Guide for STP Trainees : Radiation Safety - Specialism



DOPS / OCE

OCE	Access suisting shielding is a facility	Examples of evidence which may relate to this DOPS / OCE	evidence with this DOP •RADS1-9
	Assess existing shielding in a facility	-Worksheet detailing results of visual inspection, measurements and calculations of shielding -Report for detailing findings and appropriate recommendations	100010
	Check engineering controls	*Critical examination report	•RADS2-14 and 15
	Calculate attenuation coefficients for different materials	•Shielding calculation and design	•RADS1-4 to 6
	Calculate shielding thickness for a new radiation facility	Assessment of PPE requirements for a facility Shielding calculation and design	•RADS1-9 •RADS1-4 to 6
		 Assessment of PPE requirements for a facility 	•RADS1-9
Module 1 (RADS1)	Assessment of shielding integrity in a new installation	 Worksheet detailing results of visual inspection, measurements and calculations of shielding Report for detailing findings and appropriate recommendations 	*RADS1-9
	Assess the integrity of a Brachytherapy source safe	-Worksheet detailing results of visual inspection, measurements and calculations of shielding	•RADS1-9
	Assess the shielding integrity of a nuclear medicine isolator cabinet	 Report for detailing findings and appropriate recommendations Worksheet detailing results of visual inspection, measurements and calculations of shielding 	•RADS1-9
	Measure the neutron radiation in a high energy linac maze	Report for detailing findings and appropriate recommendations Critical examination or other report	•RADS1-9
	Measure the attenuation coefficients for different materials	•Facility survey to compare measured and calculated shielding thicknesses	•RADS1-4 to 6
	Test leakage of an X-ray tube	+Assessment of shielding provided by existing structures or items of PPE -Review of literature (legislation and guidance for critical examination) +Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS1-9 •RADS1-9 •RADS2-5, 9 and 15
	Beam quality assessment for a diagnostic X-ray machine	Report of results (e.g. critical examination or acceptance testing report) Review of literature (legislation and guidance for critical examination)	*IIR-C-19 to 20
		•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results (e.g. critical examination or acceptance testing report)	•RADS1-9 •RADS2-5
			•RADS2-15
	Measure radiation output for a diagnostic X-ray machine	-Review of literature (legislation and guidance for critical examination) +Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations -Report of results -Report of results -Repo	•IIR-C-19 to 20 •RADS2-4 to 7
	Perform scattered dose rate measurements	*Report of results	
	Assess light field/radiation field alignment	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	•IIR-C-19 to 20 •RADS2-4 to 7
	Calibrate and performance test a PACS reporting workstation	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	•RADS2-6 and 7
Module 2	Assess the performance of an automatic exposure control system on a radiographic unit	 Literature review (guidance, dept work instructions etc.) Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations 	•IIR-C-19 and 20 •RADS2-4, 5, 13 and 15
(RADS2)	Measure the radiation air KERMA for a mammography	Final report giving results and making suitable recommendations Literature review (guidance, dept work instructions etc.)	•RADS2-6, 7 and 13
	machine	Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations Final report giving results and making suitable recommendations Worksheets containing multile of measurements and calculations	-PADS2 10, 14, 12 and 45
	Measure tube voltages on a CT scanner	Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations Report of results Review definition of approach food and size of ap X rev mechan	•RADS2-10, 11, 13 and 15 •IIR-C-19 and 20
	Measure the focal spot on an x-ray machine	 Review definition of apparent focal spot size of an X-ray machine Review methods of measuring focal spot size (e.g. pin-hole, start test pattern) Review other literature, e.g. IEC standards (and limits) Perform, record, and interpret measurements 	•IIR-C-19 and 20 •RADS2-4, 5, 7 and 15
	Measure intensifier input dose rates in fluoroscopy and acquisition modes for continuous and pulse modes of operation	•Review of literature (legislation and guidance for critical examination) •Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	•RADS2-8, 9 and 13
	Measure the scattered dose rate around a fluoroscopy X- ray unit	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	•RADS2-8, 9 and 15
	Measure the radiation air KERMA for a bone densitometry machine	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	
