



GREETINGS
ON
WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY

RADIOLOGY - EARLIER



RADIOLOGY → RADIODIAGNOSIS



RADIOLOGIST IN PRESENT DAY



Patient Safety in Radio-Diagnosis



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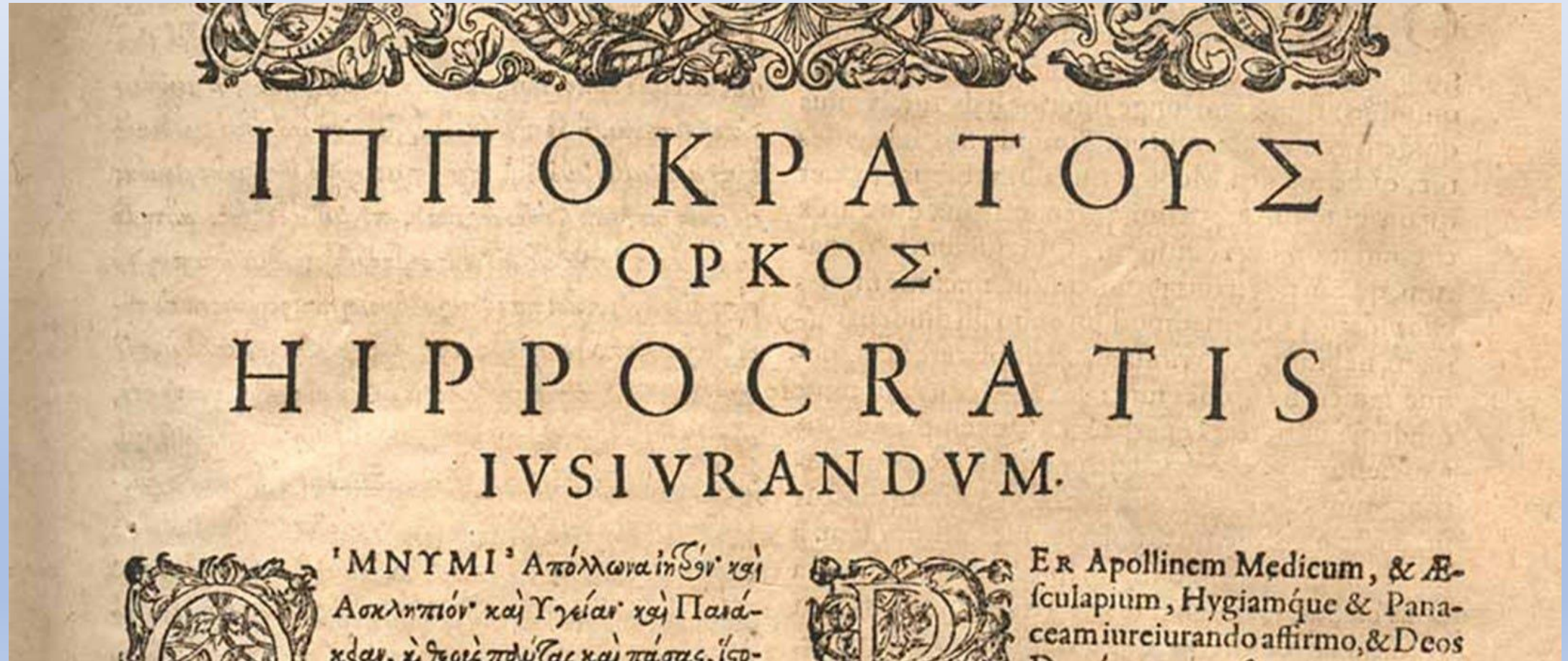
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IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT SAFETY

- Radiology plays a pivotal role in diagnosis and treatment
- Safety issues can lead to harm, errors and adverse issues
- Patient safety is top priority in healthcare

The history of patient safety



“Primum,
non nocere.”

— Hippocrates
 (“First, do no harm.”)

