

MEDICAL PHYSICS READINESS ASSESSMENT

(institution name)

1. Which of the following does the institution employ?

Medical Physicist:

Number employed:

Health Physicist:

Number employed:

Radiation Safety Officer:

Number employed:

Is it a physicist?

Specify if other:

2. Are there government regulations in place regarding image quality?

If yes, explain:

3. Are there government regulations in place regarding radiation safety?

If yes, explain:

4. Are there government regulations in place regarding MRI safety?

If yes, explain:

5. Are the regulations enforced?

If yes:

By whom? _____

How frequently is the equipment inspected by the government? _____

6. Are there accreditation bodies for medical imaging equipment?

If yes, explain:

7. Are personal dosimeters worn by staff?

If yes, dosimeter brand: _____

8. Is the staff dosimetry reviewed?

How frequently? _____

By whom? _____

Is there a dose limit? _____

What steps are taken if staff is above the limit? _____

9. On which of the following equipment do **physicists** perform imaging QC?

Radiography:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Fluoroscopy:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Mammography:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
CT:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Ultrasound:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
MRI:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Dental:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Acquisition Monitors:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Reading Workstations:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Darkroom/Viewbox:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____

10. On which of the following equipment do **physicists** perform dosimetry?

Radiography:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Fluoroscopy:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Mammography:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
CT:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Dental:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____

11. On which of the following equipment do **technologists** perform imaging QC?

Radiography:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Fluoroscopy:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Mammography:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
CT:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Ultrasound:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
MRI:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Dental:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Acquisition Monitors:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Reading Workstations:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____
Darkroom/Viewbox:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency:	_____

12. If neither physicists nor technologists perform routine QC, how is satisfactory image quality/dose ensured?

13. What type/brand of dosimetry equipment and quality control equipment does the institution have?

14. Is the staff trained on radiation protection and MRI safety? How and at what frequency?

15. How are QC records maintained?

16. Is the radiation dose index (CTDI) and/or DLP recorded for every CT exam?

If yes:

Digitally? _____

Handwritten in patient records? _____

Handwritten in logbook? _____

17. Are fluoroscopy doses (air kerma at a reference point and/or dose-area product) recorded for every exam?

If yes:

Digitally? _____

Handwritten in patient records? _____

Handwritten in logbook? _____

18. Describe what procedures (if any) are in place for dealing with patients who receive a fluoroscopy dose above thresholds for causing skin damage.

19. Has the institution had any experiences of MRI-related patient thermal injuries or injuries resulting from the presence of ferromagnetic objects in the MRI scanner room? How is data collected on these injuries?

20. Who designs the radiation shielding surrounding the exam rooms?

21. How is the amount of shielding determined (Are particular documents are used in the shielding design? Are there calculations performed to determine the amount of shielding needed? Are all rooms of a particular modality shielded with the same amount of lead?)

22. What is the illuminance on the mammography viewboxes and/or monitors (should be <50 lux)? What is the luminance of the viewboxes (should be >3000 cd/m²)?

23. If possible, please include pictures of imaging systems, dosimetry equipment, QC equipment.
24. Please provide an inventory of medical imaging equipment.