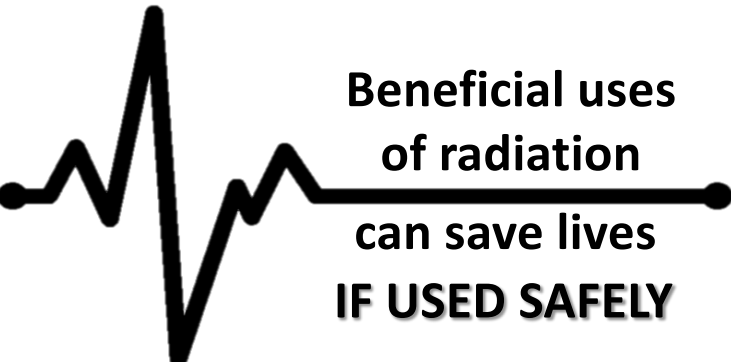
IAEA supports and encourages the safe use of radiation technologies in medicine through:

Education and training

Dosimetry, quality and safety services

Publications and guidance for medical facilities and the regulatory authorities

Audits



**Beneficial uses
of radiation
can save lives
IF USED SAFELY**

**For patient safety all
of these are needed.**

screening
preventable **HEALTHCARE**
CERVICAL **Women** **PREVENTION**
JANUARY **CANCER** **HEALTH**
PREVENTION **AWARENESS MONTH** **DISEASE**
HOPE **Pap test**
IPV **PREVENTION** **MONTH** **HEALTH** **MATTERS**
infection **Sexual Health**
EARLY DETECTION



Thank you