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Ans no 1:- Characteristic Radiation:-

If the electrons interacts with an inner-shell electron of the target atom rather than with an outer shell electron, characteristic x-rays can be produced. Characteristic x-rays result when the interaction is sufficiently violent to ionize the target atom through total removal of an inner-shell electron.

When the cathode electron ionizes a target atom by removing a K-shell. This is an unnatural state for the target atom, if it is corrected when an outer-shell electron falls into the void in the K-shell.

Transition of an orbital electron from an outer shell to an inner-shell is accompanied by the emission of an x-ray. The x-ray has energy equal to the difference in the binding energies of the orbital electrons involved.

The energy of x-rays resulting from M to K, O to K & from P to K transitions can be calculated. Tungsten, for example, has electrons in shells out to the P shell, if when a K shell

electron is ionized, its position can be filled with electrons from any of outer shells. All of these x -rays are called K x -rays because they result from electron transitions into the K-shell.

Similar characteristic x -rays are produced when the target atom is ionized by removal of electrons from shells other than the K-shell.

The vacancy in the L-shell would be filled by an electron from any station to the L-shell are called L x -ray. They have much less energy than K-shell because the binding energy of an L-shell electron is much lower than that of a K-shell electron.

Similarly, M characteristic x -rays, N characteristic x -rays & even O-characteristic x -rays can be produced in a tungsten target.

Although many characteristic x -rays can be produced, these can be produced only at

specific energies, equal to the difference in electron-binding energies, for the various electron transitions.

Except for K α -rays, all of the characteristic α -rays have very low energy. The L α -ray, with approximately twelve 12 KeV of energy, penetrate only a few centimeters into soft tissue. Consequently they are useless as diagnostic α -ray, as are all the other low energy characteristic α -ray. The type of α -ray radiation is called characteristic because it is characteristic of the target element.

Because the electron binding energy for every element, is different the energy of characteristic α -ray produce in the various elements, is also different. The effective energy of characteristic α -ray, increases with increasing atomic number of the target elements.

Bremsstrahlung Radiation:-
the production of heat of characteristic α -rays

involves interaction b/w the projectile electrons of the electrons of x-rays tube target atoms. A third type of interaction is which the projectile electron, can lose its kinetic energy in an interaction with the nuclear field of a target atom. In this type of interaction the kinetic energy of the projectile electron is also converted into electromagnetic energy.

A projectile electron that completely avoids the orbital electrons as it passes through a target atom may come sufficiently close to the nucleus of the atom to come under the influence of its electric field. Because the electron is negatively charged & the nucleus is positively charged. There is an electrostatic force ~~b/w~~ of attraction b/w them.

The closer the projectile electron gets to the nucleus, the more it is influenced by the electric field of the nucleus. This field is very strong because the nucleus contains many protons

If the distance b/w the nucleus of projectile electrons is very small.

As the projectile electrons pass by the nucleus, it is slowed down the charges its course, leaving with reduced kinetic energy in a different direction. This loss of kinetic energy reappears as an x -ray.

Bremsstrahlung x -rays are produced when a projectile electron is slowed by the nuclear field of a target atom nucleus.

These types of x -rays are called bremsstrahlung x -rays. Bremsstrahlung is a German word which means slow down radiations. Bremsstrahlung x -rays can be considered radiation that results from the breaking of cathode electrons by the nucleus.

A cathode electron, may lose any amount of its kinetic energy in an interaction with the nucleus of the target atom, if

the bremsstrahlung x -ray associated with the loss can take on corresponding values. For example, when an x -ray imaging system is operated at 70 kVp, electrons ~~em~~ from the cathode have kinetic energies from zero to 70 KeV.

This is different from the production of characteristic x -rays, which have very specific energies.

Bremsstrahlung x -rays can be produced at any cathode electron energy. K characteristic x -rays require an x -ray tube potential of at least 69 kVp. At 65 kVp, for example, no ~~is~~ useful characteristic x -rays are produced, therefore, approximately 15% of the x -ray beam is characteristic, if the remaining is bremsstrahlung.

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Ans: Factors that effect

x-ray quantity:-

A number of factors effect x-ray quantity.

The factor that effect x-ray quantity exposure of the image receptor similarly.

x-ray quantity is directly proportional to the milliampere

seconds (MAS) when MAS is

doubled, the number of electrons

striking the tube target is

doubled and therefore the number

of x-ray emitted is doubled.

x-ray quantity varies rapidly

with changes

in kilovolt peak (KVP).

