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Radiation physics and radiation protection 700 (SFR 700)

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| Qualification | Postgraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Health Sciences |
| Module credits | 15.00 |
| Programmes | BRadHons Radiation Therapy |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 1 discussion class per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Radiography |
| Period of presentation | Year |

Module content

Basic radiation physics. Interactions of X-radiation and gamma rays with matter. Radiation beam attenuation. Treatment machines for external beam radiotherapy. External photon beam and dose quantities. Photon beam measurements and calibrations and treatment dose calculations. Photon beam modification for treatment dose optimisation. Electron interaction with matter and electron therapy. Radiotherapy quality assurance of external beam units and treatment planning systems. Radiation protection and shielding and personnel monitoring. Imaging in radiation oncology. Radiation physics principles of three dimensional conformal radiation therapy and intensity modulated radiation therapy. Procedures and processes involved in Stereotactic radiotherapy and stereotactic radiosurgery. Radiation physics principles of Brachytherapy. Principles of total body irradiation. Radiation interactions in proton and neutron therapy,

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