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Assignment #

Radiation Protection

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Q No 1

Role of Radiation  
Protection officer  
in Radiology department.

ANS:-

Radiation Protection  
officer:- (RPO)

→ A Radiation Protection  
officer (RPO) is a  
specialist in radiation  
safety and compliance  
matters and is an  
appointed position within  
radiology department  
and safety services

Role of Radiation  
Protection officer:-

→ The role of the Radiation Protection officers (RPO) is to support with ionizing radiation by ensuring arrangements are in place to manage radiation risks.

→ So that the work is carried out safely and in compliance with regulations.

→ And so the department employees and the public

are protected from

harmful effects of

radiation.

## Responsibilities of

### RPO:-

→ The RPO has a

broad range of

duties some of

which are given below

→ ALARA:-

Enforcing

the "As Low as Reasonably

achievable" doctrine.

→ Involvement in developing Shielding Protocols

→ Auditing ALARA

and RPP Programme

on regular schedule.

→ Routine reporting requirements

→ Preparing Periodic

status reports on

radiation and management.

→ Reviewing occupational

and Patient dose, Parameters, and establishing investigation levels

→ Establishing Spills  
response and Containment  
protocols-

→ Advise on route of  
Radioactive Waste disposal.

→ Reporting incidents  
to Proper Authorities-

→ Personal instruction  
on radiation safety.

→ monitoring fitness  
and regulation of  
instrumentation-

→ Posting regulation  
notices, bulletins, required

Procedure-

→ Performing measurement to check radiation doses, dose rates and activity.

→ Controlling and contribution to the production of local rules and local radiation safety policies.

→ Arranging for disposal of radioactive waste to authorized contractors.

→ Managing facility or site decommissioning.

→ Managing an inventory of equipment.

capable of emitting  
x-rays-

→ Advising on training  
in radiation safety.

→ Large health care

~~instru~~ institution Generally

full time RSO, while

in small organization

however the RSO may

~~serve~~ serve dual role.

→ Investigating incidents

and report incidents

When appropriate to  
the relevant regulatory  
Authority.



Q No 2

Radiation Protection  
measure in Radiology  
department:-

ANS:-

Radiation Protection:-

→ Radiation Protection is the science and practice of protecting people and the environment from the harmful effects of ionizing radiation.

OR

The protection of people from harmful effects of exposure to ionizing radiation, and the means for achieving this.

# Radiation Protection Measure:-

Following  
are the Radiation Protection  
measure in safe Radiology  
department.

(1) The Radiology department has documented and implemented safety plan:-

(i) → There is a safety plan that indicates the periodic inspection, maintenance and calibration of all equipment

→ The safety plan involves posting of safety warnings on the doors

→ The safety plan indicates monitoring of the staff for radiation protection exposure at least "Quarterly"

→ The safety plan involves the provision and regular testing of "Radiation Protection aprons and thyroid and Gonad shields for staff and patients"

→ Records are available indicating "The radiation dosimetry tools" and staff radiation exposure for the past twelve months.

## Radiation Exposure:

→ The risks of exposure should balance the medical benefits-

→ optimize radiation dose by exposing

the patient "only to enough radiation" to get clear image.

→

Radiation Protection:-

(1) Minimize exposure.

→ Remember to "minimize your exposure" at all possible times.

(2) Measure your Rad-

iation Dose - (Dosimetry)

→ use to "measure the occupational dose" equivalent from x-ray, gamma, and high energy beta emitters

→ Always practice  
"ALARA" (As Low as  
Reasonably Achievable)

### 3) Three Effective Strategies :-

- Time
- Distance
- Shielding

#### Time :-

Minimize the  
time and you will  
minimize the dose.

#### PPE Plane :-

= = The procedure  
to minimize exposure  
time

## Distance:-

Doubling the distance from the source can "Reduce your exposure intensity" by 25% (Inverse Square Law)

→ Know the radiation intensity where you perform most of your work, and move to lower dose areas during work delays.

## Shielding:-

position.  
Shielding between yourself and the source of radiation at all permissible times.

→ Take advantage of permanent shielding i.e. - equipment or existing structures.

→ Select appropriate shielding material during the planning stages of the procedure.

