

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 58

Procedures

Member States shall ensure that:

- (a) written protocols for every type of standard medical radiological procedure are established for each equipment for relevant categories of patients;
- (b) information relating to patient exposure forms part of the report of the medical radiological procedure;
- (c) referral guidelines for medical imaging, taking into account the radiation doses, are available to the referrers;
- (d) in medical radiological practices, a medical physics expert is appropriately involved, the level of involvement being commensurate with the radiological risk posed by the practice. In particular:
 - (i) in radiotherapeutic practices other than standardised therapeutic nuclear medicine practices, a medical physics expert shall be closely involved;
 - (ii) in standardised therapeutical nuclear medicine practices as well as in radiodiagnostic and interventional radiology practices, involving high doses as referred to in point (c) of Article 61(1), a medical physics expert shall be involved;
 - (iii) [^{X1}for other medical radiological practices not covered by points (i) and (ii), a medical physics expert shall be involved, as appropriate, for consultation and advice on matters relating to radiation protection concerning medical exposure.]
- (e) clinical audits are carried out in accordance with national procedures;
- (f) appropriate local reviews are undertaken whenever diagnostic reference levels are consistently exceeded and that appropriate corrective action is taken without undue delay.

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