Radiology department functioning

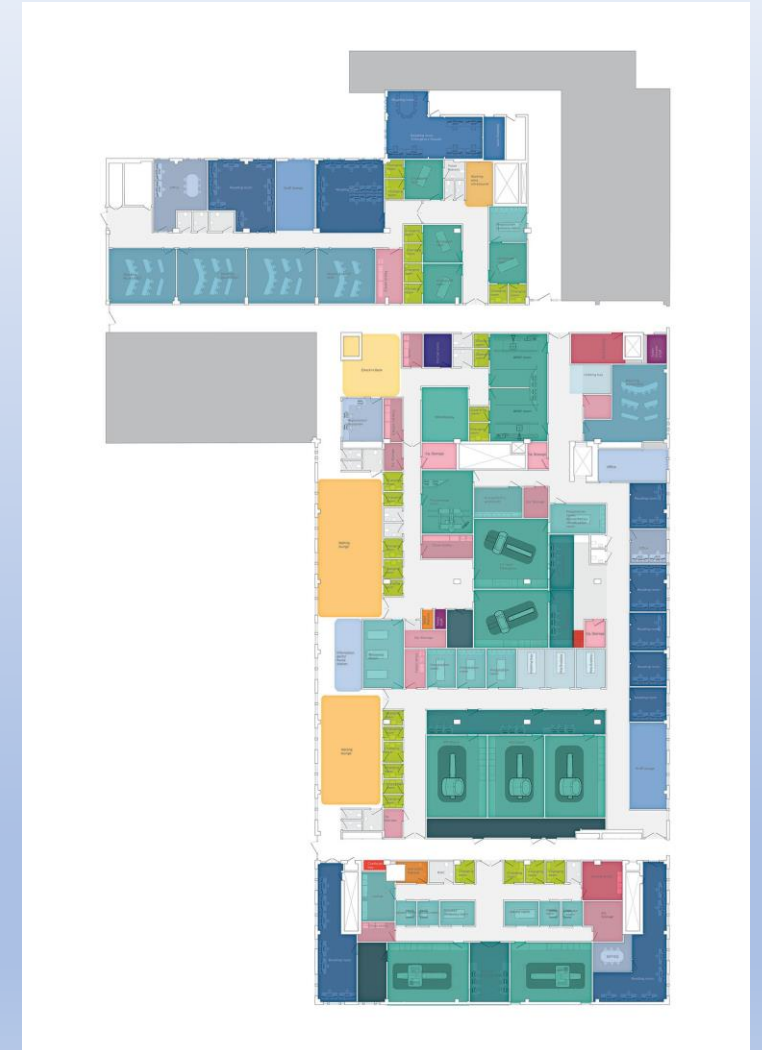


To Ensure Safety in Radiology department – Variables are :

- The Layout & Infrastructure
- The Human Factorfrom the patient registration -> preparation -> waiting period -> Radiology study -> till the report delivery
- The MachinesRadiation and Contrast hazards , technical Maintenance and Upgradation

Radio-Diagnosis Dept - Layout

- Registration & Layout approval – AERB
- Certification Display
- Structure keeps in mind one way transit to avoid crowding
- Construction keeping transit of all patients -- ambulant & assisted to move safely
- Structure keeps physical safety, radiation protection & infection control in cognizance



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Patient identification and verification

- Accurate patient
- Correct study
- Correct part
- Correct side



- Maintaining patient privacy
- Identifying Any Risk Factors : Pregnancy / Age related issues



