



Regional Workshop on the Implementation of the IAEA Safety Standards on Radiation Protection in Medical Exposure

Hosted by

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss and review the existing regulatory and implementation framework for radiation protection in medicine in the participating Member States, with a focus on medical exposure, identify gaps, and plan actions to enhance national framework for radiation protection in medicine, in line with the International Basic Safety Standards (BSS) - GSR Part 3- and the Specific Safety Guide SSG-46 on Radiation Protection and Safety in Medical Uses of Ionizing Radiation.

Working Language(s)

The working language(s) of the event will be Russian.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 19 May 2023 will not be considered.

Scope and Nature

The workshop will consist of presentations by experts, country presentations and interactive sessions, targeting Member States that are still in a process of implementing the International Safety Standards related to radiation protection in medical exposure. Expected outputs of the project RER9157 will be presented and discussed, and regional and country-specific actions to implement them will be discussed.

Participation

The workshop is open to 20 participants representing the national authorities regulating medical practices – the health authority and the regulatory body for radiation protections (if different). Since the workshop programme will be designed to explain in details the requirements of GSR Part 3 and recommendations of the Specific Safety Guide SSG-46 related to exposure of patients and other individuals subject to medical exposure, priority in the selection will be given to Member States that lack proper legislation in this area based on the information in TSA3 of RASIMS.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

One or two participants per country will be accepted, representing the relevant authorities appointed by the Government to take responsibility for implementation of the BSS requirements related to medical exposure (patients, carers and comforters and volunteers in programs for biomedical research). In cases when this body is different from the health authority, the second candidate should be a representative of the health authority. Candidates should be directly involved in activities related to medical exposure and should preferably be leading the development and implementation of the radiation protection regulations specific to medical applications in their countries. Participants should have sufficient proficiency to understand and express themselves without difficulty in Russian.

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Download and complete the [Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form](#), and upload to InTouch+ ('Profile' tab under the personal section) specifying the document name. If already provided, kindly discard this step; and
 - c. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVT2302517) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the meeting from the [IAEA website](#).

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency AX Travel Management, or a travel allowance, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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