



# Ionization Radiation Metrology: Health Sector Applications

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- ✓ Diagnostic Reference Level DRL implementation , Nuclear Medicine Design and Shielding
- ✓ Quality infrastructure of quality and Metrology
- ✓ EGSnrc, PHITS & GAMOS/GEANT4 Monte Carlo codes
- ✓ Participation in a lot of international conferences
- ✓ Have many participation activates and paper

World Metrology Day



# Happy World Metrology Day 2021



20 May 2021  
[www.worldmetrologyday.org](http://www.worldmetrologyday.org)



**Radiation !**

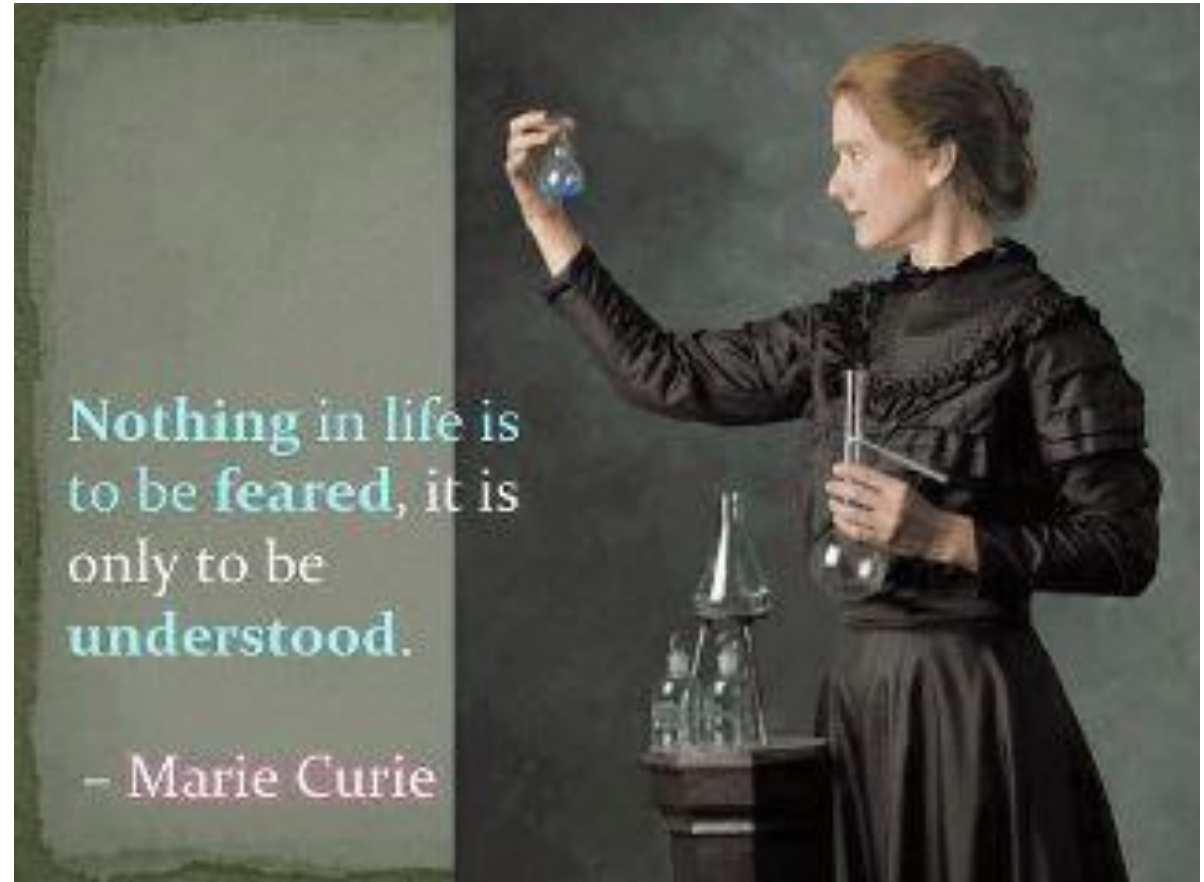


**Nuclear!**

**Scare?!**

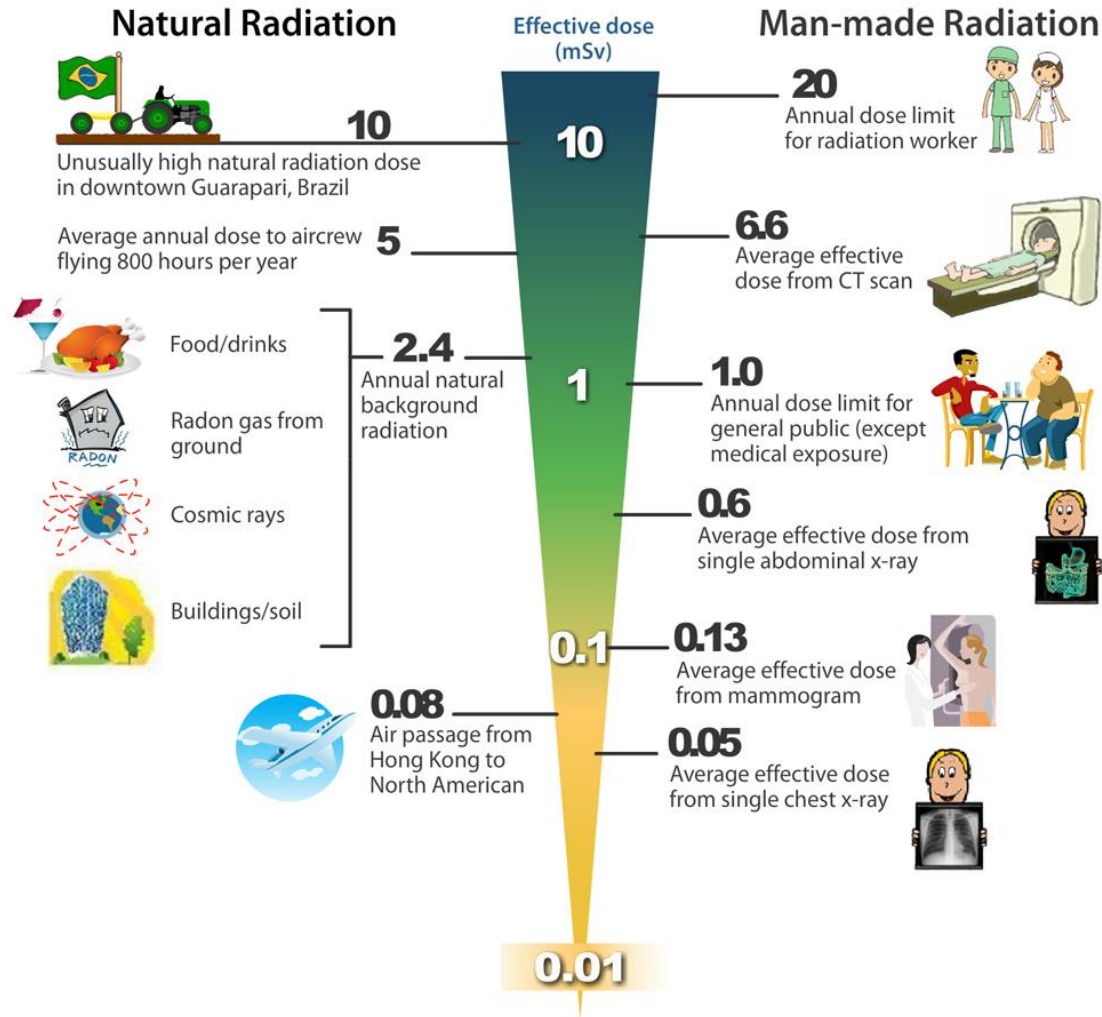
# Woman in Nuclear

**Marie Curie** was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, in Physics, and with her later win, in Chemistry, she became the first person to claim Nobel honors twice. Her efforts with her husband Pierre led to the discovery of **polonium** and **radium**, and she championed the **development of X-rays**.





# Radiation in Daily Life

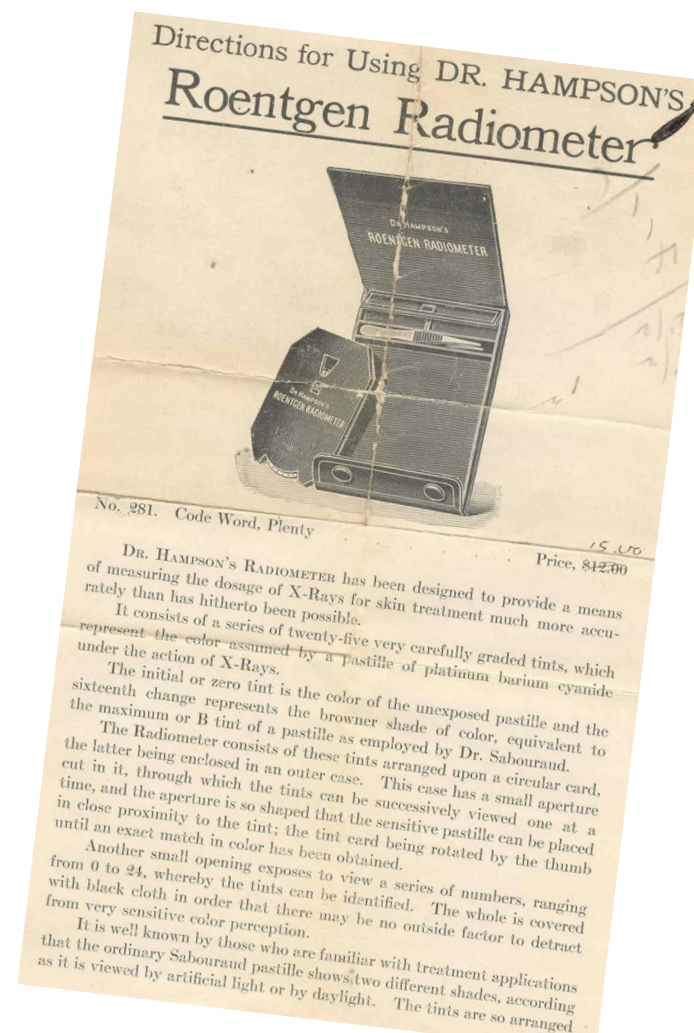
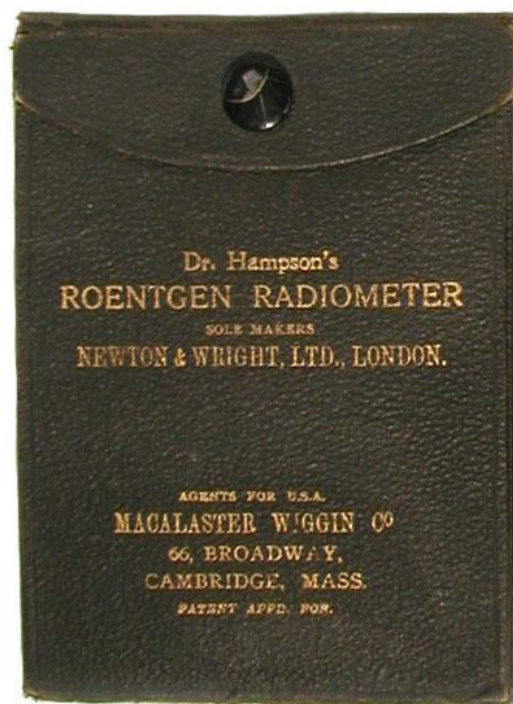


This diagram illustrates the examples of radiation in daily life, including **natural background radiation** as well as **artificial exposures of medical radiation** like X-ray and CT scan. The annual natural background radiation, from cosmic rays and radon gas from ground, etc., has an effective dose of about **2.4 millisievert**. As for man-made radiation, the average effective doses from single **abdominal x-ray** and **CT scan** are **0.6** and **6.6 millisievert** respectively, while the annual dose limit for radiation workers is **20 millisievert**.

<https://www.dbcg.gov.hk/eng/safety/knowledge.html>

# Dr. Hampson's Roentgen Radiometer (ca. 1910 – 1920)

1895 x-ray



<https://www.orau.org/ptp/collection/radiology/radiometerhampson.htm>

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# Electromagnetic & Particulate Radiations

Radiation is described by its type and energy. The types of radiation fall into two main categories: particulate and electromagnetic.

- **electromagnetic radiation** consists of photons that have energy, but no mass or charge, such as **radio waves, microwaves, infrared, visible light, ultraviolet, x-rays, and gamma radiation ( $\gamma$ )**. A photon, as described by quantum theory, is a “particle” or “quantum” that contains a discrete quantity of electromagnetic energy which travels at a speed of light.

- **particulate radiation** consists of particles that have mass and energy, and may or may not have an electric charge, such as **alpha radiation ( $\alpha$ ), beta radiation ( $\beta$ ), proton radiation and neutron radiation**.

Those radiation type above will be discussed in next section in detail. The most common unit of energy used to describe radiation is the **electronvolt(eV)**. **An electronvolt is the amount of kinetic energy an electron gains when accelerated through a potential difference of one volt.**

The conversion to SI units is  $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6\text{e-}19 \text{ Joules}$ .