The change in x-ray quantity

is proportional to the square

of the ratio of KVP; in other

words, if KVP were doubled,

the x-ray intensity would

increase by a factor.

In practice a slightly

difference situation prevails.

Radiographic technique factors

must be selected from a

relatively narrow range of

values, from approximately

40 to 150 kVp. Theoretically, doubling the x-ray intensity by kVp manipulation alone requires an increase of 40% in kVp. This relationship is not adopted clinically because as kVp is increased, the penetrability of the x-ray beam is increased, and relatively fewer x-rays are absorbed in the patient. More x-rays go through the patient and interact with the image receptor. Consequently, to maintain a constant exposure of the image receptor, an increase of 15% in kVp should be accompanied by a reduction of one half in mAs. It is increasing kVp and reducing mAs so that image receptor exposure remains constant. The patient dose is reduced significantly. The disadvantage of such a technique adjustment is reduced image contrast when screen film in the image receptor. There is little change in contrast when using digital image receptors.

Quantity refers to the number of x-ray photons in the beam.

* As the number of photons increases, the beam intensity increase in any factors that affect the number of x-ray photons in the beam influence x-ray beam quantity.

Quantity is affected by:

- * changes in mA (tube current)
- * changes in the filtration.
- * changes in kVp
- * changes in type of waveform used.
- * changes in the material (Z number of largest).
- * changes in distance from the tube (FFD).

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Ans : Five Factors that affect Subject Contrast:

Subject contrast it is refers to the difference in the intensity transmitted through the different parts of an object. For example in an intraoral radiograph, enamel will attenuate x-ray more than dentin. Subject contrast is affected by the following factors.

① Thickness:

If the x-ray beam is attenuated by 2 different thicknesses of the same material, the thicker part will attenuate more x-rays than the thinner part.

② Density:

This is also known as the mass per unit volume. It is the most important factors contributing to subject contrast. A higher density material will attenuate more x-ray than a lower

density material.

(3): Atomic number:

A higher atomic number material will attenuate higher than a lower atomic number material.

(4): Radiation quality or kVp:-

It has an effect on subject contrast. A lower kVp will make the x-ray beam less penetrating, resulting in a greater difference in attenuation between the different parts of the subject, leading to higher contrast. A higher kVp will make the x-ray beam more penetrating, resulting in less difference.

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A person's size, shape, age, and condition of the body part all affect subject contrast.

The contrast of a radiograph viewed on an illuminator is called radiographic contrast. As indicated previously, radiographic contrast is a function of image

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receptor Contrast and Subject
Contrast. In fact radiographic
Contrast is simply the
product of image receptor
contrast and Subject Contrast

Ans.: Collimator Filtration:

* A collimator is a metallic barrier with an aperture in the middle used to restrict the size of the x-ray beam and volume of tissue irradiated.

* Dental x-ray beams are usually collimated to a circle $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches (7cm) in diameter at the patient's face.

* In intraoral machines there are fixed collimators whereas in extraoral machines there are adjustable collimators.

* This involves removal of unwanted radiation whilst leaving the wanted radiation undiminished.

* Radiation emitted by an x-ray tube is made up of photons of much different energy.

The maximum photon energy depends only upon the kilovoltage used to generate the radiation.

* Anode The minimum energy depends upon the nature of the material of the wall of the x-ray tube.

* Because of their different energy nature depends upon the thickness of the material of the photons have different penetrating powers.

* when the beam of radiation is incident upon the patient, the bulk of the low energy photons is absorbed in the superficial layers, which produce unwanted effects.

* Thus, These low energy radiations must be removed by a process called filtration.

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(a) Image Contrast :-
a image contrast is chemical substance which is introduced in human body via entral / parentral route to visualize certain structures not seen in plain radiography.

* It is used to see vascularity of certain lesions in CT scan and MRI.

* A higher density material will attenuate more x-rays than a lower density material.

3) Aperture Diaphragm:

An aperture diaphragm is a flat piece of lead (diaphragm) that has a hole (aperture) in it. Commercially made aperture diaphragms are available as are those that are "homemade" (hospital-made)

box purpose specific to a radiographic unit. Aperture diaphragms are easy to use. They are placed directly below the x-ray tube window.

As aperture diaphragm can be made by cutting rubberized lead to the size needed to create the diaphragm and cutting the center to create the shape and size of the aperture. Although the aperture's size and shape can be changed.