	Undertake CTDI _w measurement	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	•RADS2-10 and 11
	Discuss optimisation strategies with users and the installer during commissioning of diagnostic X-ray equipment	 Short report on optimisation strategies implemented during commissioning / applications training 	•RADS2-5, 7, 8 and/or 11 •RADS3-3,4, 8, 9 and 10
	Assess image quality for a diagnostic X-ray machine using a simple test object	*Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS2-4 to 11
Module 3	a simple test object Undertake entrance surface dose measurements for a fluoroscopy system	-Report of results -Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations -Report of results -Repo	•RADS3-3 and 4 •RADS2-8 and 9 •RADS3-3, 4
(RADS3)	Analyse and interpret data from a multislice CT phantom	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS2-10 and 11
	Use a (commercially available) software program to	Report of results Samples of patient dose calculations	•RADS3-3 and 4 •RADS-C-25
	calculate a patient dose		•RADS3-5, 6 and 7 •RADS-7-7 to 9
	Measure the image quality in fluoroscopy and acquisition modes at varying pulse / frame rates on an image intensifier or flat panel screening system	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	•RADS2-8 and 9 •RADS3-3 and 4
	Measure the image quality for a mammography unit using a variety of test objects	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	•RADS2-6 and 7 •RADS3-3 and 4
	Audit of clinical laser facilities	 Audit report highlighting any areas for rectification 	•RADS3-3 and 4 •RADS5-1
	Measurement of laser output	Recommendation letter Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations Depend of specific	•RADS4-3
	Calculate NOHD for a clinical laser	Report of results Collect and summarise relevant laser information	•RADS4-4
Module 4	Measure the output from a blue light therapy unit	Calculation spreadsheet or report Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS5-7
(RADS 4)	Measure the output from a diathermy unit	Report of results Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS5-7
	Measure the output from a lithotripter	Report of results Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS5-7
	and a set of the set o	*Report of results	•RADS5-7
	Calibrate a thermal imager	 Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations 	
	Calibrate a thermal imager Assess the sensitivity/low contrast penetration of an	-Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations -Report of results -Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations -Worksheets containing results of measurements -Worksheets containing results -Worksheets -Workshe	•INIR-C-2 and 3
	-	•Report of results	

	Characterise an ultrasound field/pulse using hydrophone measurements	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	
Module 5 (RADS5)	Measure the output from a therapeutic ultrasound device	*Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations *Report of results	•INIR-C4
	Perform B-field strength assessment in MRI	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	•RADS5-7 and 10
	Make measurements of occupational exposure for a non-	·Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS5-7 and 10
	ionising source Make audible noise assessments around an MRI facility	Report of results Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	
	Carry out a safety audit of a non-ionising facility	Report of results Audit report highlighting any areas for rectification	•RADS5-1
		Recommendation letter	
	Carry out an environmental radiation survey	Plan an environmental radiation survey taking into account likely areas of weakness in shielding Obtain and analyse results Worksheet and final report detailing analysis, final results and appropriate recommendations	•RADS8-1, 10 and 11
	Perform contamination monitoring and decontamination in Nuclear Medicine	*Department contamination monitoring / decontamination records	
	Measure of radiation dose from a radioactive source	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Report of results	•RADS8-1
	Undertake dose rate measurements in radioactive stores	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS8-1
	Undertake transport index measurement	-Report of results -Review of national / international standards -Measurement and assessment outcome	
		Copy of transport documentation	
	Measure activation products in radiotherapy	*Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations *Report of results	•RADS8-1
Module 6 (RADS8)	Use a (commercially available) software program to calculate a patient dose	 Review of methods for calculating patient doses Produce dose estimates comparing different methods and detailing assumptions behind the calculations 	•RADS3-5 to 9 •RADS8-3