[http://personal.cityu.edu.hk/liangdai/post/what\\_is\\_radiation/](http://personal.cityu.edu.hk/liangdai/post/what_is_radiation/)



# Ionization & Non ionization radiation

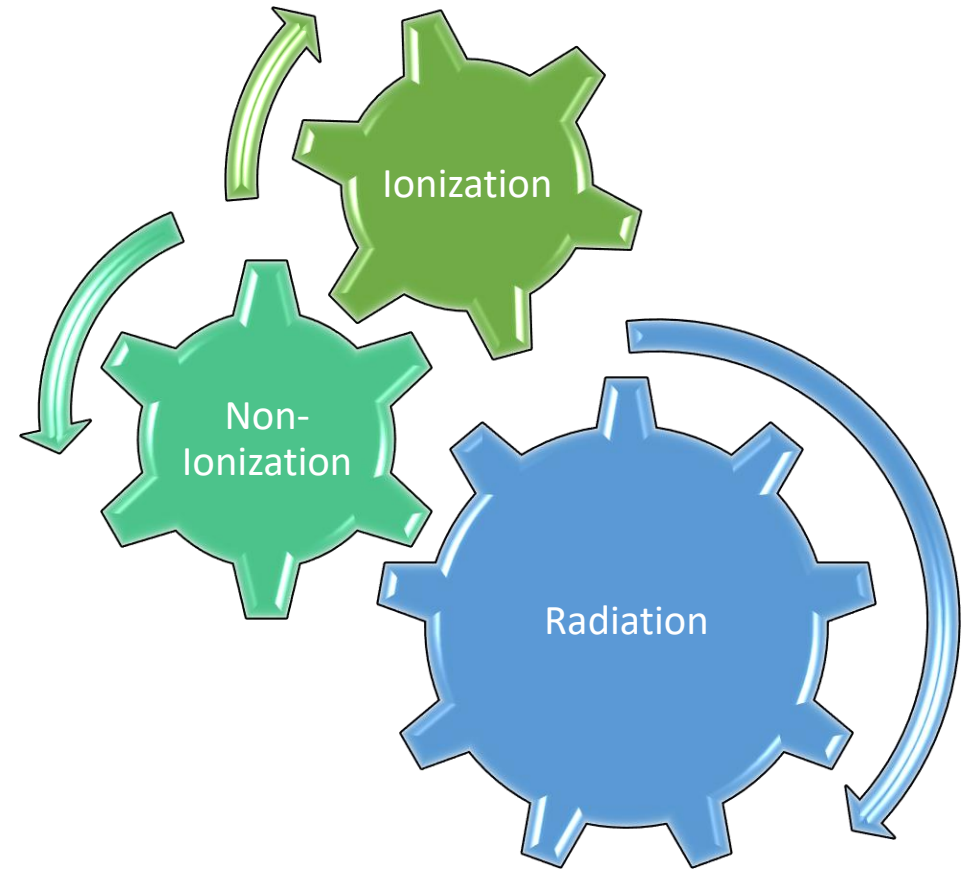
- **Ionizing radiation**

Medical diagnosis and treatment, nuclear power, radiography, gauges, safety signs, smoke detectors, sterilization of medical appliances, archaeological dating and baggage inspection

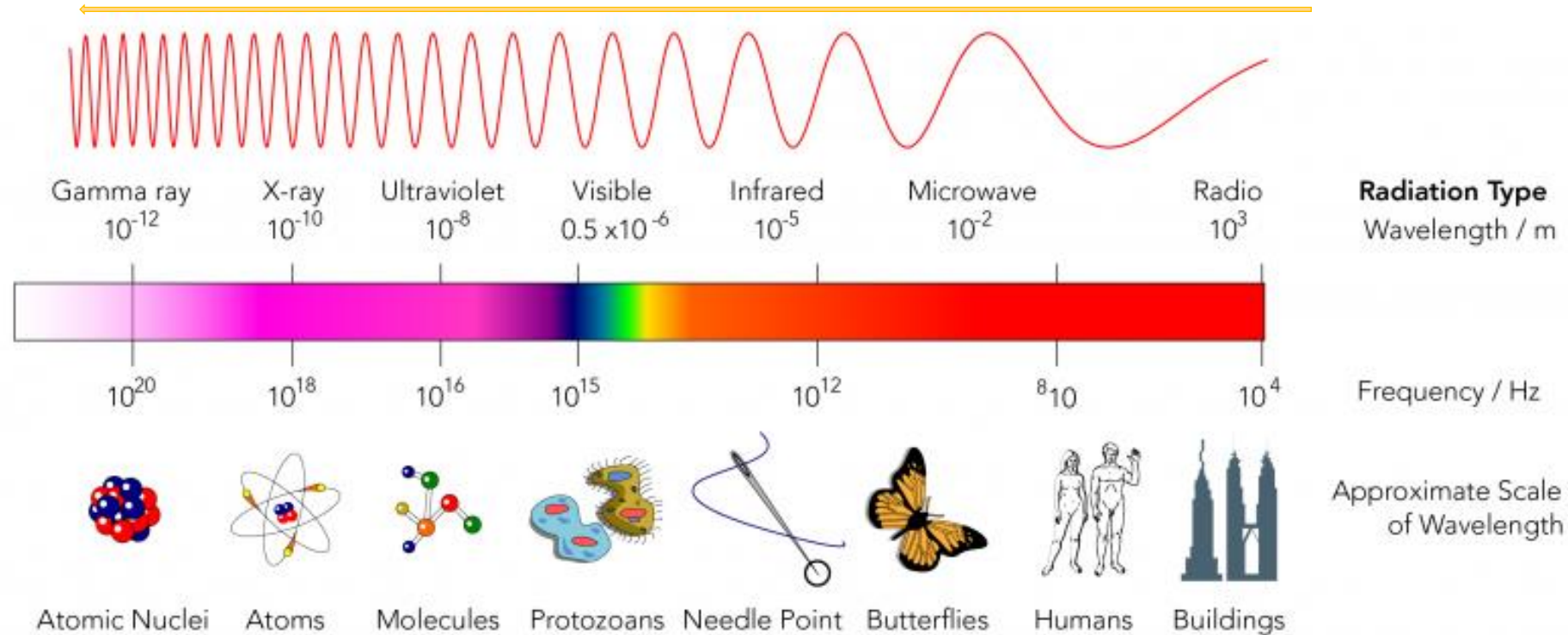
- **Non-ionizing radiation**

Lighting, heating, lasers, sterilization, sunbeds, radar, television, radio and electric power lines.

**Low frequency electromagnetic radiations** are also emitted by a wide variety of products at home and in the workplace, from photocopiers to power lines, household appliances, and mobile phones to radios and computers.



# Electromagnetic Spectrum



<https://letstalkscience.ca/educational-resources/stem-in-context/what-if-you-could-charge-your-phone-using-radio-waves>

# What is Radiation?



## MEASURING RADIATION

Radiation with enough energy to cause changes at the atomic level is called ionizing radiation.

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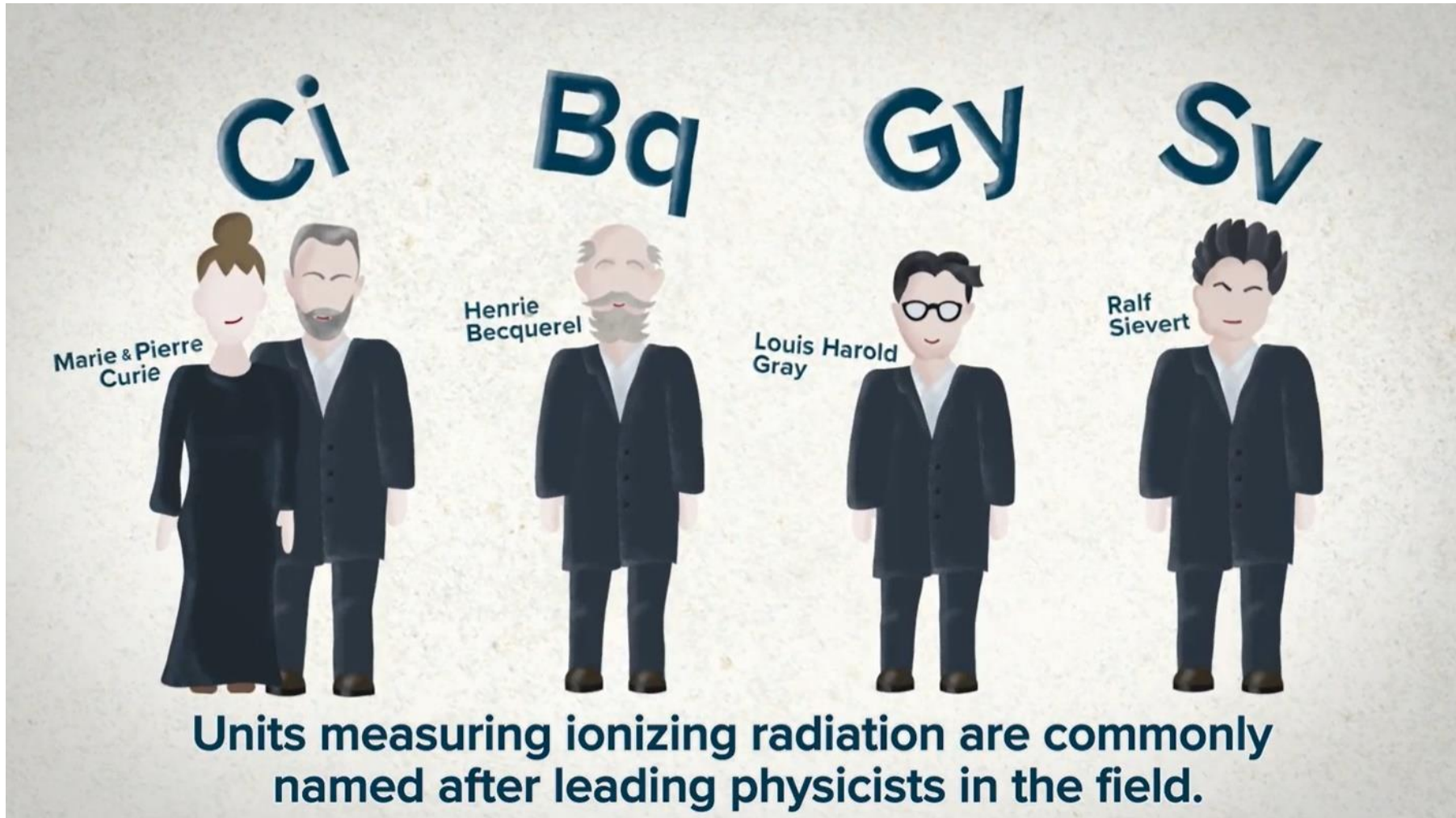
What is Radiation?

In physics, radiation is defined as **energy that travels through space or matter in the form of a particle or wave**. It can be produced in one of two ways: by **radioactive decay of an unstable atom (radionuclide)**, or by **the interaction of a particle with matter**. Some attributes of radioactive decay are spontaneousness and randomness.

The type of radiation emitted depend on the specific radionuclide. Radiation emission as the result of an interaction depends on both the incoming particle and the material it hits, and is theoretically predictable if enough information is known.



