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### Feedback on Draft Guidelines on Patient safety in external beam radiotherapy – Guidelines on a risk assessment and analysis of adverse and near misses

Information gathered during European Workshop on Risk Management in Radiotherapy in Poznan, Poland from 4 - 6 June, 2013.



*Group photo of participants at the European Workshop on Risk Management in Radiotherapy, at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Poznań, 4 - 6 June.*

The EU-funded project, Guidelines on risk analysis of accidental and unintended exposures in radiotherapy – ACCIRAD, Contract No ENER/11/NUCL/SI2.612.180 has reached yet another milestone. Namely, the European Workshop on Risk Management in Radiotherapy, organised by the Greater Poland Cancer Centre within Work Package 6 of the contract, was held in Poznań, Poland from 4 - 6 June, 2013. The meeting was open to experts from the Member States, representing radiotherapy practitioners, competent authorities, national organisations responsible for

collecting information on radiotherapy incidents and other possible stakeholders.

The European Workshop was attended by 130 participants from all over the world. Workshop delegates included scientists, partners of the ACCIRAD Project, and members of the Panel of Experts all of whom represent many scientific and international organisations. Thirty-three abstracts were submitted to the Workshop; 15 of which qualified for oral presentations and 18 for poster presentations. All oral presentations ▼



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along with the Draft Guidelines are accessible on the workshop website at [www.accirad-workshop.eu](http://www.accirad-workshop.eu)

The European Workshop on Risk Management in Radiotherapy provided an opportunity for critical review of the Draft European Guidelines (*Patient safety in external beam radiotherapy – Guidelines on risk assessment and analysis of adverse events and near misses*) by all invited organisations. The invited organisations were: European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (President, Vincenzo Valentini), European Federation of Organisations for Medical Physics (Stephen Evans), European Federation of Radiographer Societies (Sija Geers van Gemeren), International Atomic Energy Agency (Debbie Gilley), International Commission on Radiological Protection (Pedro Ortiz Lopez), World Health Organization (Maria Del Rosario Perez), Heads of European Radiological protection Competent Authorities (Ritva Bly), FORO iberoamericano de Organismos Reguladores Radiológicos y Nucleares (María Luisa Ramírez Vera), and American College of Radiology (Peter Johnstone). The European Commission representatives – Remigiusz Barańczyk who

participates in the ACCIRAD Project meetings and supervises the progress of the think-tank and Agnieszka Dával- Cichon (Directorate-General for Health and Consumers).

The Draft Guidelines were well-received and much appreciated by all outside organisations. Among many comments dealing with terminology, safety culture, harmonisation of reporting and learning, the one on economical evaluation of resources and staff needed to guarantee patient safety, voiced by Vincenzo Valentini (ESTRO) and Peter Johnstone (ACR) seemed to take precedence over the other suggestions. It was underlined that such an evaluation is a prerequisite for future action and may trigger further dialogue with the governmental bodies.

Moreover, apart from open discussion on results of the questionnaires and the Draft European Guidelines, the meeting aimed to encourage all countries to promote the implementation of the requirements of Article 11 of Medical Exposure Directive (MED).

As a result of the feedback gathered during the Workshop, the ACCIRAD Consortium, and es-

pecially Partners from STUK (Finland, Helsinki), will proceed with follow-up schemes and implement the suggestions for the Draft Guidelines given by the invited organisations.

According to the contract, the work within the ACCIRAD Project will finish in December 2013. Until that date, the ACCIRAD Consortium is scheduled to have one video conference and one project meeting in Luxembourg before reporting the overall progress of the work to the European Commission.

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