	Undertake Nuclear Medicine calibrator QA	Compare against national and international values where appropriate Department QA records	•RADS2-1,2 and 3
	Audit of X-ray facilities	Audit report highlighting any areas for rectification Recommendation letter	•RADS-C11 to 13 •RADS7-5 and 6
	Audit a radioactive waste management system	 Audit report highlighting any areas for rectification 	•RADS-C11 to 13
	Audit and test engineering controls for a linear accelerator	Recommendation letter Audit report highlighting any areas for rectification	•RADS7-5 and 6 •RADS-C11 to 13
	bunker Audit PET or Nuclear Medicine facilities	Recommendation letter Audit report highlighting any areas for rectification	•RADS7-5 and 6 •RADS-C11 to 13
		Recommendation letter	•RADS7-5 and 6
	Calibrate a contamination monitor	Calibration records Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS-C-6 •RADS2-1,2 and 3
	Undertake an ionisation chamber calibration or intercomparison	 Calibration records Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations 	•RADS-C-6 •RADS2-1,2 and 3
	Perform dose rate meter calibration or intercomparison	Calibration records	•RADS-C-6
	Undertake Passive environmental dosimeter calibration or	•Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations •Calibration records	•RADS2-1,2 and 3 •RADS-C-6
	intercomparison	·Worksheets containing results of measurements and calculations	•RADS2-1,2 and 3
	Audit radiation safety governance arrangements	*Audit report highlighting any areas for rectification *Recommendation letter	•RADS-C-11 to 13 •RADS7-5 and 6
	Give advice to a non-scientific manger on radiation safety	Commentary on advice given	•RADS-C-11 to 13
	governance	 Recommendation letter E-mail chain (if applicable) of gueries and answers 	•RADS7-5 and 6
	Report a radiation incident following the organisations procedures	 Samples of patient dose calculations Copy of report for organisation or regulator 	•RADS-C-25
		•Review of follow up actions	•RADS7-7 to 9
Madula 7	Provide IRMER training to Referrers	*Copy of slides *Commentary on training delivered	•RADS-C-11
Module 7 (RADS7)	Meet with a radiation protection supervisor to discuss safe working practices in a department	*Commentary on discussions *Written records of advice	
	Provide a validation of Type A and/or excepted packaging	*Record of validation	•Module 6 DOPS 'Measure Trans
	Select an appropriate radiation detector for a radiation	•Major incident rehearsal report	And the second
	emergency exercise or incident	Discussion of equipment selection	
	Identify a radionuclide	-Records of identification -Incident report -Discussion of instruments / methods used -Discussion of instruments / methods used	•RADS-C-23 •RADS7-10 to 12
	Undertake decontamination of an area or person during a radiation emergency exercise or incident	 Incident report Discussion of instruments / methods used 	•RADS-C-23 •RADS7-10 to 12
	Carry out QA checks on a piece of radiation safety	•QA records	•RADS7-10 to 12 •RADS11-4
	software or a spreadsheet Compose a spreadsheet to make a rapid assessment of	•Short report	
	personal doses for a radiation emergency exercise or incident	*Copy of spreadsheet *Discussion of method and standards used	•RADS7-10 to 12 •RADS11-4
Module 8	Demonstrate use of a piece of radiation safety software or a spreadsheet	*Copy of spreadsheet *Discussion of method and standards used	•RADS7-10 to 12 •RADS11-4
	Carry out an audit of risk for a clinical or radiation safety ICT process	•Audit report highlighting any areas for rectification •Recommendation letter	•RADS11-2 and 3
	Appraise or develop software for the production of risk assessments e.g. staff risks from nursing nuclear medicine	-Copy of spreadsheet or software -Discussion of method and standards used	•RADS11-4
	patients Appraise or develop software for the management of	*Copy of spreadsheet or software	•RADS11-2 to 4
	radioactive waste Measure a radiation dose rate from a Nuclear Medicine	Discussion of method and standards used Practical assessment	
	patient		•RADS8-11
Madula d	Explain the procedure to a patient prior to undergoing a nuclear medicine or PET scanning procedure	•Explain procedure to a patient •Practical assessment	
Module 1 (RADS1)	Present patient dose data to a multidisciplinary audience Discuss optimisation strategies with users and the installer	-Presentation slides -Practical assessment -Review literature regarding optimisation strategies	•RADS8-11 •RADS2-5, 7, 8 and/or 11
Module 2 (RADS2)	during commissioning of diagnostic X-ray equipment	Discuss strategies with users and the installer Practical assessment	•RADS3-3,4, 8, 9 and 10