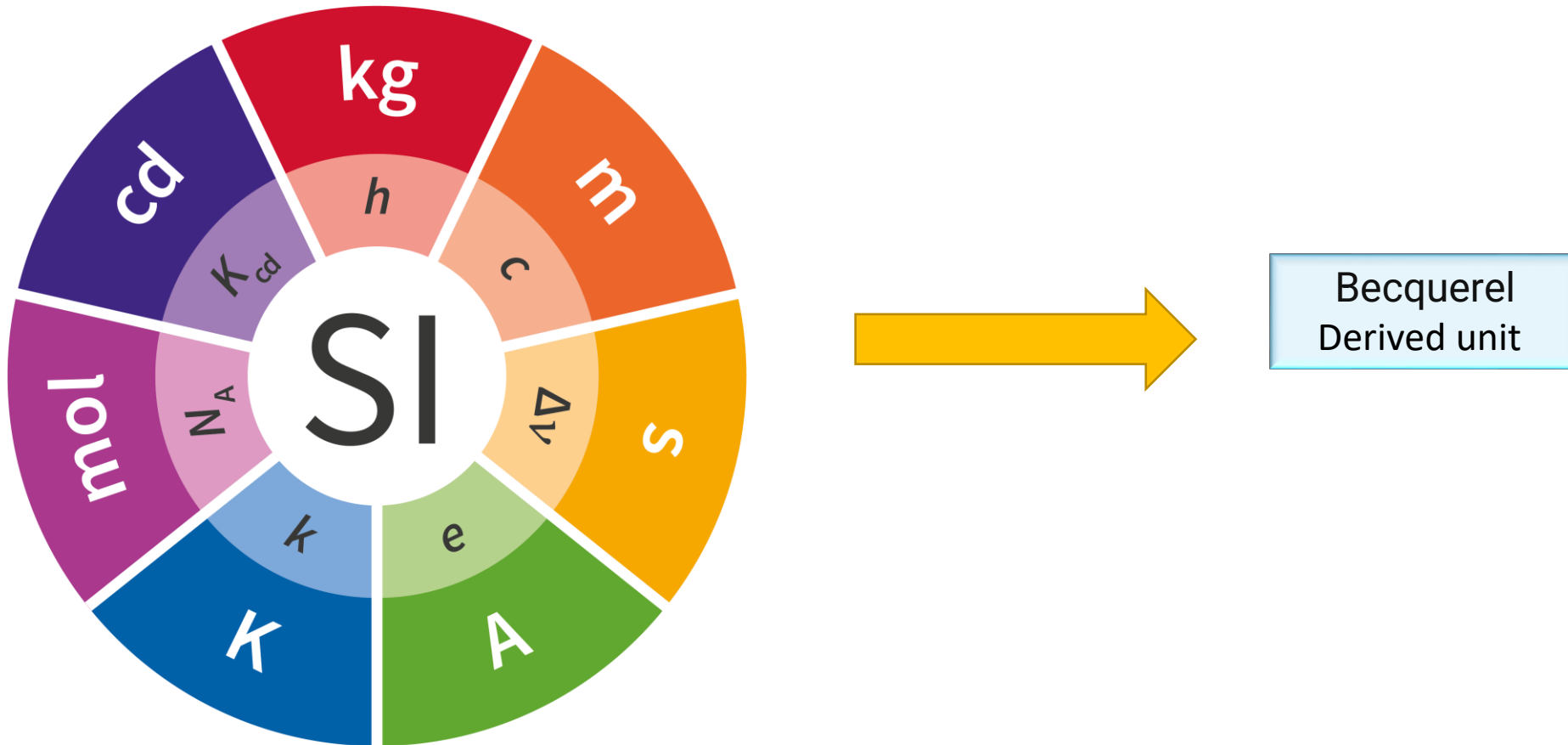
# Units





# Radiation Unit

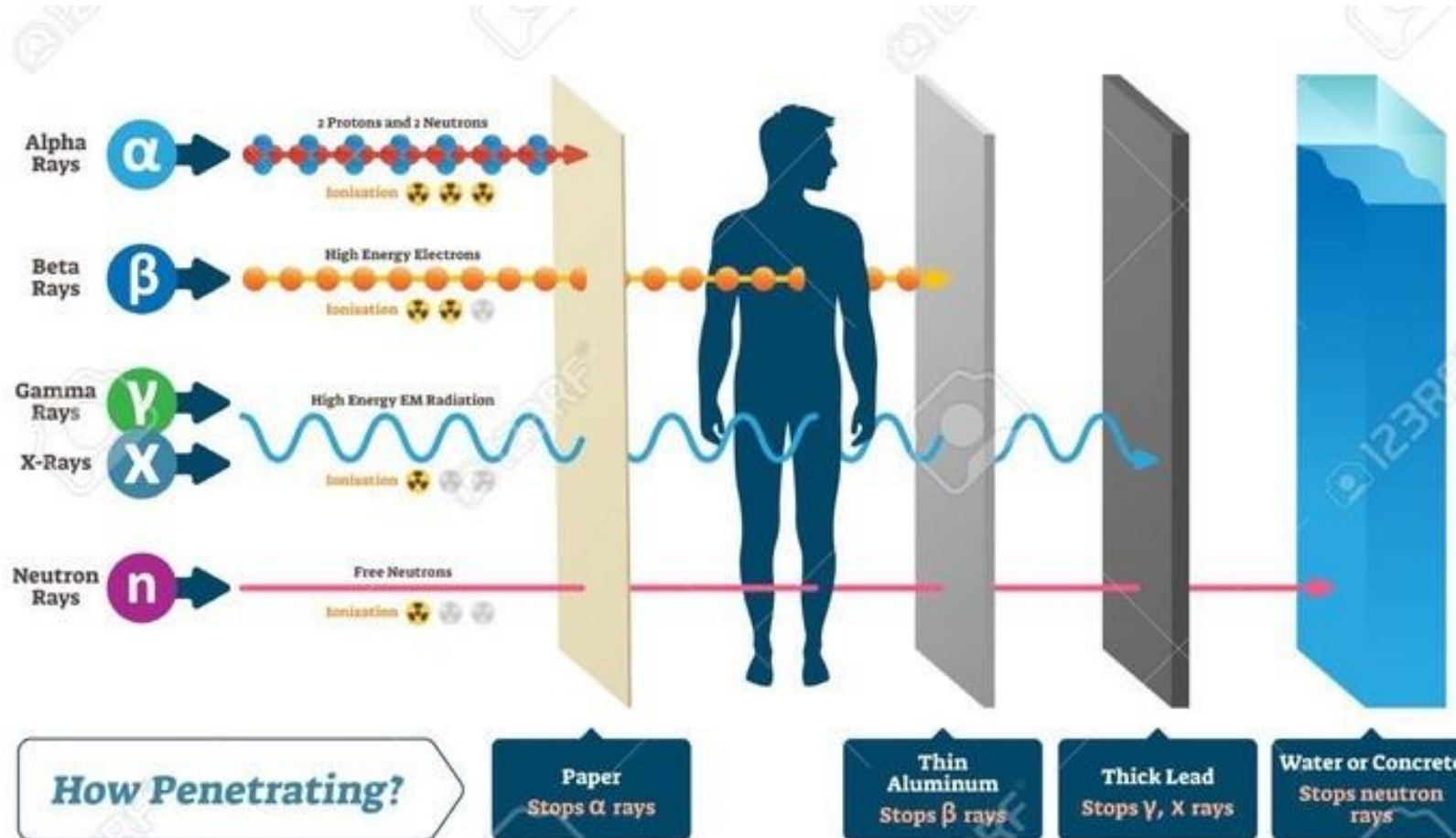
(1852-1908)



$1 \text{ Ci} = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ Bq}$

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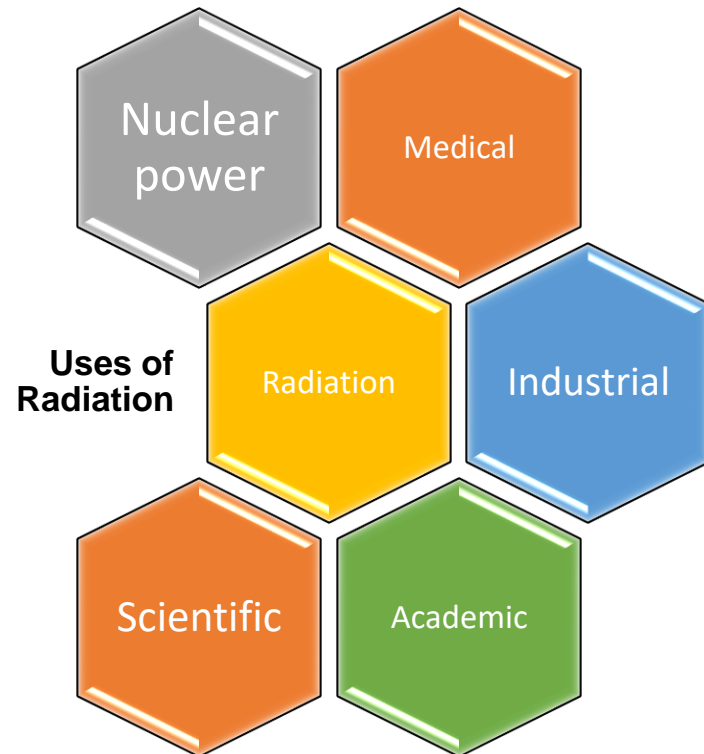
# Types of Radiation



[http://personal.cityu.edu.hk/~language/pubs/wha1\\_15\\_1\\_aiaa1011/](http://personal.cityu.edu.hk/~language/pubs/wha1_15_1_aiaa1011/)

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# Ionization Radiation application



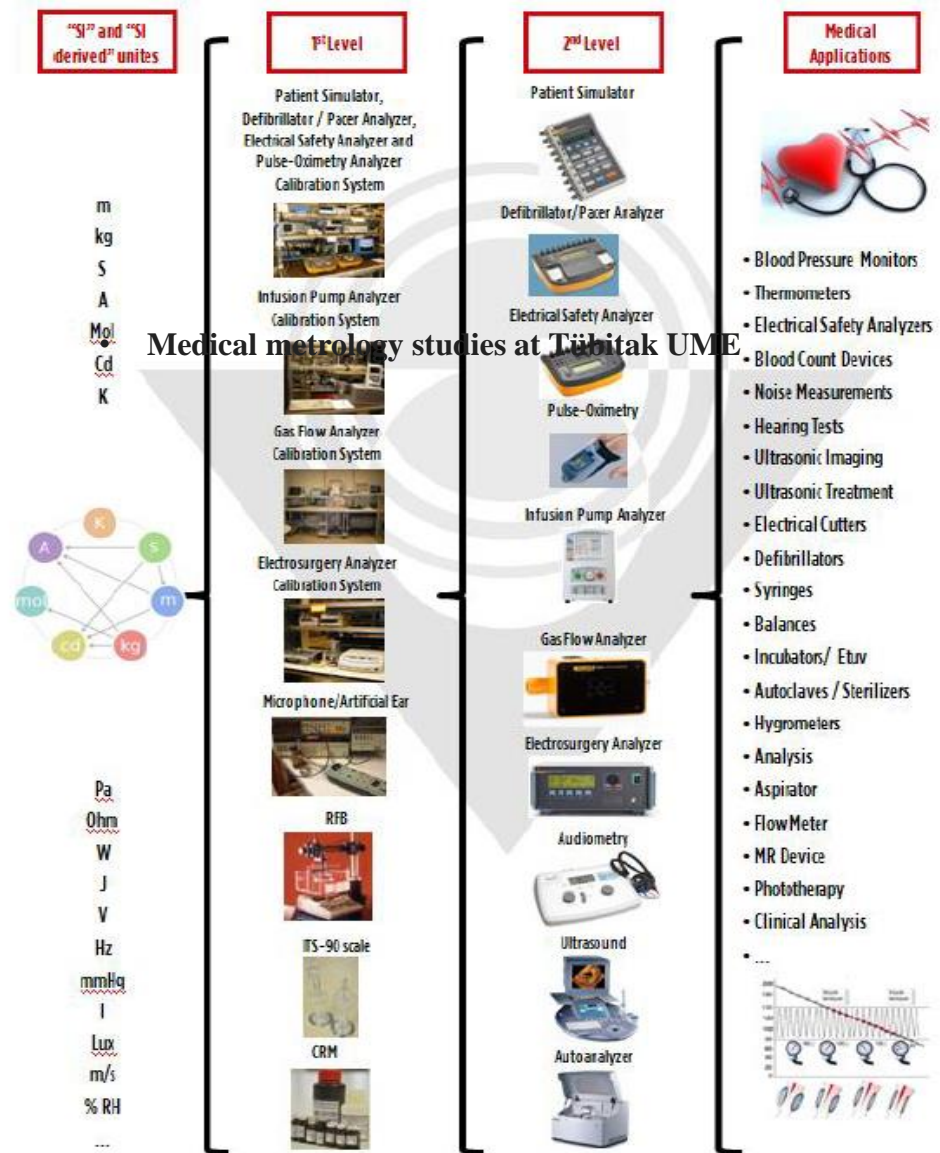
## Uses of Radiation

Although scientists have only known about radiation since the 1890s, they have developed a wide variety of uses for this natural force. Today, to benefit humankind, radiation is used in medicine, academics, and industry, as well as for generating electricity. In addition, radiation has useful applications in such areas as agriculture, archaeology (carbon dating), space exploration, law enforcement, geology (including mining), and many others. For additional information, see the following topics on this page:

- [Medical Uses](#)
- [Academic and Scientific Applications](#)
- [Industrial Uses](#)
- [Nuclear Power Plants](#)

<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/radiation/around-us/uses-radiation.html>

# Metrology in Medical



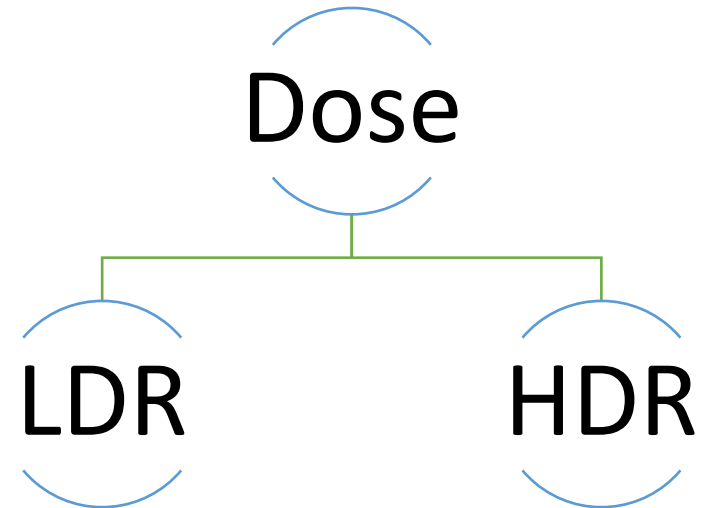
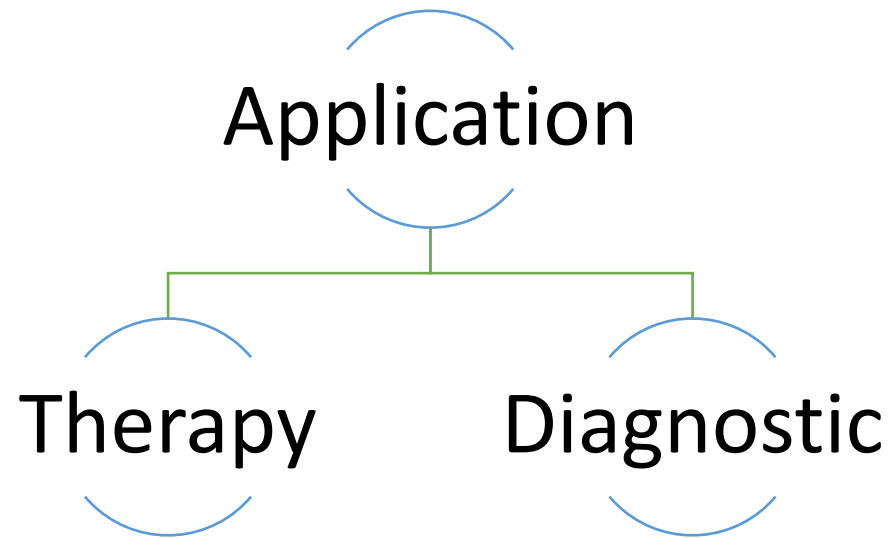
**Figure 6.** Measurement and calibration

