



RER 9157 “Strengthening implementation of the justified and optimized use of ionizing radiation in medicine”

Coordination Meeting on CT Optimization and Justification Guidelines

Hosted by

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to design the project activities for identifying high-dose examinations and scoring diagnostic image quality in Computed Tomography (CT) in the European region.

Working Language(s)

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **22 May 2024** will not be considered.

Project Background

The project RER9157 is designed to assist Member States (MSs) in the European region to enhance radiation protection and safety in medical uses of ionizing radiation through improved implementation of the requirements of the IAEA GSR Part 3. It is focused on strengthening national capacities to effectively implement the related regulatory requirements into practice.

The main goals of the project are based on analysis of the data in the RASIMS 2.0 platform that identified gaps related to the implementation of the requirements.

The key areas to be addressed in the project include a) Justification of medical exposures; b) Optimization of radiation protection of patients including establishment and use of Diagnostic Reference Levels; c) Special attention on radiation protection of paediatric, pregnant, and breastfeeding patients; and d) Prevention of accidental medical exposures.

The project will endeavour to strengthen national mechanisms to achieve improvements on the broad national level. Regional cooperation will provide a platform for developing common approaches and for sharing of experience.

Scope and Nature

The coordination meeting will aim to develop methodologies for identifying the type of high-dose examinations and scoring diagnostic image quality in CT in the European region.

The meeting will comprise sessions on the importance of enhancing the radiation protection of patients in CT, presenting the CT practices in the region, and designing the related project activities.

Participation

The meeting is open to national counterparts of the regional project RER 9157 who have contributed significantly to implementation of the project's activities.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The national project counterparts were involved in implementing the activities related to the justification and optimization of radiation protection of patients in computed tomography.

The participants should be able to establish and coordinate the work of the national project implementation team, which represents all crucial stakeholders (regulatory body, health authority and other relevant authorities, professional bodies, and end users).

The participants should be responsible for designing the national action plan and ensuring the implementation of the activities agreed upon at the coordination meeting.

Additionally, they should be accountable for monitoring and reporting the results of these activities.

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 (**EVT2403071**) 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 and submit their applications to their National Authorities. The nomination forms once fully approved can be submitted by e-mail in a PDF format through the official channels via the IAEA Official E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org) with copy to Mr Katukhov (A.Katukhov@iaea.org) and Mr Bru (Y.Bru@iaea.org).

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 candidates over the age of 65 regardless.

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 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.

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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