The aperture cannot be adjusted from the designed size. Therefore the projected field size is not adjustable. In addition, because of the aperture's proximity to the radiation source (focal spot), a large area of unsharpness surrounds the radiographic

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image diaphragms Although aperture diaphragms are still used in some applications, their use is not as widespread as that of other types of beam-restricting devices

Ans: Compton Scattering

X-rays throughout the diagnostic range can undergo an interaction with outer-shell electrons that not only scatters the x-ray but reduces its energy and ionizes the atom as well. This interaction is called Compton scattering.

In Compton scattering the x-ray interacts with an outer shell electron and ejects it from the atom thereby ionizing the atom. The ejected electron is called a Compton electron. The x-ray continues in a different direction with less energy.

The energy of the Compton scattered x-ray is equal to the difference between the energy of the ejected electron and the binding energy plus the kinetic energy with which it leaves the atom. Mathematically, this energy transfer is represented as follows:

During Compton scattering most of the energy is divided between the scattered x-ray and the Compton electron. Usually, the scattered x-ray retains most of the energy. Both the scattered x-ray and the Compton electron may have sufficient energy to undergo additional ionizing interactions before they lose all their energy.

Ultimately the scattered x-ray is absorbed photoelectrically. The Compton electron

loses all of its kinetic energy through ionization and excitation and drops into a vacancy in an electron shell previously created by some other ionizing event.

Compton scattered γ -ray can be deflected γ ray into a backward direction including 180° degrees, no energy from the incident γ -ray at a deflection of a degree, no energy is transferred. As the angle of deflection increases to 180° degrees more energy is transferred to the Compton electron but even at 180° degrees of deflection the scattered γ -ray retains at least approximately two thirds of its original energy. γ -rays scattered back in the direction of the radiating γ -ray beam are called backscatter radiation in radiography. Backscatter radiation is responsible for the even though the hinge was on the back side of the cassette in such situations the γ -radiation has backscattered from the wall or the examination table, not from the patient.

The probability that a given γ -ray will undergo Compton scattering is a complex function of the incident γ -ray in general, the probability of Compton scattering decreases as γ -ray energy increases.

The probability of Compton scattering does not depend on the atomic number of the atom involved. Any given γ -ray is just as likely to undergo Compton scattering with an atom of soft tissue as with an atom of bone.

Compton Scattering Produces Image Contrast.
Compton scattering in tissue can occur with all γ -rays and therefore is of considerable importance in γ -ray imaging. However its importance makes a negative image.

Scattered X-rays provide on useful information on the radiograph. Rather they produce a uniform optical density on the screen film radiograph and uniform intensity on the digital image receptor that results in reduced image contrast. Ways of reducing this scattered radiation are discussed later, but none is totally effective.

The scattered X-rays from Compton scatterings can create a serious radiation exposure hazard in radiography and particularly in fluoroscopy. A large amount of radiation can be scattered from the patient during fluoroscopy. Such radiation is of most of the occupational radiation exposure that radiographers receive.

During radiography the hazard is less severe because no one but the patient is usually in the examining room. Nevertheless, scattered radiation levels are sufficient to necessitate protection of the X-ray examining room.

Photoelectric Effect.

X-rays in the diagnostic range also undergo ionizing interactions with inner shell electrons. The X-ray is not scattered but is totally absorbed. This process is called the photoelectric effect and is named after Albert Einstein. The 1921 Nobel prize in physics not relativity.

The electron removed from is called a photoelectron and escapes with kinetic energy equal to the difference between the energy of the incident X-ray and the binding energy of the electron.

The photoelectric effect is total X-ray absorption. Low atomic number atoms such as those found in soft tissue. The binding energy of even of even K-shell electrons is low. Therefore the photoelectron released had kinetic energy nearly equal to the energy of the

incident x-ray

for higher atomic number target atoms electron binding energies are higher therefore the kinetic energy of the photoelectron from inner barrier is proportionately lower

Table shows the approximate K shell binding energy for elements of radiologic importance.

Characteristic x-ray are produced after a photoelectric interaction in a manner similar to that described in chapter 7. Ejection of a K shell photoelectron by the incident x-ray results in a vacancy in the K shell this unnatural state is immediately corrected when an outer shell electron usually from the L shell drops into the vacancy.

This electron transition is accompanied by the emission of an x-ray whose energy is equal to the difference between binding energies of the shells involved. These characteristic x-rays consist of secondary radiation and behave in the same manner as x-rays. The contrast has nothing of diagnostic value and fortunately have sufficiently low energy that they do not penetrate to the image receptor.