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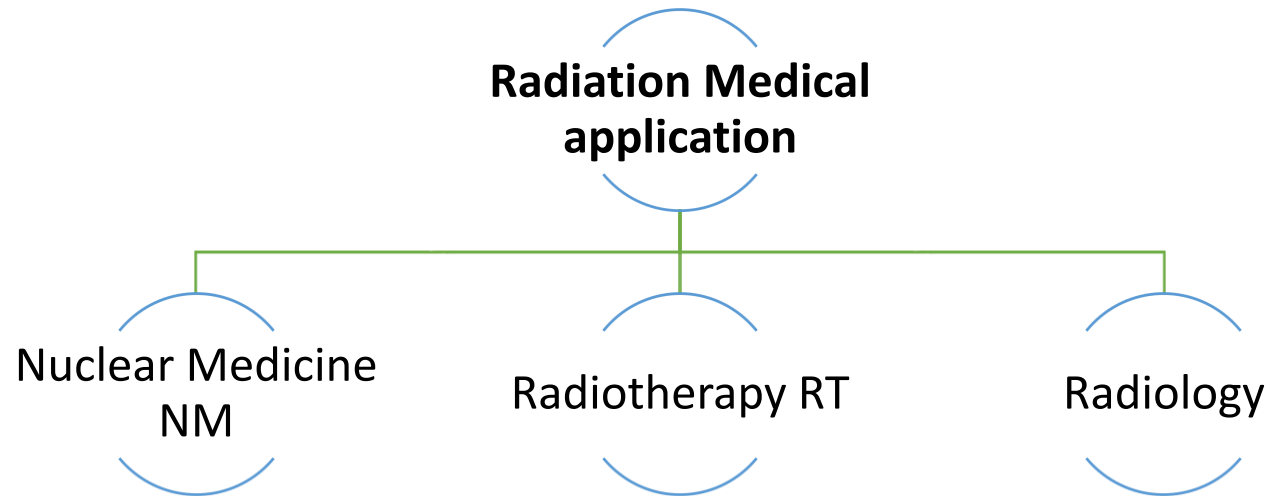
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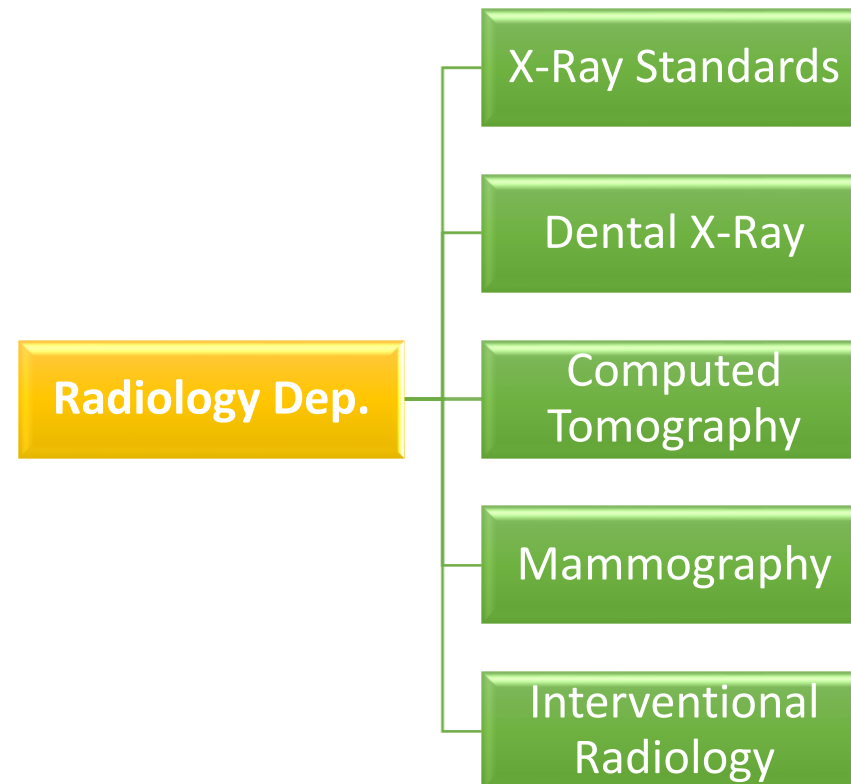
# Radiation application in Medical Sector



# Radiation application in Medical Sector



# Radiology – Diagnostic



# X-Ray Standards



<http://futurexray.com/en/products-services/04-x-ray-protection-room/>





# Dental X-ray



**Are dental x-rays safe?**

OraWellness.com



<https://ortorad.pl/en/dental-x-ray/>

# Dental X-ray

- **X-ray panoramic image  
(Panoramic / Panorama)**

Used by dentists to define an endodontic, implantological, surgical and orthodontic treatment plan. Often referred to as a “tooth panorama” or as a panoramic image.

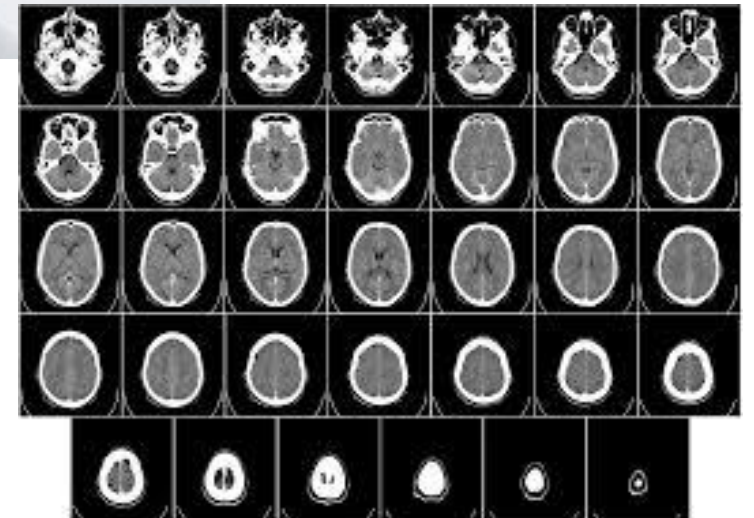
Pantomographic dental x-ray enables early detection of pathological changes in the bones of the maxilla and mandible, as well as in the temporomandibular joints and maxillary sinuses.



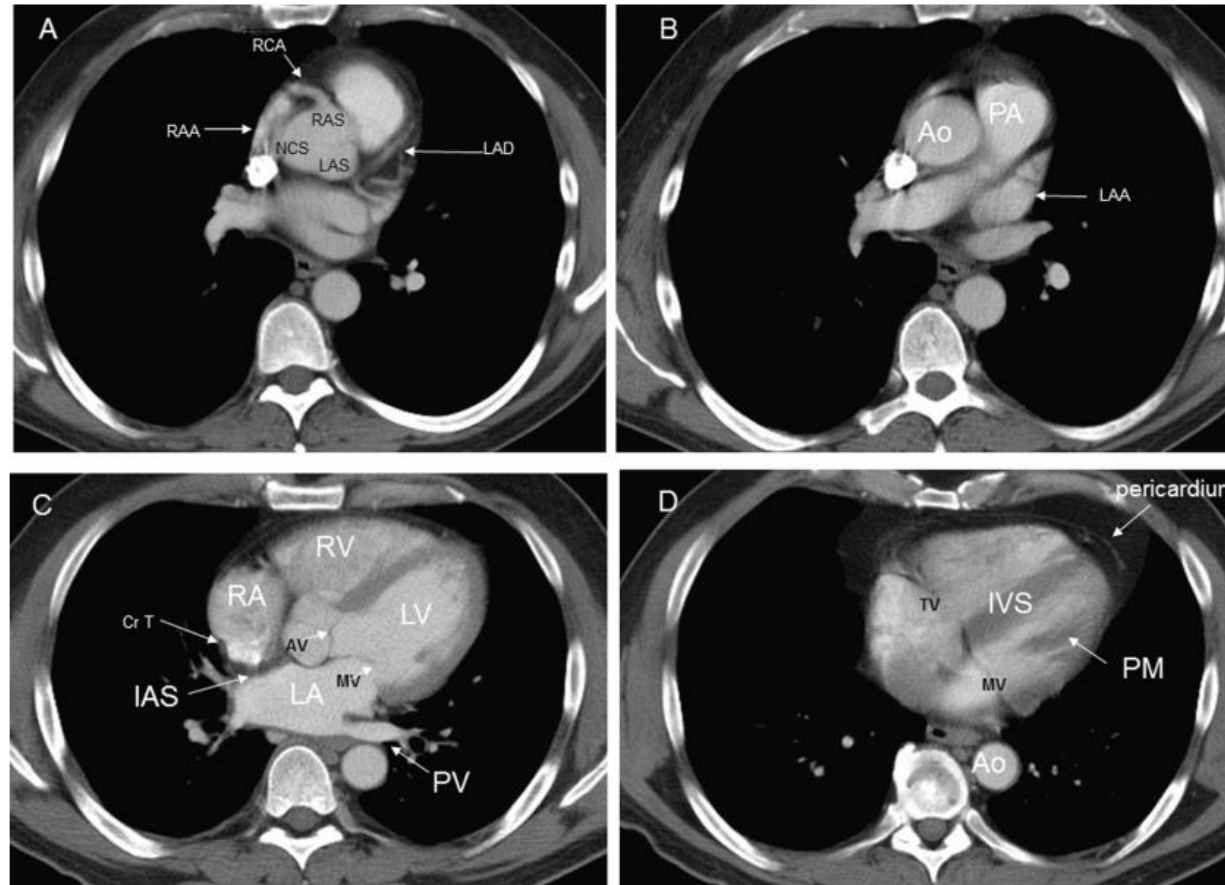
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# Computed Tomography (CT) scan

- Whether you're visiting the emergency room after a rough spill from your mountain bike or visiting your health clinic for a routine cancer screening, it's likely that the doctor will request internal images to accurately assess your health.
- One of the most common ways to capture internal body images is with a computed tomography (CT) scan.
- CT scans, also called CAT scans, use a rotating X-ray machine to create cross-sectional, or 3D, images of any body part, according to the [National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering](#) (NIBIB). They provide a painless, noninvasive and fast way for doctors to examine bones, organs and other internal tissues.



# Computed Tomography (CT) scan Cardiac



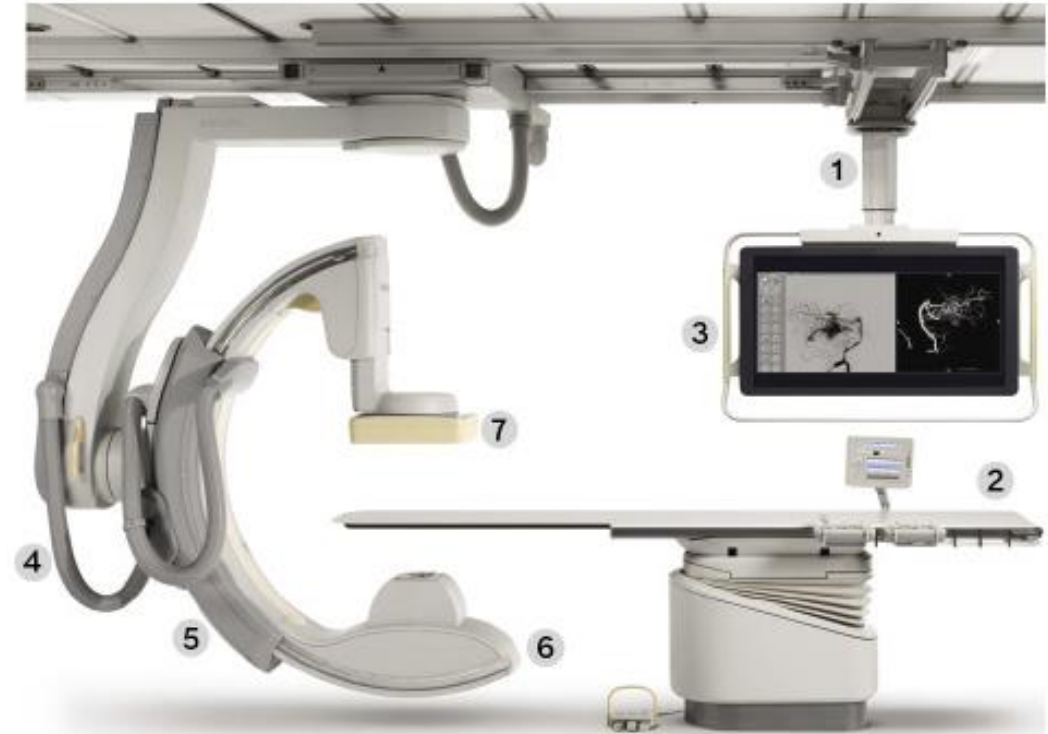


# Interventional Radiology



- 1- مضخم الصورة  
2- الذراع القوسية  
3- أنبوب الأشعة  
4- وحدة تخزين الصورة ومعالجتها