## Room Shielding:-

→ Lead lined plaster Board

→ Lead glass viewing window

## Radiation Protection

### in x-ray:-

→ Lead aprons attenuates scattered radiation by 95%.

## Summary:-

- Shield thyroid and gonads, always wear lead aprons and use dosimeter to monitor the exposure.
- CT scans should be more justified
- Patient education is important.
- There should be a universal x-ray bank where patient x-ray can be accessible anywhere from any hospital.

So these are the safety measure in which is necessary for safe Radiology department.

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Q N O 3

R a d i a t i o n H a z a r d s

A N S : -

H a z a r d :

→ A Hazard is a natural or man made event which may cause physical damage, economic losses or threaten human life and well being.

→ Ionizing radiation

is generally considered

to be more hazardous  
to human health, than  
non ionizing radiation.

→ Because it can

remove electron from  
atoms-

→ This means that it

can damage living tissue

and DNA-

→ it strips away electron

from atoms break

some chemical bonds

→ Like Alpha radiation

Beta, and gamma.

Example of Radiation:

→ x-rays

→ Radio Waves

→ Alpha

→ Beta

→ Gamma ionizing radiation

→ sunlight

→ Heat

Radiation exposure may

be divided according to

(1) External Radiation

exposure

(2) internal Radiation

exposure.

## External Radiation

### Exposure:-

Hazard is related to high Penetrating radiation source outside the body.

### Example:-

→ Electromagnetic Radiation

→ High energy beta and neutron.

That could penetrate the skin and body to cause harm the body.

## Internal Radiation

### Exposure:-

Hazards related to radiation

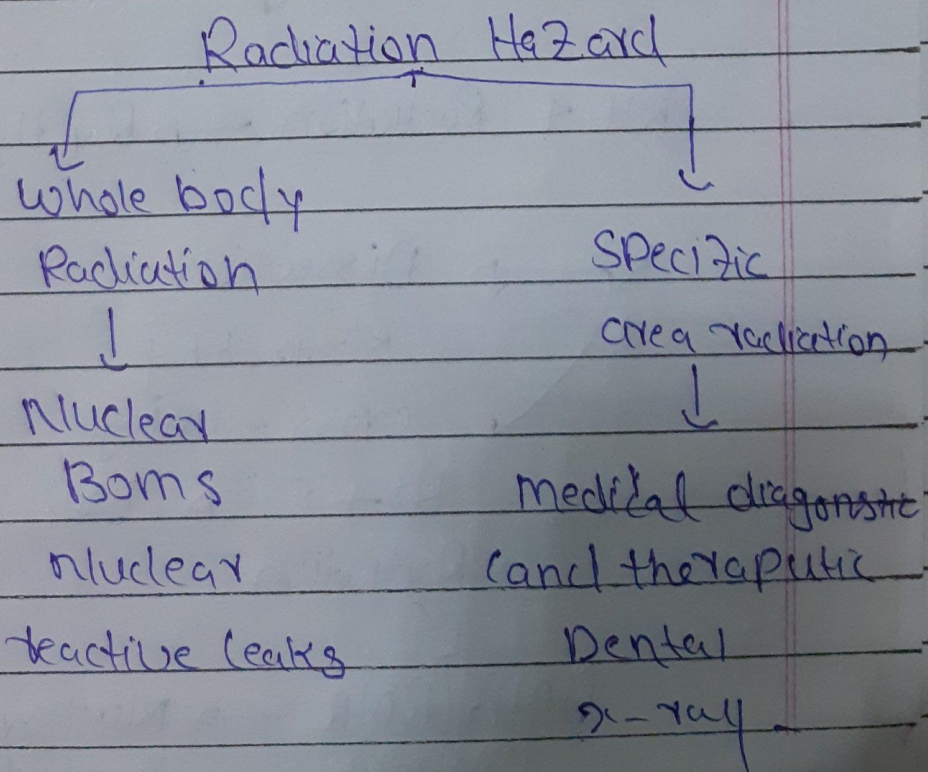
Radiation Source in the body.