Effective Communication

- History
- Informed Consent
- Risk Factor assessment incl. Preg



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Radiation Hazard

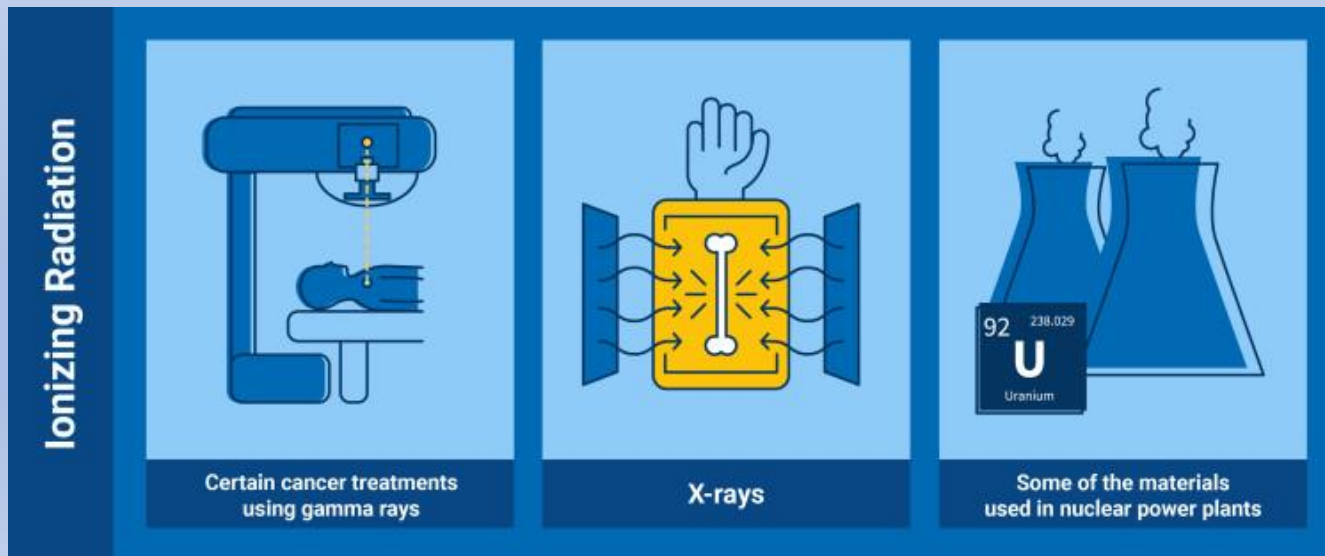
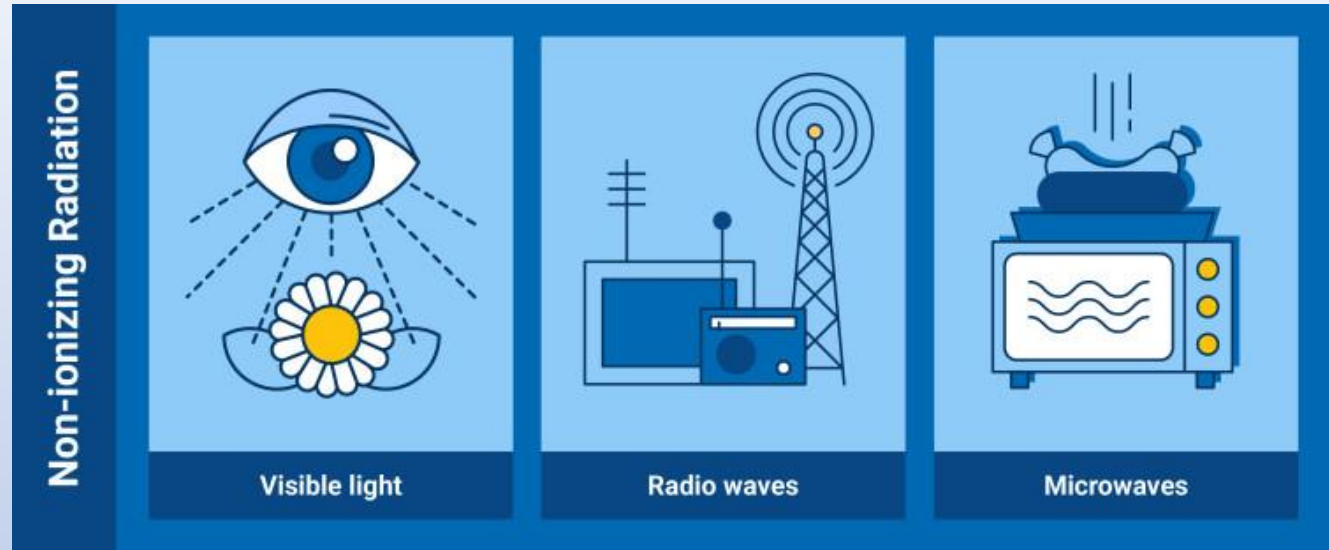


Back to School.....



What is radiation -

Radiation is energy that moves from one place to another in a form that can be described as waves or particles.



We are exposed to radiation in our everyday life.

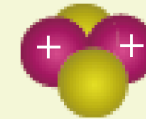
Types of Radition & Bio Effects

- **α -particles**

- Two protons plus two neutrons
- Helium (He) nuclei
- Charged particles (2+)



High ionization density

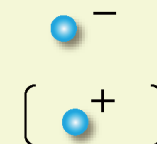


- **β -particles**

- Electrons (or positrons)
- Charged particles (- or +)



Low ionization density



- **γ -rays and X-rays**

- Electromagnetic waves (photons)