الشكل (1): جهاز التنظير والتصوير بالأشعة السينية المتحرك

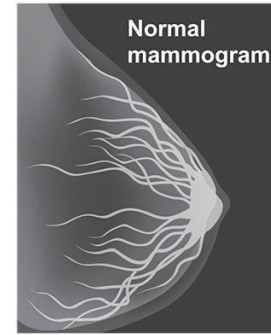
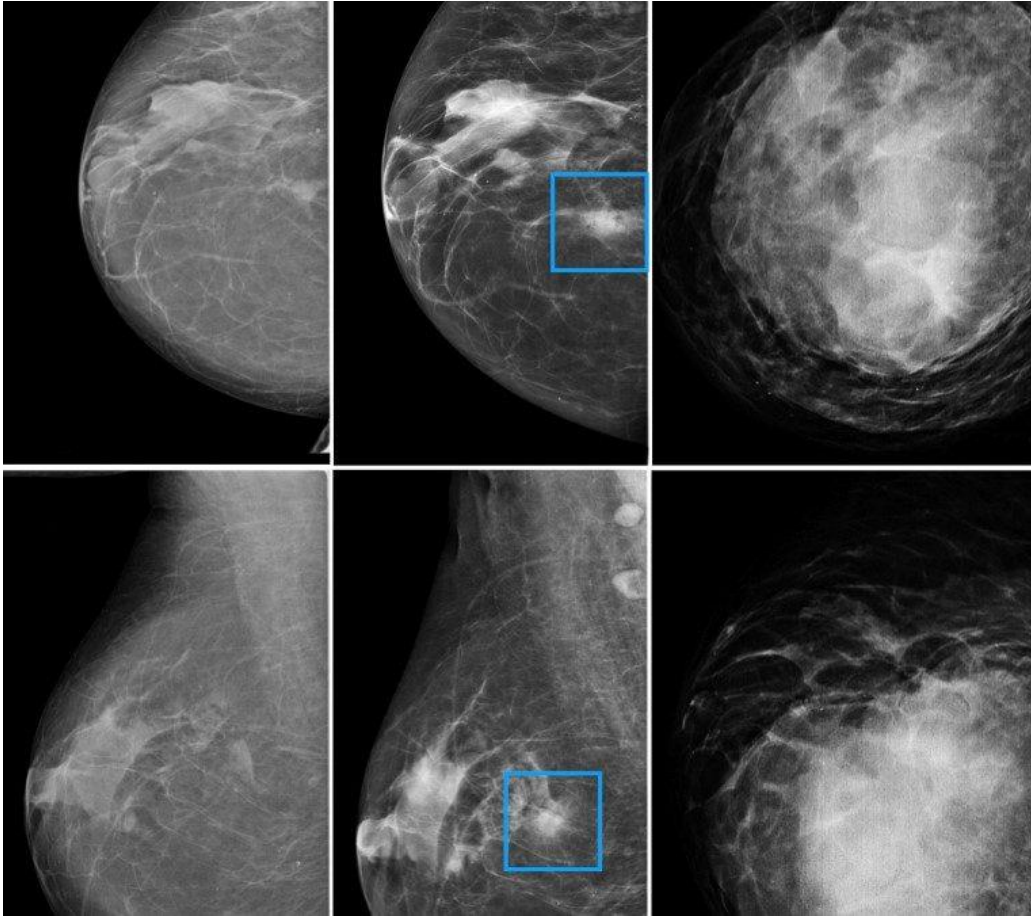


- 1- الحامل السقفي  
2- طاولة المريض  
3- شاشات المراقبة  
4- الذراع المتمفصلة  
5- القوس الحاملة  
6- أنبوب الأشعة  
7- كاشف الأشعة الرقمي

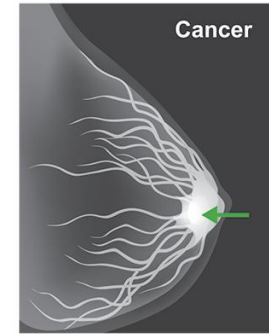
الشكل (2): جهاز التنظير والتصوير بالأشعة السينية الثابت ذو الذراع المقوسة، مع طاولة العمليات



# Mammography

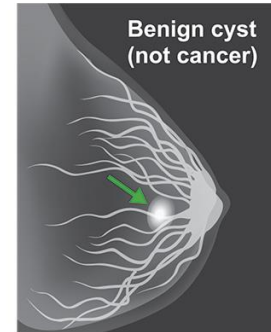


Normal mammogram

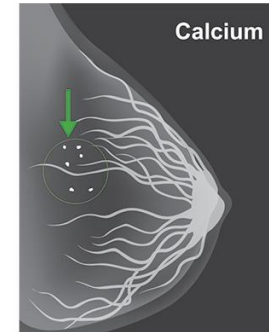


Cancer

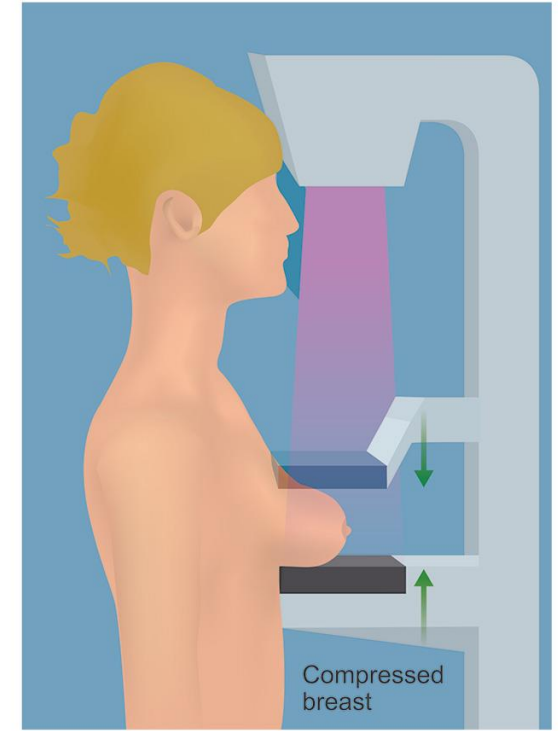
X-ray illustrate



Benign cyst (not cancer)



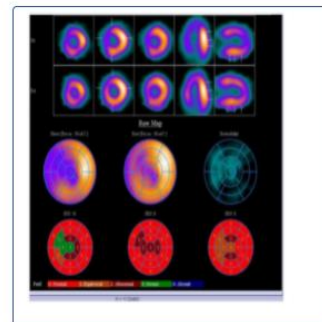
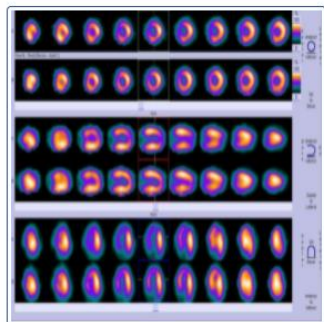
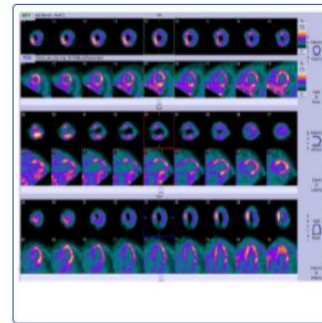
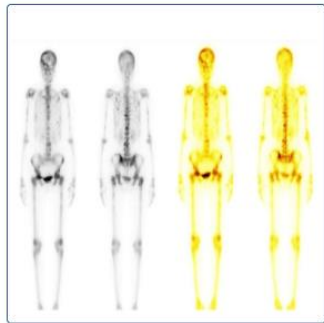
Calcium



- In mammography, each breast is compressed horizontally.
- During a screening mammogram, the breast is placed between two plastic plates.
- The plates then are briefly compressed to flatten the breast tissue.
- Two views usually are taken of each breast.

# Nuclear Medicine NM

Diagnostic & Therapy



<https://www.medicaexpo.com/prod/mie-america/product-100661-713085.html>

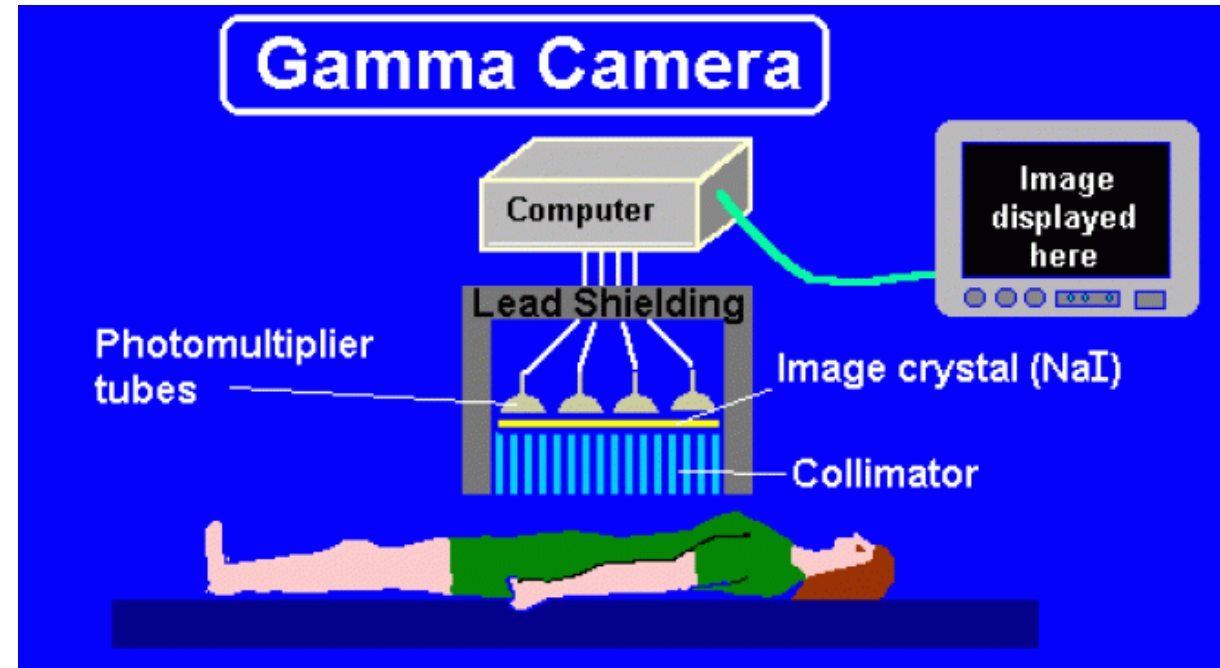
# Gamma Camera to PET

## Steps in the development of Gamma Cameras:

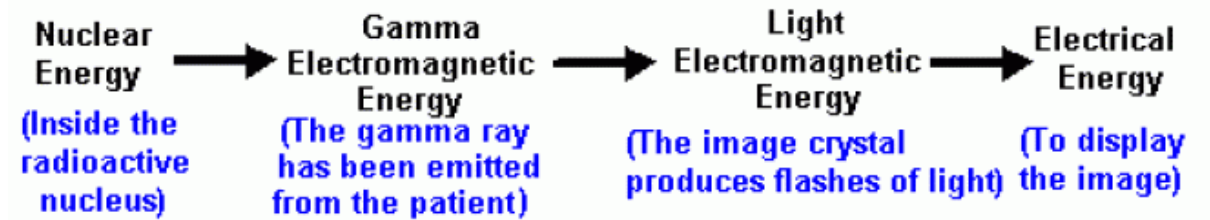
- 1896 [Henri Becquerel](#) discovered radiation
- Georg von Hevesy discovered element hafnium

## Pioneers in the development of Gamma Cameras:

- 1943 George Hevesy received Nobel Prize for [nuclear tracer theory](#)
- [Ernest Lawrence](#) – Developed precise method for measuring the  $e/m$  ratio of the electron
- [Hal Anger](#) – Developer of [gamma camera](#) – revolutionized medicine



LOJ (2001)



# Gamma Camera to PET

- 1972 Gamma Works released its first NM imager with digital processing
- 1990 Foundation of Mediso Ltd.
- 1994 Manufacturing of the first Mediso gamma camera
- 1996 Release of the first SPECT camera Nucline™ X-Ring-R
- 1998 Mediso acquired the NM profile of Gamma Works
- 2000 Launch of the Nucline™ SPIRIT DH-V variable angle dual head camera
- ISO 9001 and MDD certification of the company
- 2006 Manufacturing of the first Mediso preclinical SPECT/CT
- 2007 Production of the first Mediso clinical SPECT/CT
- Mediso takes on NM clinical diagnostic service profile acquiring ScanoMed Ltd.
- 2008 Launch of AnyScan® multimodality clinical imaging family

Frost & Sullivan 2008 European [Medical Imaging](#) Entrepreneurial Company of the Year Award

2009 New Mediso product launch of NanoPET™ /CT preclinical PET-CT  
Inauguration of Mediso Reference Multimodality Diagnostic, Research & Training Centre

2011 Launch of nanoScan® preclinical PET/MRI

2012 Launch of nanoScan® Family complete preclinical SPECT/PET/CT/MRI imager portfolio

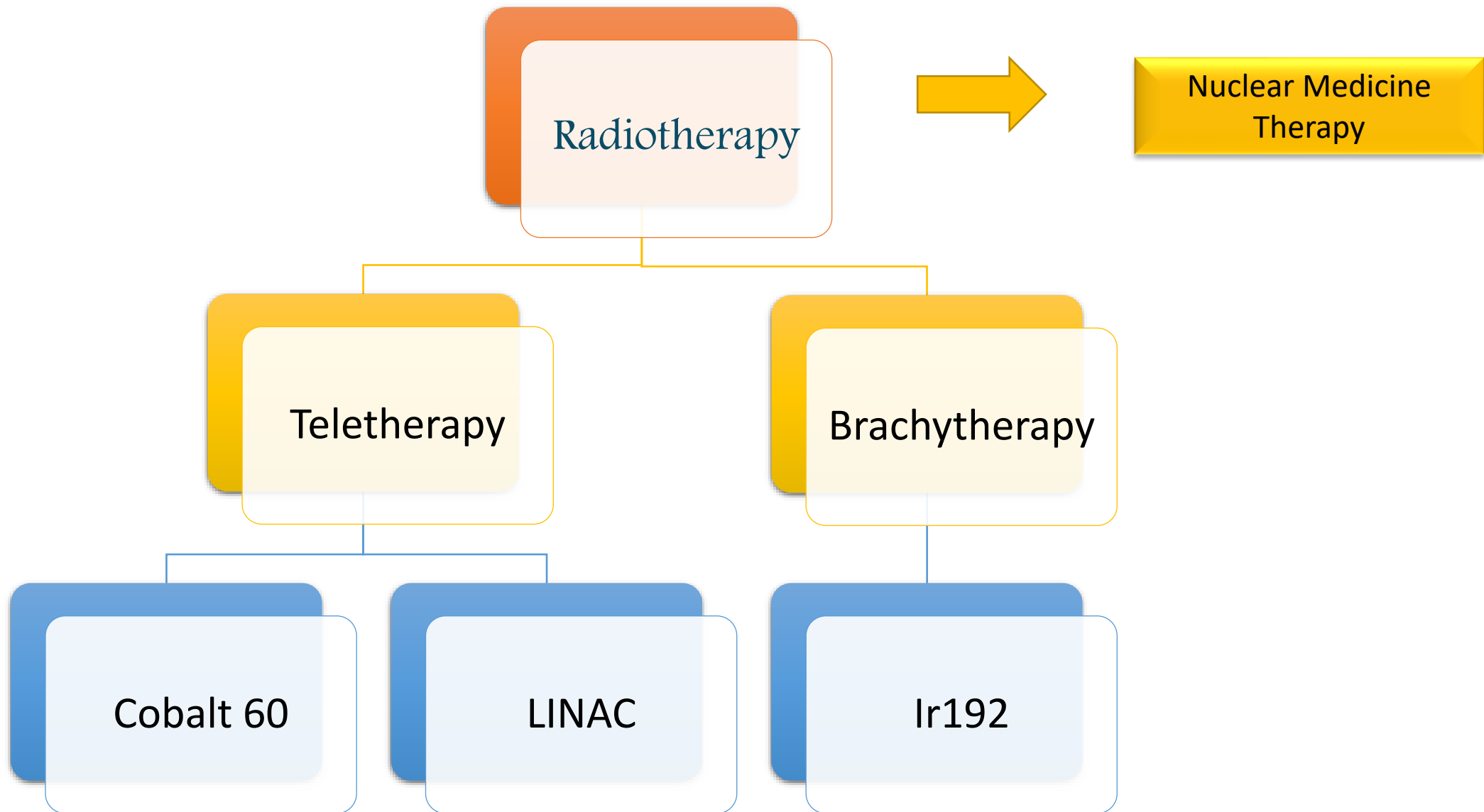
Frost & Sullivan 2012 European Preclinical Imaging New Product Innovation Award