- involve radiation with low penetrating power

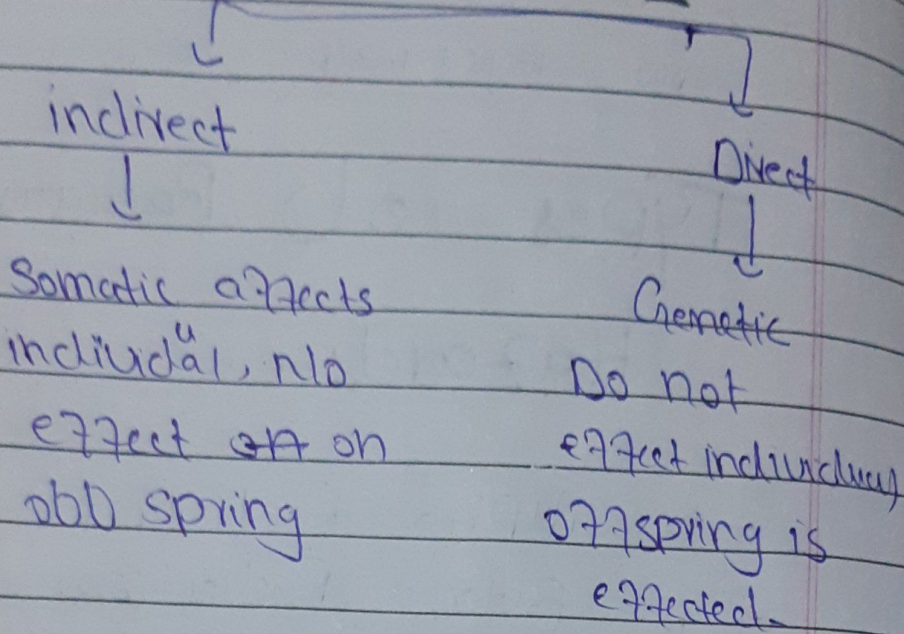
Types of Radiation

Hazard:-

- Alpha Radiation
- Beta Radiation
- Gamma rays
- x-rays
- Neutron Particles-

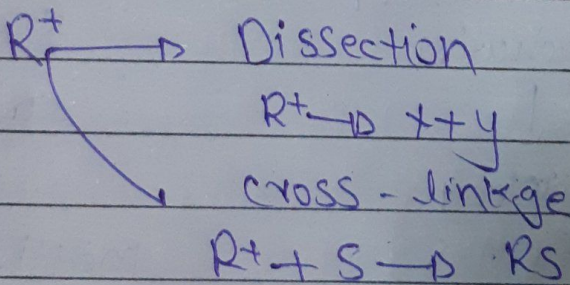
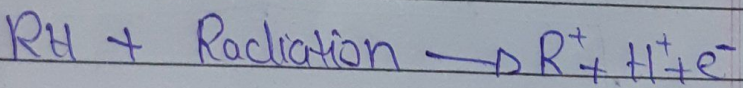


# Radiation Damage



## Radiation Hazard

### Direct Damage:-



Radiation

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 DNA/RNA molecule → Nuclear acid break down

→ Nuclear acid breakdown

→ Somatic cells

\* Genetic cells

→ Radiation induced malignancy

\* Radiation induced

\* Congenital abnormality

## Radiation Hazard

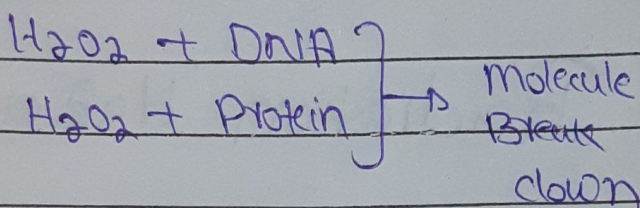
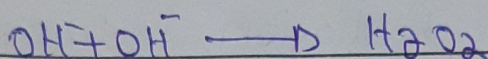
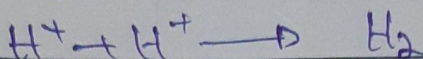
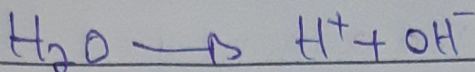
### indirect Damage:-

→ Radiation Hazard can cause indirect damage, which effect the individual not the offspring.

