

Council Directive 2013/59/Euratom of 5 December 2013 laying down basic safety standards for protection against the dangers arising from exposure to ionising radiation, and repealing Directives 89/618/Euratom, 90/641/Euratom, 96/29/Euratom, 97/43/Euratom and 2003/122/Euratom

CHAPTER VII

MEDICAL EXPOSURES

Article 57

Responsibilities

- 1 Member States shall ensure that:
 - a any medical exposure takes place under the clinical responsibility of a practitioner;
 - b the practitioner, the medical physics expert and those entitled to carry out practical aspects of medical radiological procedures are involved, as specified by Member States, in the optimisation process;
 - c the referrer and the practitioner are involved, as specified by Member States, in the justification process of individual medical exposures;
 - d wherever practicable and prior to the exposure taking place, the practitioner or the referrer, as specified by Member States, ensures that the patient or their representative is provided with adequate information relating to the benefits and risks associated with the radiation dose from the medical exposure. Similar information as well as relevant guidance shall be given to carers and comforters, in accordance with point (b) of Article 56(5).
- 2 Practical aspects of medical radiological procedures may be delegated by the undertaking or the practitioner, as appropriate, to one or more individuals entitled to act in this respect in a recognised field of specialisation.