2013 New member of nanoScan® Family: nanoScan® SPECT/CT/PET

2014 First installation of MultiScan LFER 150

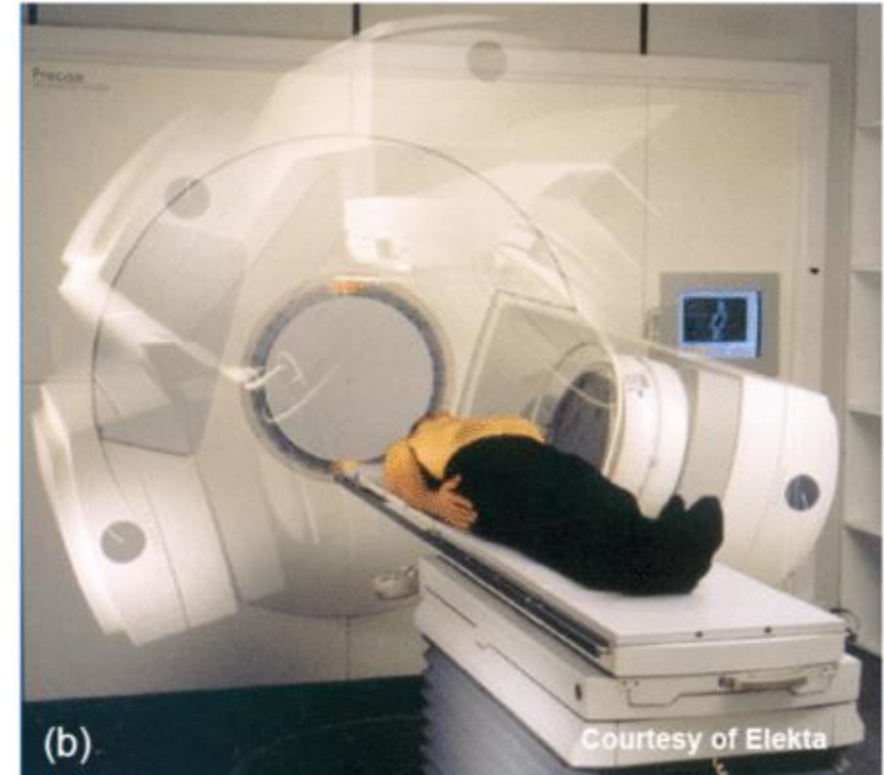
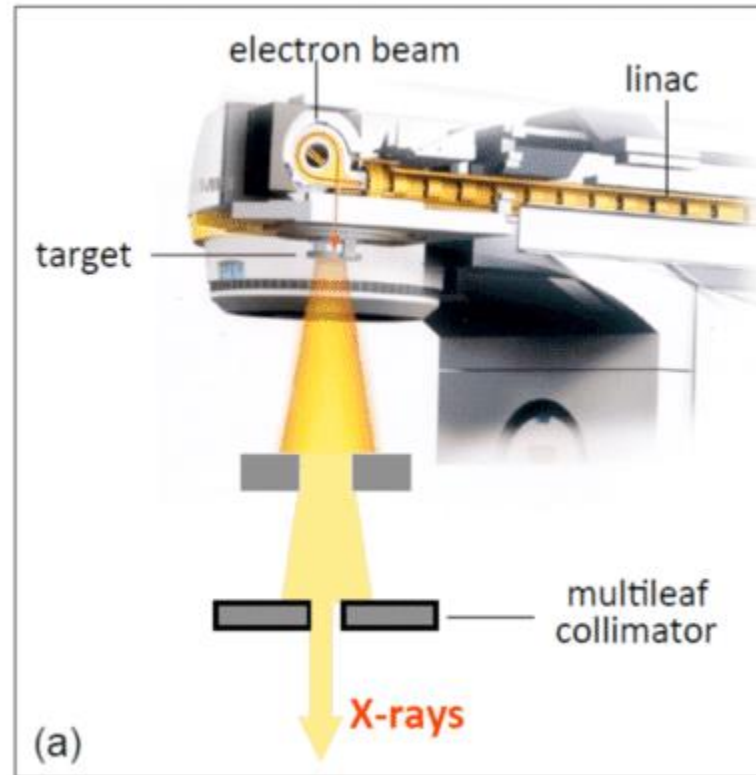
2015 Introduction of AnyScan® TRIO Family based on triple detector SPECT

2016 First installation of nanoScan® PET/MRI 3T with 3 Tesla MRI

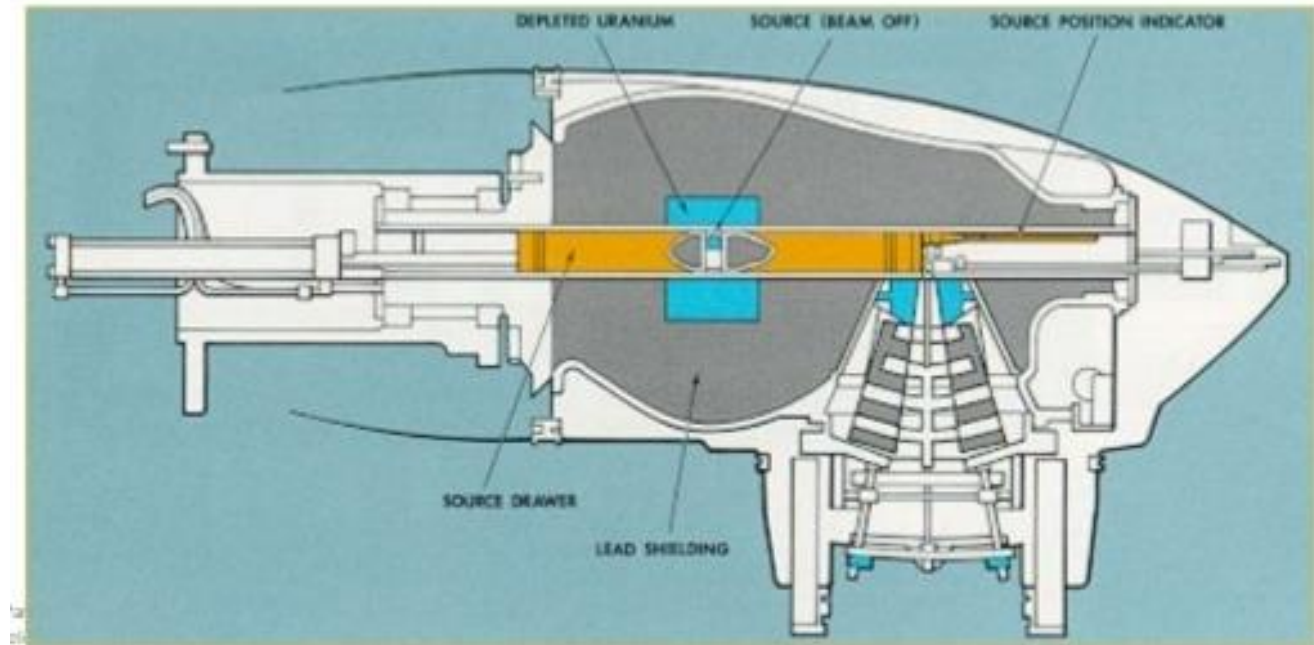




# Medical Linear Accelerator (LINAC)



# Cobalt 60 Unite



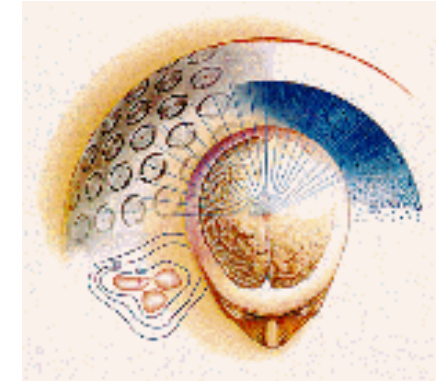
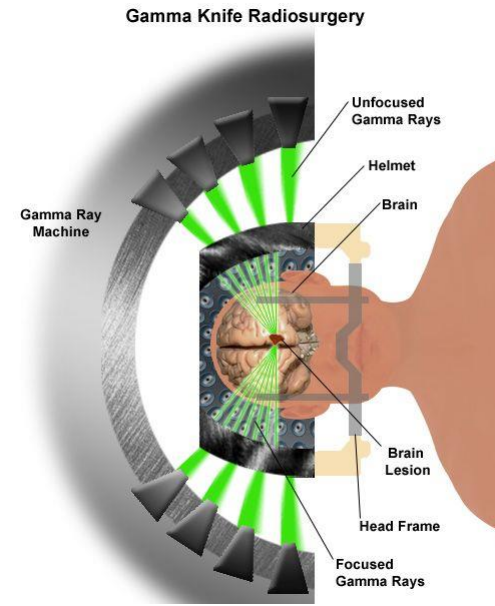
# LINAC Vs Cobalt-60

| <b>LINAC</b>  | <b>Cobalt 60 machine</b>   |
|---|--|
| Continuing progress in technology, design & utility   | New machines have improved beam capabilities.  |
| 6MV – adequate penetration to treat very vast majority of tumors                              | Does not give ideal depth dose, but adequate for palliative therapy.   |
| Platform that allows for advanced curative treatment.   | Primarily used for palliative treatment.   |
| Upgradeable for advanced treatment modalities to improve the accuracy & quality of treatment. | Continuously depleting sources mean longer treatment times – compromised treatment efficiency & quality. Cumbersome exchange & disposal of sources |
| Standard of external beam therapy in Developed Countries.                                     |  |



# Gamma Knife

- The Leksell Gamma Knife is an alternative or adjunct to conventional brain surgery. The principles behind the development of the Gamma Knife were first conceived by a Swedish neurosurgeon, Lars Leksell, during the 1950s. He envisioned a multisource Gamma ray emitter that would be able to focus very accurately on an intracranial target and thus replace open surgery for some conditions. In 1967, the first Gamma Knife unit was put into clinical use in Karolinska and this was a 179 cobalt 60 source.

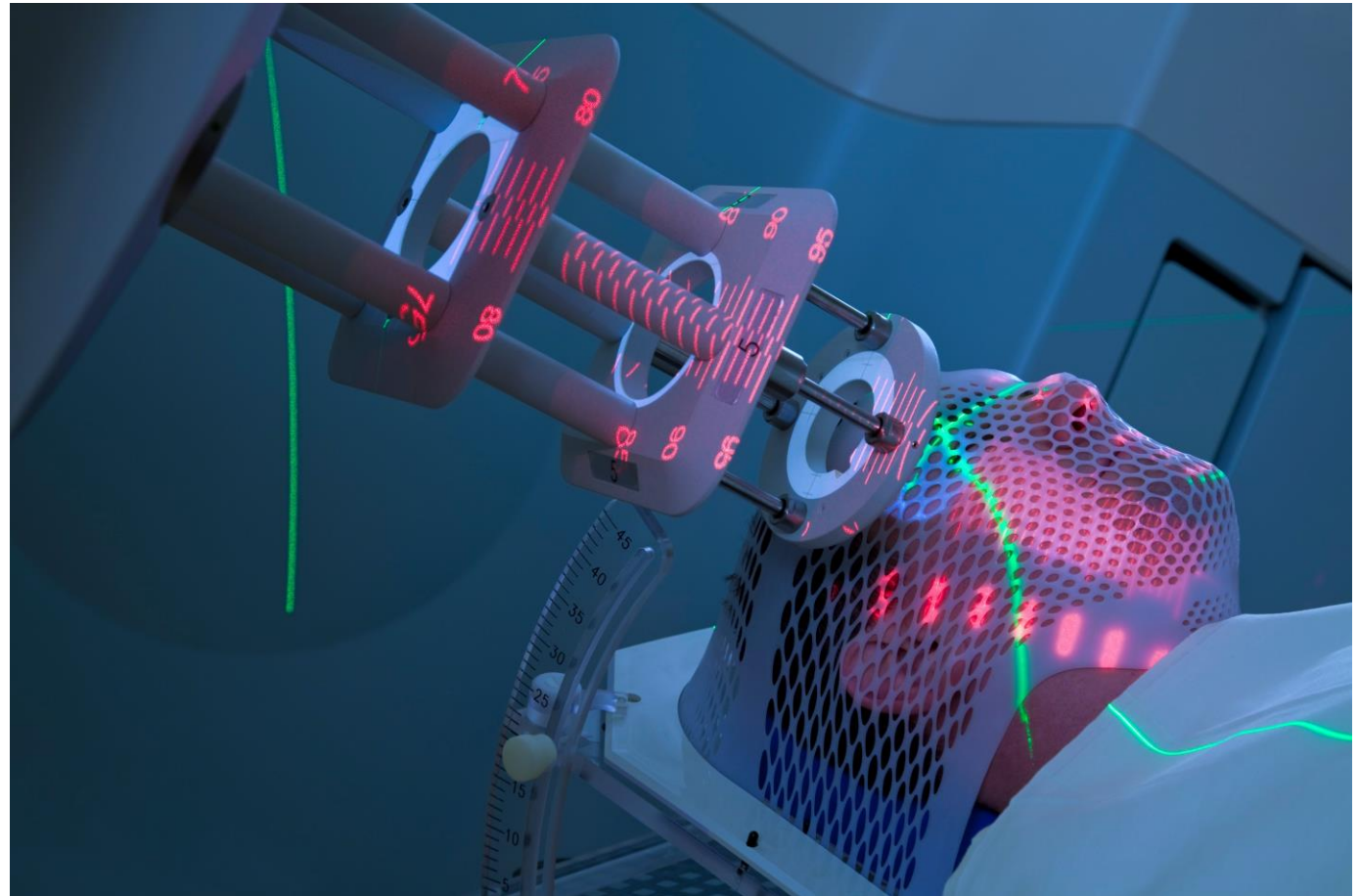


# Proton Therapy

What is proton therapy?

