

AAHP Course #1

Harmony in Concepts and Units for Internal Dose Calculations for Nuclear Medicine Applications or for Protection of Radiation Workers

Saturday, February 16, 2019; 8 hours

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Internal dose calculations for nuclear medicine applications or for protection of radiation workers are based on the same fundamental concepts and units. The various systems developed to provide a basis for the needed calculations (e.g. ICRP 30/60/103, MIRD, RADAR) use equations that appear to be different, but are in fact identical when carefully studied.

The RADAR method harmonized the defining equations and units employed to provide quantitative analysis for these two general problem areas. This program will show, from a theoretical standpoint, how all of these systems are identical in concept, and will then show, using practical examples, how each is applied to solve different problems. For nuclear medicine, an overview will be given of the current state of the art and promise for future improvements to provide more patient specificity in calculations and better ability to predict biological effects from calculated doses. For occupational applications of internal dosimetry, an overview will be given of currently applicable models and methods for bioassay analysis and dose assessment, showing several practical examples.

AAHP Course #2

Practical External Dosimetry Management

Saturday, February 16, 2019; 4 hours

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This course addresses practical management of external dosimetry program. We will review the fundamentals of radiation interactions, radiation sources, and detector theory. We will discuss different types of dosimeters (passive and active), their characteristics, and how radiation interacts with them. In addition to the standard dosimeter badges for beta, gamma and x-ray radiation, the course will cover dosimeters for neutron, eye, and extremity. The course will also present multi-badging and EDE calculations.

The course will discuss potential sources of errors, dose investigations, dose assignment and documentation, how radiation dosimetry services work, and Do-It-Yourself-Quality Assurance. Example investigations are presented and discussed. If time permits, the course will also cover use of the Varskin code for calculating shallow dose from contamination.