Low ionization density/high
penetrating power

- **Neutron beams**

- Neutrons
- Uncharged particles



High ionization density



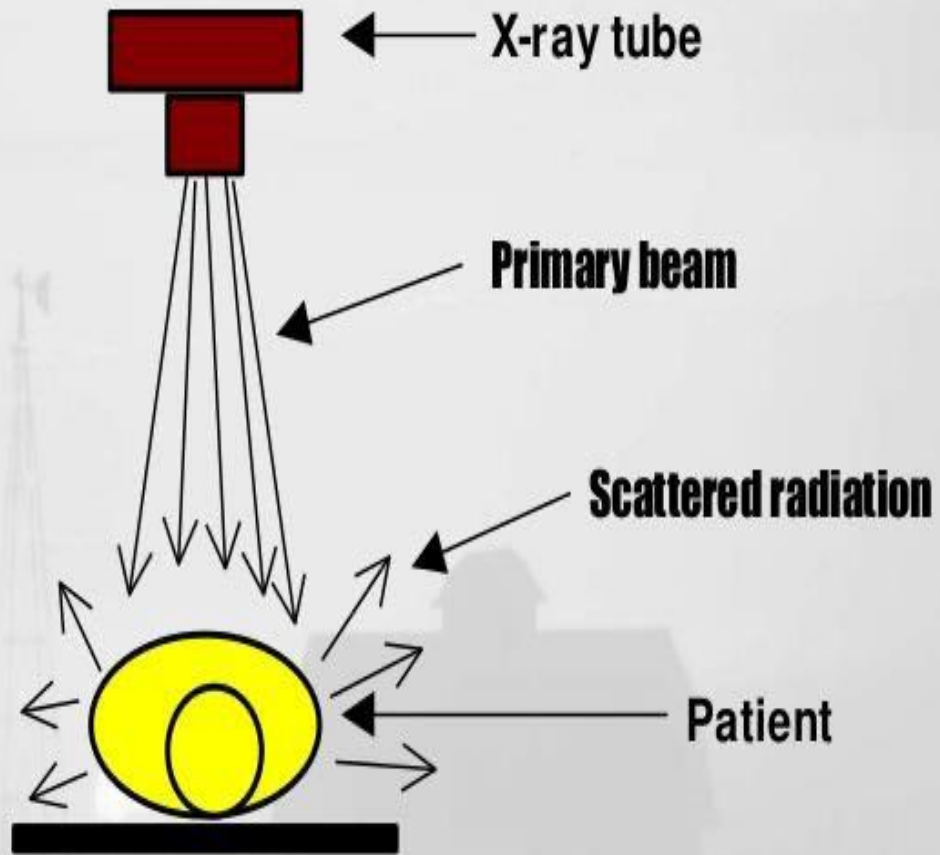
↑ Ionization Density = > ↑ Bio Effects

Both Curies were constantly ill from radiation sickness
Marie Curie's death from aplastic anemia in 1934,
at age 66, was likely caused by radiation exposure



Her books &
papers are still
so radioactive
that they are
stored in lead
boxes.





Types of Radiation

Primary Radiation: Primary radiation (also called as useful beam) is the radiation emitted directly from the x-ray tube that is used for patient imaging.

Primary Barrier: It is a wall, ceiling, floor or other structures that will intercept radiation emitted directly from the x-ray tube.

Secondary Radiation: Secondary radiation consists of x-rays scattered from the patient and other objects such as imaging hardware and leakage radiation from the protective housing of the x-ray tube.

Secondary Barrier: A secondary barrier is a wall, ceiling, floor or other structures that will intercept and attenuate leakage and scattered radiation emitted from patient and other objects

Radiation dose

Dose quantities

Absorbed dose

Energy deposited in a kilogram of a substance by the radiation



Equivalent dose

Absorbed dose weighted for harmful effects of different radiations:
(radiation weighting factor w_R)



Effective dose

Equivalent dose weighted for susceptibility to harm of different tissues
(tissue weighting factor w_T)

Rad units

Quantity	S.I Units	Traditional Units
Exposure	Coulomb/Kg	Roentgen (R)
Absorbed dose	Gray (Gy)	Rad
Equivalent dose	Sievert (SV)	Rem
Effective dose	Sievert (SV)	Rem

Diagnostic Procedure	Typical Effective Dose (mSv) ¹	Number of Chest X rays (PA film) for Equivalent Effective Dose ²	Time Period for Equivalent Effective Dose from Natural Background Radiation ³
Chest x ray (PA film)	0.02	1	2.4 days
Skull x ray	0.1	5	12 days
Lumbar spine ←	1.5	75 ←	182 days ←
I.V. urogram	3	150	1.0 year
Upper G.I. exam	6	300	2.0 years
Barium enema	8	400	2.7 years
CT head ←	2	100 ←	243 days ←
CT abdomen	8	400	2.7 years

BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF RADIATION

Low Doses = DAMAGE GENETIC CODE
High Doses ($>500\text{mSv}$) = KILL CELLS
ACUTE RADIATION SYNDROME

- Radiation can cause
 - SOMATIC DAMAGE – Whole body rapidly dividing cells
 - GENETIC DAMAGE – Ova / Sperm – Cong. Abn / Stillbirths / Chr. changes

Damaged Genes dominant -> Next Generation
Damaged Genes recessive -> After few Gen's

- CANCER -- >5 times

Hiroshima & Nagasaki - The Hibakusha journey



By the end of 1945, bombing killed approx.
1.4 L in Hiroshima, & 74 K in Nagasaki

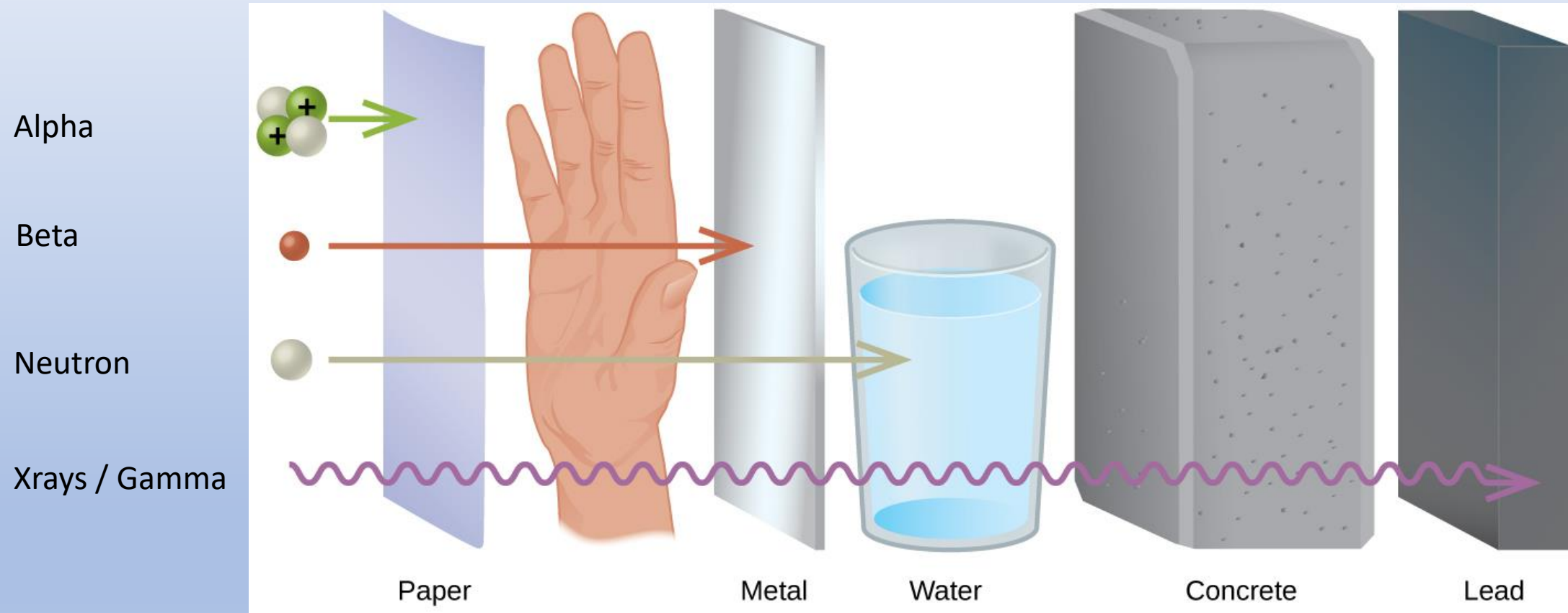
Following years the survivors had leukemia,
cancer etc