Proton therapy, also known as proton beam therapy, is a form of radiation treatment used to destroy tumor cells. Instead of using x-rays like regular radiation treatment, it uses protons to send beams of high energy that can target tumors more precisely than X-ray radiation.


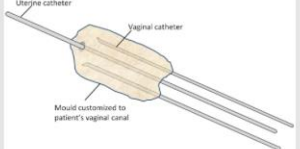


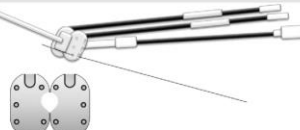
When treating a patient, doctors and physicists work together to focus the proton beam on the exact size and shape of the tumor. The beam kills the tumor cells layer by layer, sparing surrounding healthy tissue.





# Brachytherapy

**Table 1** Overview of MRI- and CT compatible applicators used in image-based brachytherapy

| Applicator  | Features   |
|---|--|
|   | <b>Henschke applicator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Titanium models compatible for 1.5 and 3T MRI available</li> <li>■ Intracavitary tandem and ovoid dosimetry</li> <li>■ Adjustable ovoid separation and shielding</li> <li>■ LDR source loading available</li> </ul>  |
|   | <b>Vaginal mold</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MRI-compatible for 1.5T</li> <li>■ Cervicovaginal impression constructed that is used to fabricate acrylic mold</li> <li>■ Positioning of sources dictated by anatomy of patient and topography of tumor</li> <li>■ No vaginal packing required; patient can be ambulatory without risk of displacement</li> </ul>  |
|   | <b>Rotterdam applicator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MRI-compatible for 1.5T and 3T</li> <li>■ Visibility and reconstruction have been validated with inter-rater variability of 0.7 mm</li> <li>■ Vaginal cylinder attachment components available for targeting vaginal disease</li> </ul>   |
|   | <b>Syed-Neblett interstitial template</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Models compatible for 1.5T and 3T MRI available</li> <li>■ Interstitial catheters with central tungsten alloy obturators placed through a central vaginal obturator and through a disposable template</li> <li>■ Models using intrauterine tandem available</li> </ul>  |
|  | <b>Utrecht Applicator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MRI-compatible for 1.5T, 3T, 6T and others</li> <li>■ Combined intracavitary/interstitial</li> <li>■ Modification of Fletcher system</li> <li>■ Ovoids can serve as tandems for delivery of 10 interstitial channels</li> <li>■ Angled at 15° to align approximately with angle of uterine tandem</li> <li>■ Clinically validated for average dosimetric gain for HR-CTV D90 of 4.4 Gy<sub>95</sub> = 10</li> </ul> |

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## Specialized Applicators and Afterloader Matched to Treatment Needs

### Gynecologic



### Breast



### Skin



### Lung

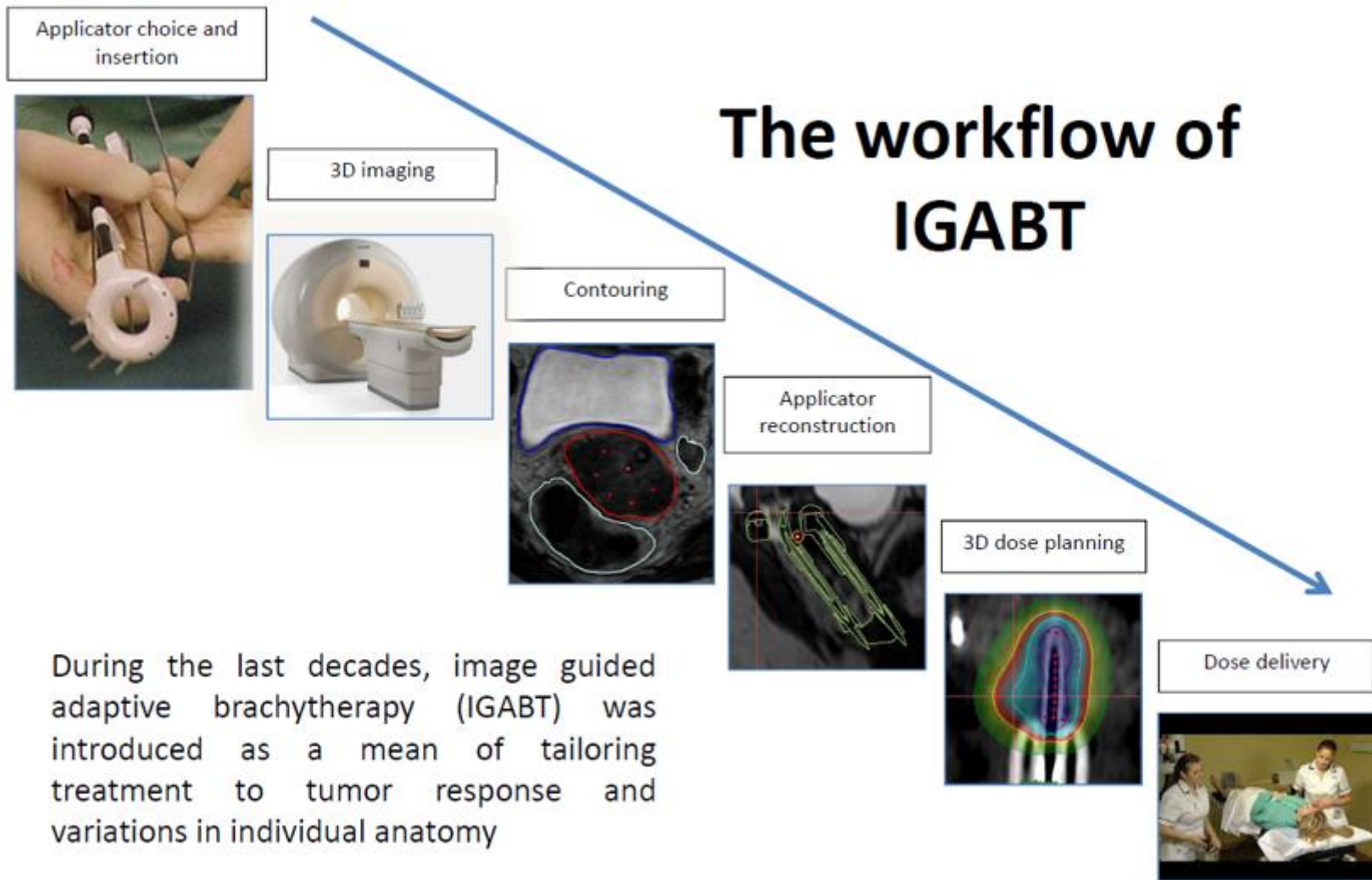


### Prostate



### Flexitron®





# Brachytherapy



Figure 6 Coronal view of the Xofig Henschke applicator.

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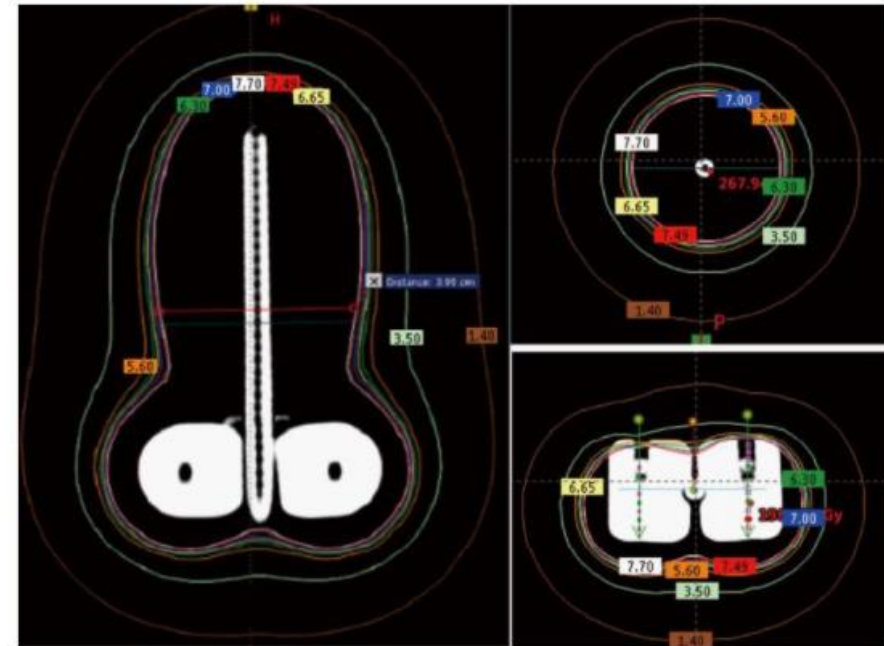
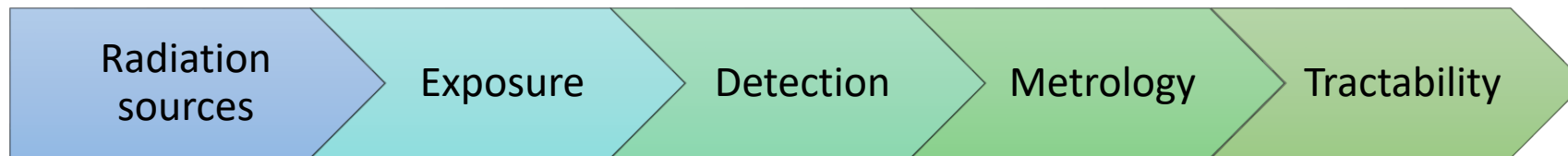
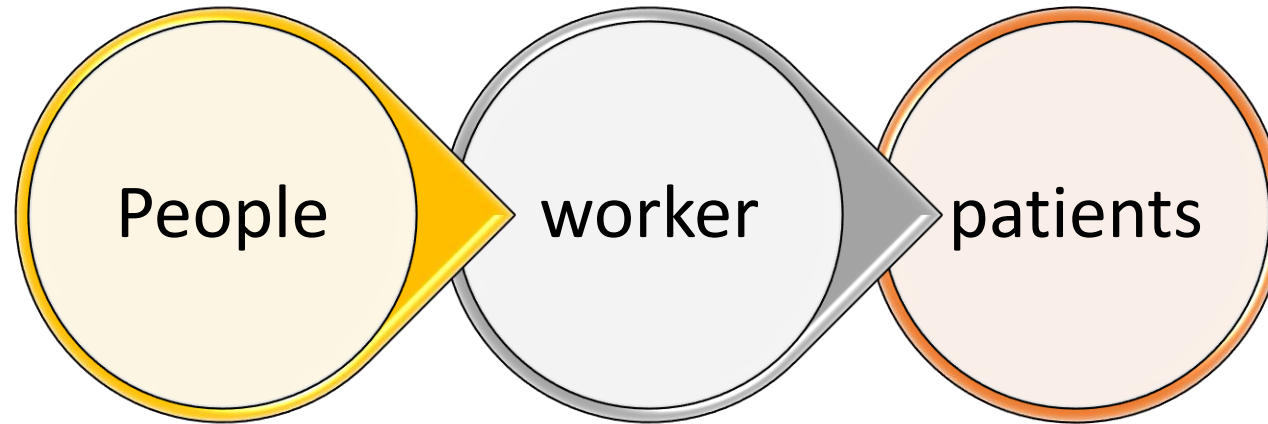
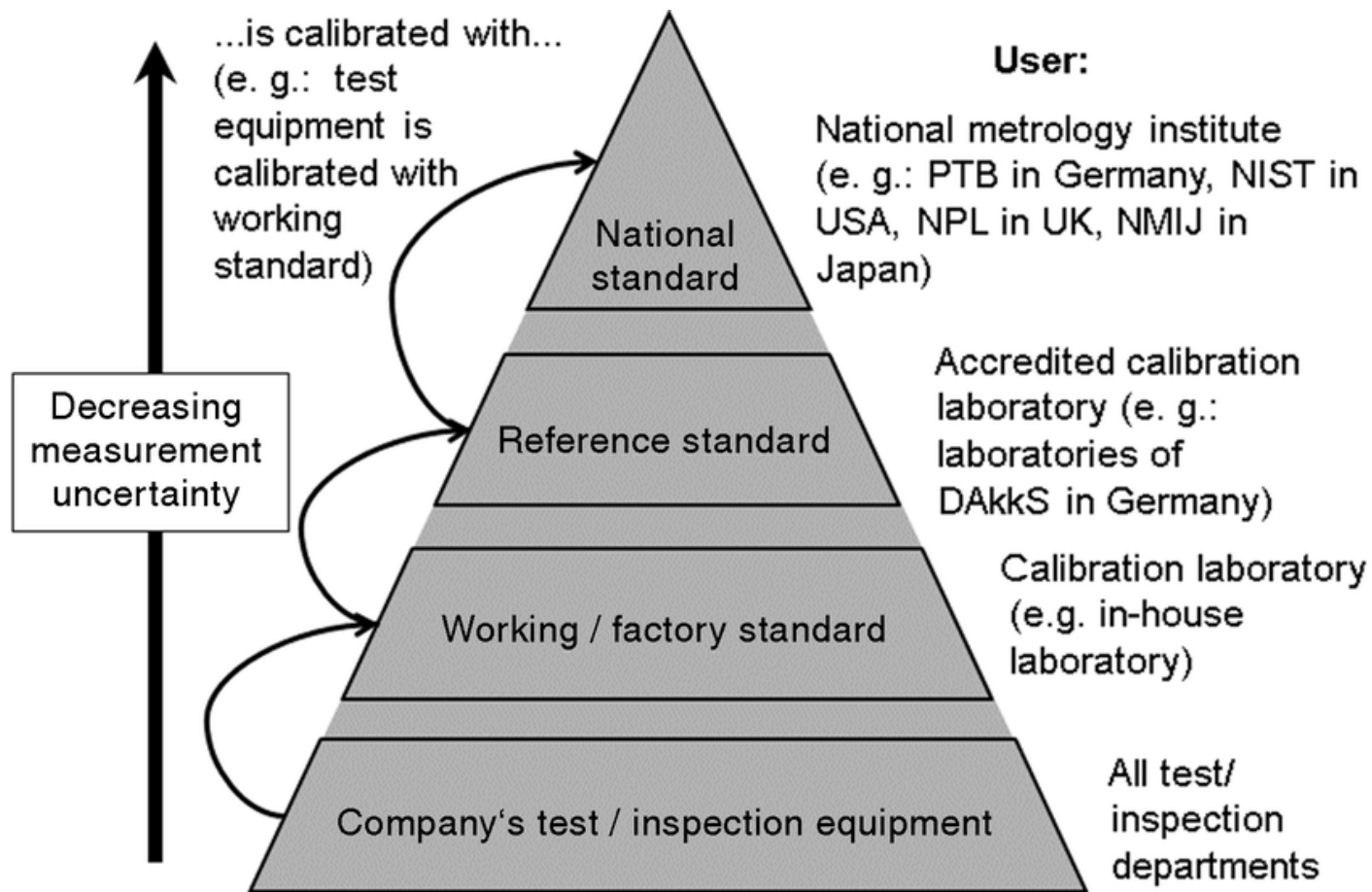