→ it can effects the individual by water Hydrolysis-

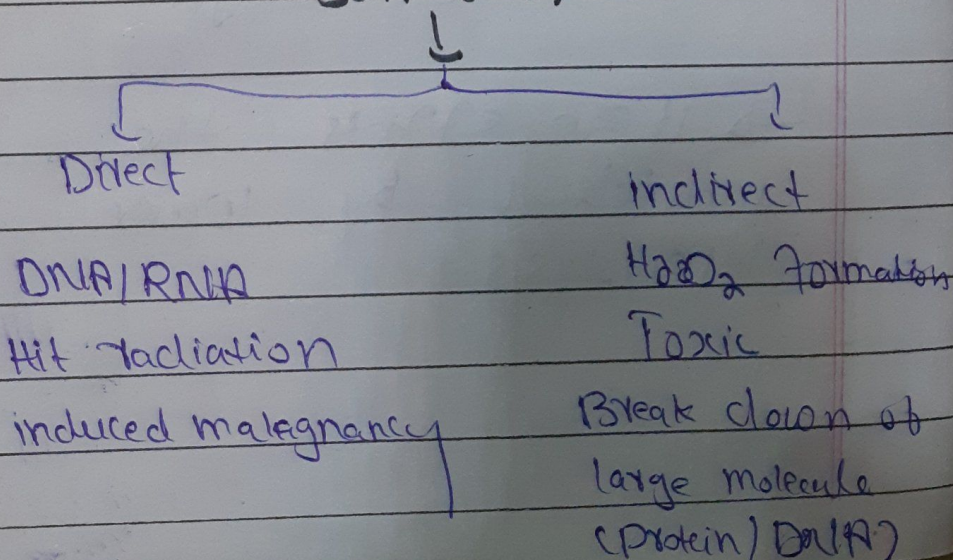
## Water Hydrolysis:-

Radiation  
↓



→ When the molecule  
Break down cell damage  
will be occur

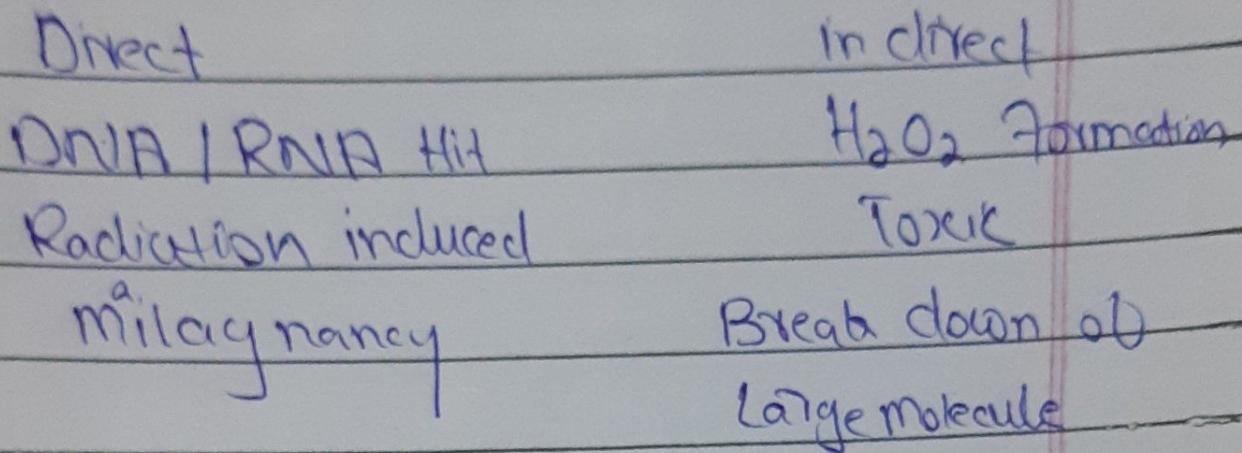
## Radiation Damage Somatic:-





# Radiation Damage

## ↓ Genetics



→ The LD<sub>50/60</sub> is the dose of radiation to whole body that cause 50% of irradiated subject to die within 60 days