Devices for measuring radiation

a) Gieger Counter b) Scintillator c) Dosimeter

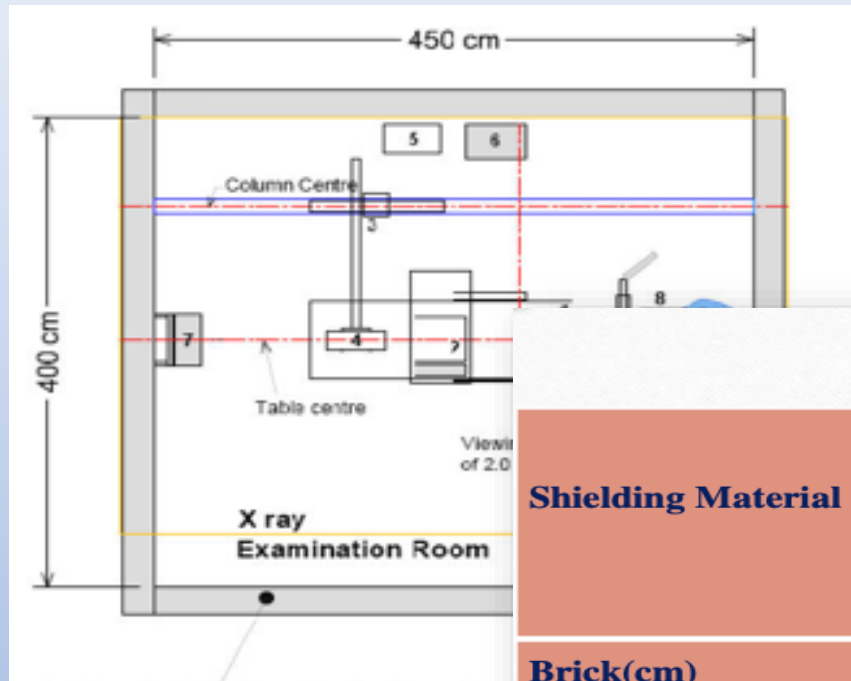


Radiation hazard prevention



RADIOLOGY DEPTT LAYOUT PLANNING

Wall thickness of CT / X Ray room



X-Ray Installation

Radiography and Fluoroscopy unit....

Shielding Material	Distance from centre of patient Table		
	1.5m	2.0m	Primary wall of dedicated chest x-ray installation at 2 m
Brick(cm)	23	20	20
Concrete (cm)	15	12	12
Steel(cm)	2.3	2.0	2.0
Lead(cm)	0.17	0.15	0.15
**Any other material	2.0TVT	1.8TVT	1.8TVT

Floor(if installation is not on ground floor) and ceiling thickness of 6-8 inch concrete is adequate.

**** Note:** Lead free shielding material have been developed by CSIR. These materials may also be used as radiation protection in medical diagnostic x-ray installation

Radiation safety

- USE ALTERNATIVE IMAGING MODALITIES WHEN POSSIBLE
- OPTIMIZE RADIATION DOSES
- ALARA :- AS LOW AS REASONABLY ACHIEVABLE



1. Time

- Reducing the time of exposure -> **reduce radiation dose**
- Dose rate is the rate at which the radiation is absorbed.
- **Limiting the time** of radiation exposure --> radiation dose.

2. Distance

- Increasing the distance between you & source you will **reduce exposure by the square of the distance**.
- Doubling the distance between your body & source will **divide the radiation exposure by a factor of 4.**

3. Shielding

- Lead apron, Neck Collars, lead glasses,
- Mobile lead shields, & lead barriers.

Use of protective lead aprons & their maintenance



TLD Badges



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"Contrast Media"

- substance placed in the body to provide added contrast when subject contrast is low
- increases the radiographic contrast between the area containing the CM & areas not containing CM



Without CM



With CM

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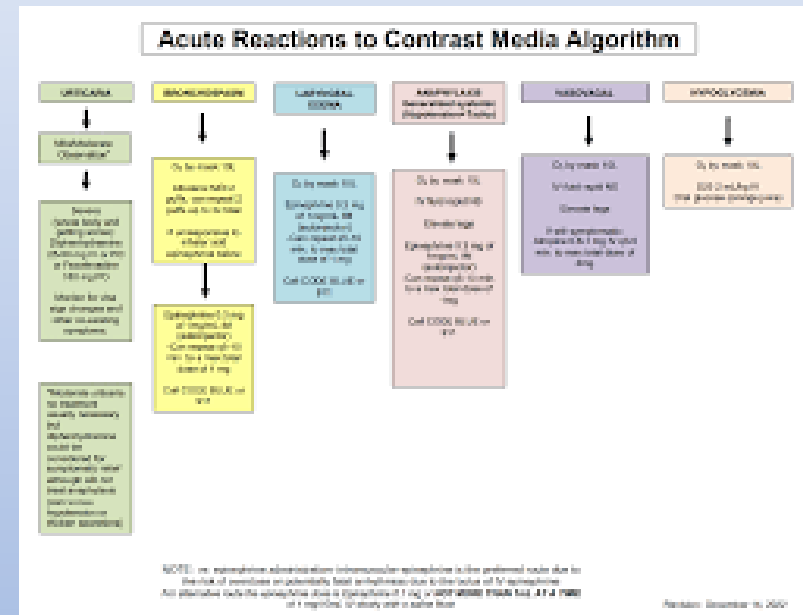
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Contrast Media Used In Radiology

