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SUBJECT : QUALITY CONTROL, RADIOBIOLOGY AND RADIATION SAFETY IN RADIODIAGNOSIS/ IMAGING OTHERTHAN X-ray RELATED

PAPER : PAPER II

TOPIC : RADIATION QUANTITIES AND UNITS

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1. DOSE

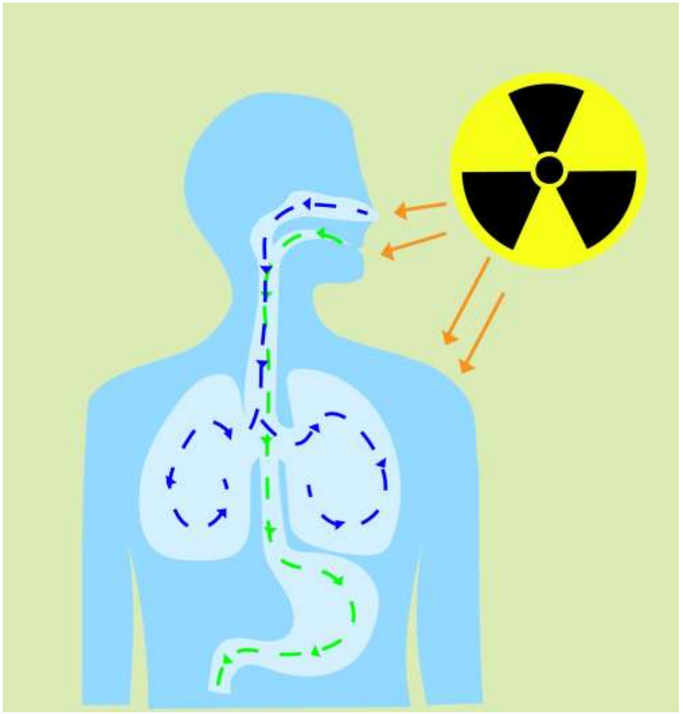
Energy transfer from one medium to another medium

Unit : gray (Gy)

2. ABSORBED DOSE

The energy imparted by ionizing radiation per unit mass of irradiated medium

Unit : gray (Gy)



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ACTIVITY

- The rate of disintegration (transformation) or decay of radioactive material.
- The units of activity are curie (Ci) and Becquerel (Bq)

SPECIFIC ACTIVITY (activity / gram)

- Specific activity is the activity per quantity of radionuclide.
- Thus specific activity is defined as the activity per quantity of atoms of particular radionuclide.
- It is usually given in units of Bq /g .
- Another unit of activity is the curie (Ci), allowing the definition of specific activity in Ci/g.

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3. KERMA

- Kerma Stands for kinetic energy released in the medium, which describes the initial interaction of photon with an atom, that takes place in the medium.
- When a radiation interacts with the matter, **the uncharged particles (photons & neutrons) transfer kinetic energy to the charged particles (electrons and proton s)**
- Kerma (K) is the measure of kinetic energy transferred to the charged particles
- The unit of Kerma is joule / kilogram (J/Kg)
- SI unit is Gray and the special unit is rad.

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4. CEMA (converted energy per unit mass)

- Cema differs from kerma in that cema involves the energy lost in electronic interactions by the incoming charged particles.
- An analogous quantity for charged-particle fields, cema (**converted energy per unit mass**), is defined, which quantifies the energy imparted in terms of the interactions of charged particles, disregarding energy dissipation by secondary electrons.
- The unit of cema is joule / kilogram (J/Kg).

EQUIVALENT DOSE

5. Equivalent Dose (HT)

- (ICRP report 26 (1977))
- The biological effects of radiation depend not only on absorbed dose (D). But also on the type of radiation.
- It is the absorbed dose averaged over a tissue or organ and weighted for the radiation quality that is of interest, and is given as, $H_T = D \cdot W_R$
- Where, WR is the weighting factor for the radiation type analogous to RBE in radiobiology.

EFFECTIVE DOSE

7. FLUX

- Radiative flux, also known as radiative flux density or radiation flux (or sometimes power flux density), is the amount of power radiated through a given area, in the form of photons or other elementary particles, typically measured in W/m^2.

8. FLUENCE

- Fluence can be defined as the total number of particles (typically Gamma Ray Photons) crossing over a sphere of unit cross section which surrounds a Point Source of Ionizing Radiation.

INTERROGATIONS

1. It’s true that radiation travels in medium or without medium ?!
2. What is radioactivity ?
3. Explain Exposure
4. What is Exposure rate constant

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