# Effect of Radiation on organism / tissue level

→ (A) Deterministic effect

→ Stochastic effect

↳ Carcinogenesis

↳ Genetics effect

## (A) Deterministic effect:-

→ ~~It~~ are caused  
the cell death

→ If dose of radiation  
exposure is less than  
the threshold dose

## Example:-

- Death of individual
- Damage of skin
- Damage of bone marrow
- Cataracts

## Stochastic effect:

- Stochastic effect are caused by mutant cell
- It may cause the effect of radiation if dose of radiation increases.
- The probability of effect also increases
- Stochastic effect means that even low level of radiation exposure do guaranteed safety
- Example,
  - Genetic influence
  - Carcinogenesis
- So these are the radiation hazards that one should be beware of it.

Q No 4

Radiologic Technologist  
Protection from  
radiation dose and  
Annual dose:-

ANS:-

Occupational  
radiation dose management  
by Radiologic Technologists:-

→ The radiation dose  
is measure Gy (Rads)  
while exposure is measured  
in C<sub>1</sub> (Rontgens)

→ But the exposure is  
to radiologic due to

Conver beam on time  
for procedure

→ Extremity exposure  
often significant

→ Avoid bending Protection  
during procedure

→ Collimate as much  
as possible

## mammography!

→ Low Personnel exposure

→ Normal walls and  
barriers adequate

→ Dosimetry probably  
not required

→ Occupational dose is  
the dose of radiation  
to which radiological

stable exposure dose  
during working in  
department

→ To minimize occupational dose, the cardinal principles of Radiation Protection should be kept in mind-

→ Time

→ Distance

→ Shielding

Time:-

The amount of exposure an individual receives is directly proportional to the time of exposure.

→ These technologists should minimize the amount of time spent with radiation source.

eg. Time of Fluoroscopy Procedure should kept to a minimum.

### Distance:-

Distance has inverse relation

→ Doubling the distance from the source with will decrease the exposure by four.

→ X-ray, CT staff should out side the room behind the shielding when machine is on

→ Perform fluoro from as far as practicable

→ Variety of restraining devices can be used for patient immobilization

## Shielding:-

Any objects between technologists and a source of radiation will provide with some shielding

→ The more dense an object or material the better will the shielding

→ The technologists must wear protective apron, gloves, gonad shielding and other barriers

## Radiation Safety by

### modality:-

### Fluoroscopy:-

Personal exposure directly related



to beam on time

→ Technologists should use ALARA principles to reduce dose

→ Protective apparel must be worn during fluoroscopy.

## Computed Tomography

→ Personal exposure low

→ Collimated beam results in low Scatter x-ray

→ Technologists should remain in room if necessary with lead aprons.

## Mobile Radiography:-

→ usually low personnel  
close

→ Exposure cord  
long enough for  
technologists to be  
out of scatter area-

→ Beware of location  
of tube IIR

→ Each mobile x-ray  
unit should have  
protective apron assigned  
to it

→ The exposure cord  
on a portable x-ray  
unit be at least  
2m long

→ The useful beam should never be directed toward the operating console.

## Occupational Radiation

### Monitoring:-

Required if worker expected to exceed 10% of annual limits (500mrem)

→ All machine user technologists require to wear dosimeters

### Dosimeter:-

Calculate the exposure radiation  
→ wear outside the apron

→ Dosimeter observes no protection just record the radiation exposure

## Female Radiological

technologists:-

If the female technologist become pregnant

→ In pregnancy the worker should limit exposure -

→ Concerned about exposure

→ Training should to pregnant worker to inform her potential risk and available option -

## Patient Holdings:-

→ Mechanical devices should be used

→ It is mechanical devices impractical then relative or friend should hold patient

→ Check Protective barrier apparels etc each year for leak

→ And check the dosimeter performance -

## Radiation Worker

### Risks:-

- Bone cancer
- Kidney Cancer
- Skin cancer
- Lung cancer
- Bronchitis
- Hair loss
- Leukemia

# Annual occupational dose:-

→ The recommended annual occupational dose is  $0.5 \text{ Sv/yr}$  ( $500 \text{ mrem/yr}$ )

→ But average radiologic personal dose per year is  $0.7 \text{ mSv/yr}$  for whole body exposure.

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