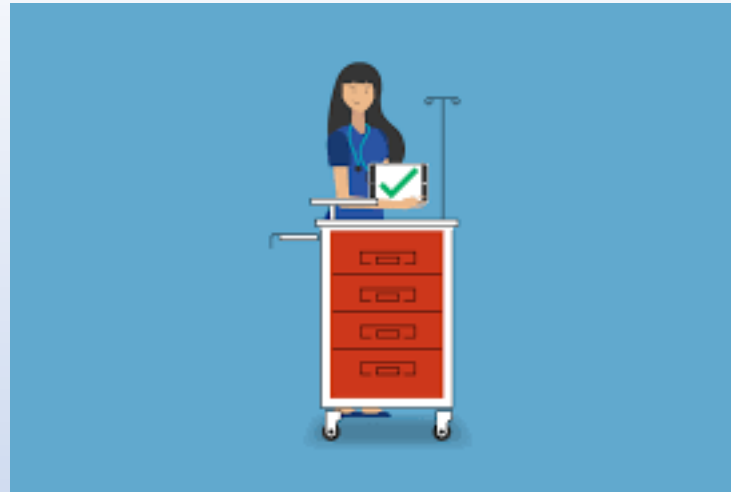


Adverse Reaction to Contrast Agents

- MILD
 - GI – N/V
 - CNS – headache / dizziness / anxiety
 - Resp – nasal stuffiness
 - Systemic – Itching / Rash / Chills /
- MODERATE
 - CVS – HT / Tachycardia
 - Resp -- Bronchospasm / Dyspnea
 - Gen -- Erythema
- SEVERE
 - CVS – Arrhythmia / MI
 - CNS – Convulsions / Unresponsiveness
 - Resp – Laryngeal edema (progressive)



CRASH CART



Emergency Drugs of Radiology department

- Adrenaline – For allergic reactions
- Atropine -anti-arythmatic
- Buscopan -For pain reliving
- Hydrocortisone -For allergic reactions
- Dopamine -to increase blood pressure
- Sodium bicarbonate -for electrolyte imbalance
- Diazepam -for sedation
- Avil – as anti- allergic agent



Equipment and quality assurance

- Regular checks and quality control
- Use of safety features like automatic exposure control
- Staff training and education
- Annual maintenance and Calibration

Staff training and education

- Radiation Safety
- Infection Control & Prevention
- Patient safety
- Basic Life Support
- Quality Mx Systems

Patient monitoring and Support

- Monitoring patients during and after procedures after taking informed consent
- Providing support and care during adverse reactions

Fall Prevention

- Compatibility for Differently Abled / Unwell / Aged pt's
- Skid Proof flooring
- Wheel Chairs / Stretchers / Grab bars