Figure 5 Simulation of a Tandem and Ovoid applicators planned in a Brachyvision software for a predefined Xofig X-ray source dwell positions.

# Radiation protection









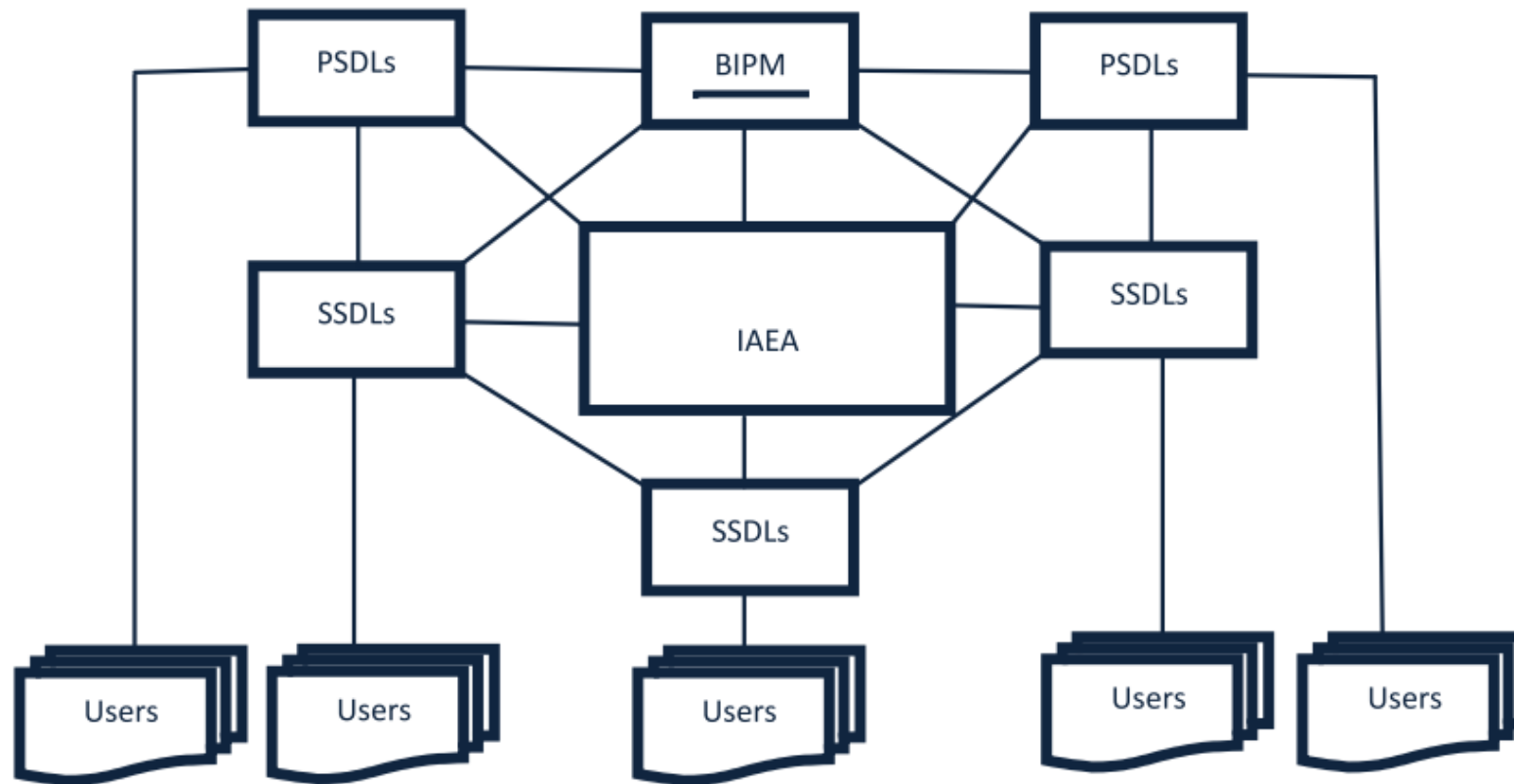
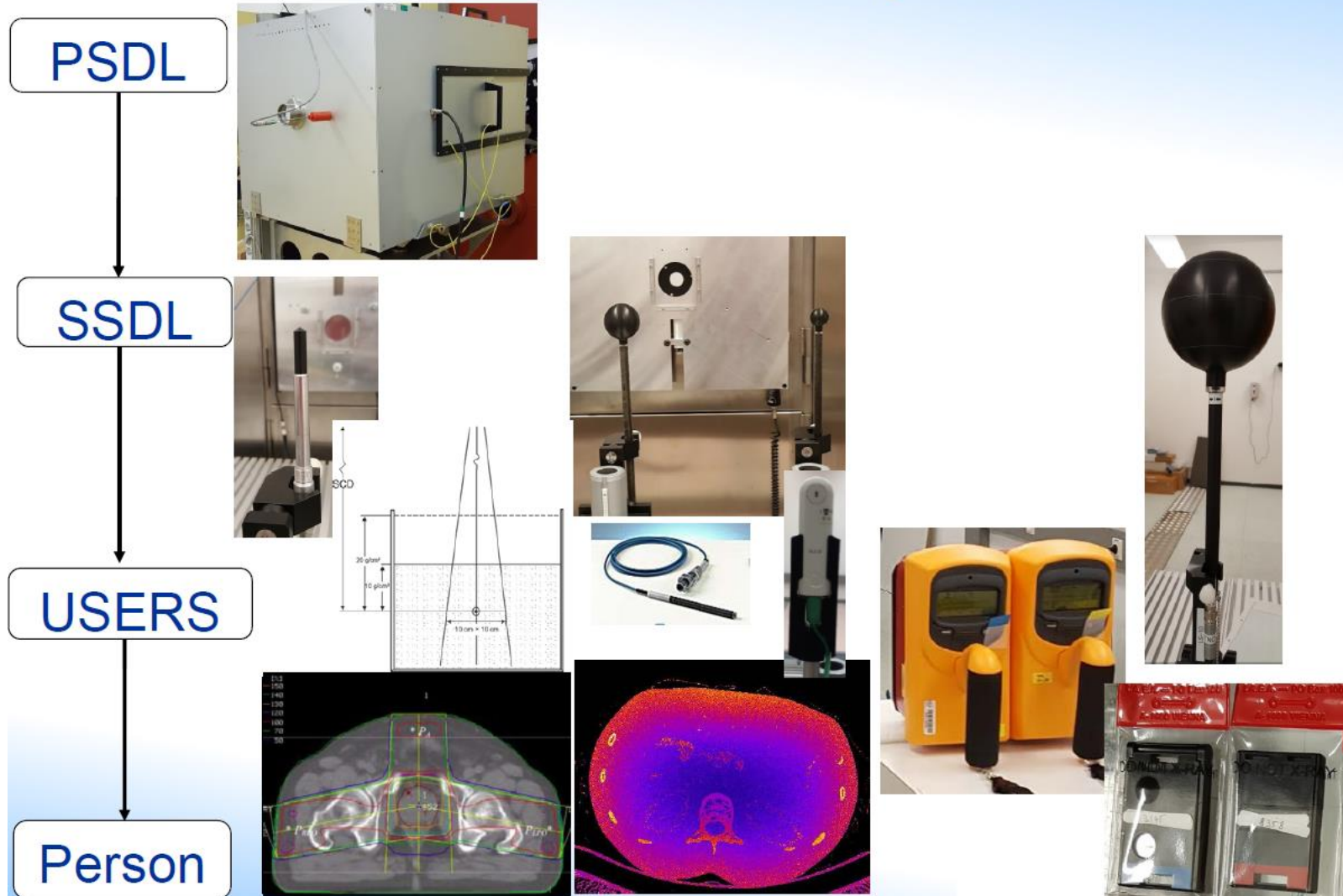
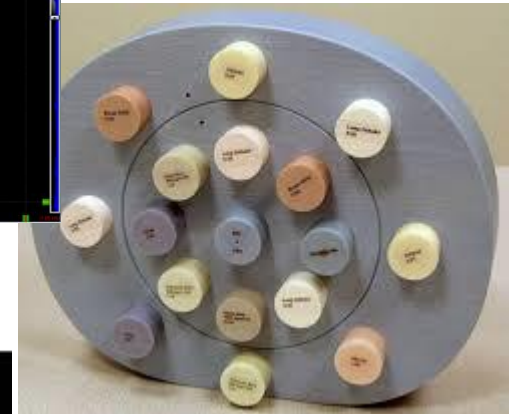
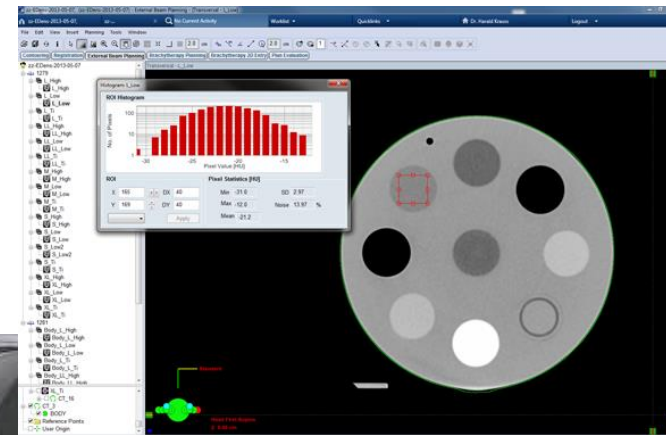


Figure II.1. Global metrological links of the international measurement system [26].

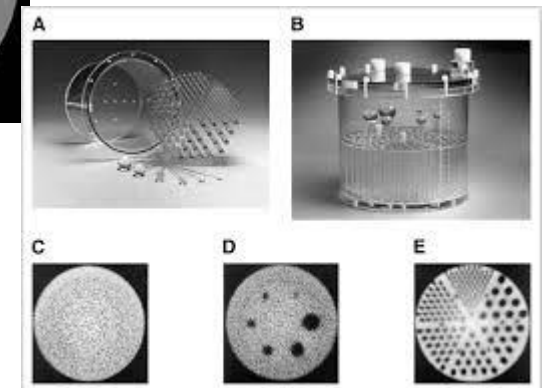
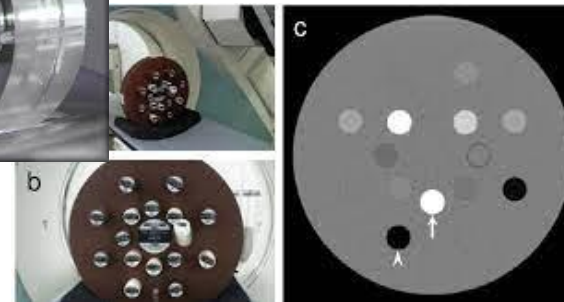
# International measurement system





### External beam radiotherapy

Hospitals calibrate their linac output for radiotherapy with a dosimeter



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