



# **Regional Training Course on Advanced Performance Assessment and Quality Assurance in Computed Tomography**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Purpose**

The objective of the regional training course is to train participants on performance assessment of modern computed tomography (CT) systems, use of advanced image quality metrics and dose indices, design and optimization of CT protocols.

### **Working Language(s)**

The working language of the event will be English.

### **Deadline for Nominations**

Nominations received after **09 May 2024** will not be considered.

## Scope and Nature

The regional training course will consist of lectures relevant to the contemporary technologies used in CT, image reconstruction algorithms, image quality metrics' dose indices, CT protocols design and optimization followed by practical exercises in hospitals and classroom discussions.

## Background Information

Development of new technology in different X ray modalities in diagnostic and interventional radiology has led to the need for greater involvement of medical physicists in clinical practice.

The technological advancement is posing a higher demand on the medical physics community which is expected to have a major role in quality management system, through enhancement of quality assurance (QA) and quality control practice. With rapid development of digital imaging technologies, medical physicists working in hospitals need support in developing and aligning their QA practice with modern technologies used in X ray imaging, including CT.

Medical physicists in diagnostic radiology provide a key contribution to the optimization of X ray imaging procedures, e.g. in the balancing the image quality and radiation dose. They are responsible for the dosimetry of the patient, image quality assessment and to assist medical practitioners in the evaluation of examination efficacy. Their knowledge is applied to the characterization and optimization of new imaging techniques, and they play an important role in the adoption, development, implementation and safe use of advanced techniques in diagnostic radiology.

Specifically in CT, the medical physicist is advising the facility on CT image quality and on radiation protection of the patient, staff and members of the public, advising the facility on acquisition, installation and shielding for CT, conducting tests to ensure the safety and proper performance of equipment used in CT, advising the radiologist and radiographer on optimization and providing oversight and advice to the radiographer who carries out the radiographer's component of the QA programme.

The project RER6042, based on results and achievements of previous regional projects, has the main objective to improve quality and safety in diagnostic and interventional radiology in the region by building the capacity of medical physicists through increase of their knowledge, skills, and competences.

## Participation

The meeting is open to 25 participants from TCEU Member States participating in the projects: RER6042 "Building Capacities of Medical Physicists in Diagnostic Radiology to Support the Establishment of Quality Management Systems".

Each country is invited to nominate **two participants** who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority.

## Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Noting that the scope of the project is related to clinical diagnostic radiology, and in line with the requirements of the International Basic Safety Standards, the participant should be a clinically qualified medical physicist currently working, or having been recruited to work, in a diagnostic radiology department providing CT imaging and preferably having experience with CT technology.

In case of lack of an appropriate candidate, and based on proper justification, a medical physicist working in radiotherapy or nuclear medicine and involved in CT imaging may be considered.

This course is not intended for participants working for regulatory authorities or as inspectors or for radiographers.

As the course will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to deliver and follow lectures and express themselves in this language without difficulty.

Applications failing to clarify compliance to the requirements listed above will be automatically rejected.

## Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
  - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
  - b. Download and complete the [Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form](#), and upload to InTouch+ ('Profile' tab under the personal section) specifying the document name. If already provided, kindly discard this step; and
  - c. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (**EVT2402296**) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

**NOTE:** Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to [InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org](mailto:InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org).

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for

the meeting from the IAEA website and submit their applications to their National Authorities. The nomination forms once fully approved can be submitted by e-mail in a PDF format through the official channels via the IAEA Official E-Mail ([Official.Mail@iaea.org](mailto:Official.Mail@iaea.org)) with copy to Mr Katukhov ([A.Katukhov@iaea.org](mailto:A.Katukhov@iaea.org)) and Mr Bru ([Y.Bru@iaea.org](mailto:Y.Bru@iaea.org)).

**NOTE:** A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

## **Occupational Exposure to Radiation**

This event may involve occupational exposure to radiation. Therefore, candidates are required to duly complete and return the Occupational Exposure History (OEH) form upon applying for the event. The IAEA will provide selected participants in due course with a dosimeter to monitor their occupational exposure during this event.

## **Administrative and Financial Arrangements**

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency American Express, or a travel grant, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

## **Disclaimer of Liability**

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

## **Note for female participants:**

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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