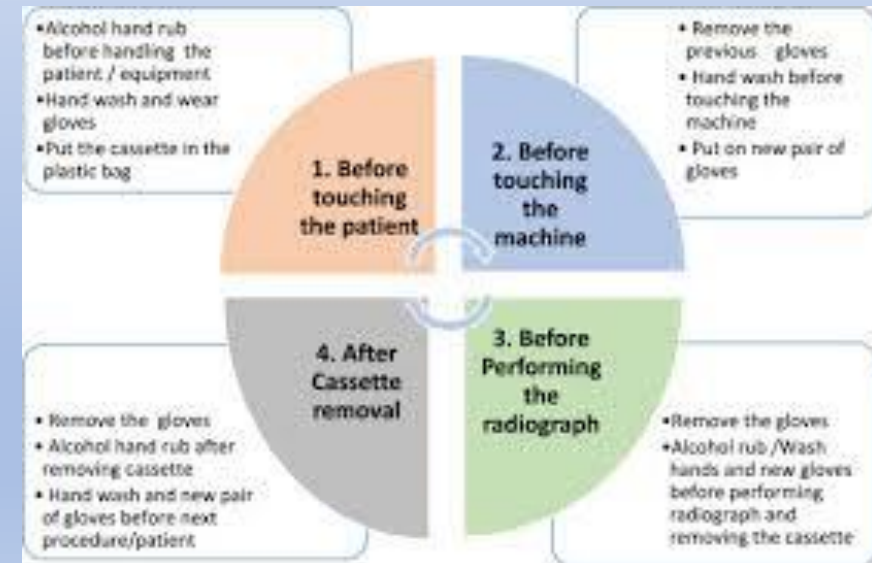


Fire Safety

- Fire Exits
- Extinguishers
- Staff competence to operate devices

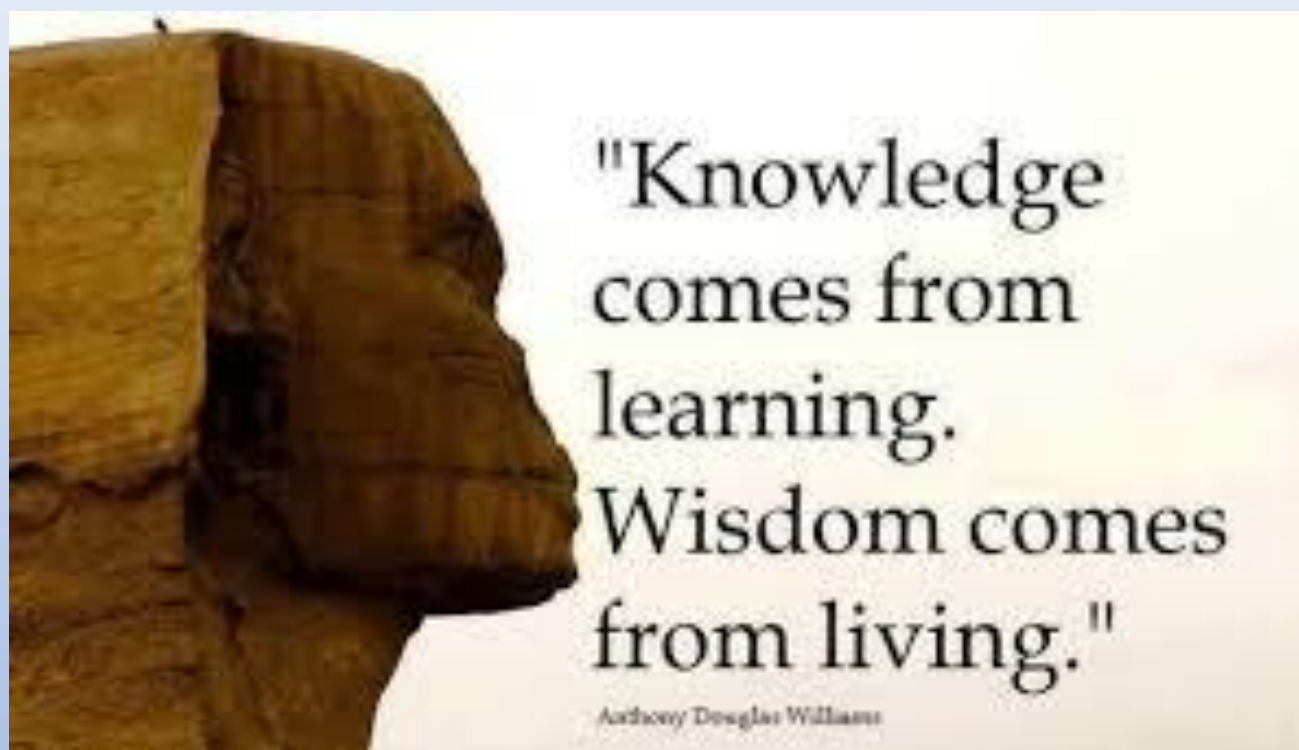
Infection Control

- Periodical Staff Check up / Immunization
- Hand Hygiene Protocols – Washing / Sanitizing
- P.P.E
- Decontamination of Equipment & Area
- Disinfection of Patient Care Area
- SOP for B.M.W. management





सावधानी
Hati
दुर्घटना
Ghati



"Knowledge
comes from
learning.
Wisdom comes
from living."

Anthony Douglas Williams

THANK
YOU!