	Assess and interpret image quality and dose using a clinical phantom	-Perform and record measurements -Report containing results and appropriate recommendations -Practical assessment	•RADS2-4 to 11 •RADS3-3 and 4
	Explain CTDI _w measurement to a clinical team member	Practical assessment	•RADS3-12
	Present patient dose data to a multidisciplinary audience	Presentation Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11
	Advise patients undergoing therapeutic isotope	Practical assessment Reflective diary entry(s)	•RADS3-11 •RADS3-12
	administration in Nuclear Medicine Calculate a patient dose for external radiation exposure	+Practical assessment +Worksheet detailing calculations, or output from software	•RADS8-11 •RADS3-5, 6, 7 and 12 (dependar
Module 3 (RADS3)	and discuss the dose and risk with the patient	•Report	circumstances)
		Practical assessment	•RADS5-5

ADS OCE	Calculate patient dose for internal radiation exposure and discuss the dose and risk with the patient where possible	•Worksheet detailing calculations, or output from software •Report •Practical assessment	•RADS3-9, 11 and 12 (dependant on circumstances) •RADS5-5 •RADS8-11
Would 4	Deliver a talk on laser or UV safety	•Presentation	•RADS3-12
(RADS 4)	Assess and interpret image quality	-Practical assessment -Worksheet detailing results of visual inspection, measurements and calculations of shielding -Report for detailing findings and appropriate recommendations -Practical assessment -Practical assessment	•RADS8-11 •RADS2-4 to 11 •RADS3-3 and 4
Module 5 (RADS5)	Provide safety training to staff for a non-ionising radiation	Practical assessment Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11
(Undertake MRI safety screening of a patient or member of staff	Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11
	Communicate significance of UV (patient) dosimetry results to clinical staff	Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11
	Train Nuclear Medicine staff to communicate radiation risks to patients	Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11
	Rehearse contingency plans	*Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11
Module 7	Input to a radiation safety training	Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11
(RADS7)	Give advice to a non-scientist during a radiation emergency exercise or incident	*Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11
	Instruct staff on the decontamination of a radiation casualty	Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11
	Explain to non-scientific staff the governance arrangements for a complex clinical ICT system	*Practical assessment	•RADS3-12 •RADS8-11

CbD

	Examples of possible subjects for CbD. Note that these are not prescribed within the Learning Guide	Examples of possible evidence	Competencies which may share evidence with this CbD
Module 1	Discuss the design considerations for a complex diagnostic facility/nuclear medicine facility/Radiotherapy facility	-Summary of literature review highlighting key points and latest good practice -Summary of relevant specification for equipment to be used in the room -Calculations of shielding requirements -Recommendations for PPE -Final report detailing shielding requirements and other advice (e.g. layout as applicable)	•RADS1-4/5/6 •DOPS Module 1 (Calculate shielding thickness for a new radiation facility)
Module 2	Present the results of a routine or commissioning checks of a diagnostic X-ray unit that highlighted areas of concern or for further investigation	 Worksheets containing results and calculations Final report including appropriate recommendations Relevant e-mail chain and/or summary of discussions with technical representatives (e.g. manufacturer or service company) Appropriate follow up e.g. further testing (e.g. following engineer intervention) 	•RAD52-4 to 11 and 13 •RAD58-11 •Module 2 DOPS as applicable
Module 3	Present the results of a patient dose audit including a discussion of unusual results and opportunities for optimisation. Present the results of any optimisation work carried out (taking into account of dose and image quality), and the results of follow up dose audit	 Results of audit of patient dose data Review imaging protocols/APR Report containing an interpretation of the results, recommending local DRL's and highlighting opportunities for optimisation or further investigation as appropriate. Worksheets detailing the results from optimisation work Worksheets of results and report for follow up patient dose audit 	•RADS3-2 to 8 and 10
Module 4	Discuss the measurements required for Artificial Optical Radiation Directive 2010 and the Control of Electromagnetic Field at Work Regulation 2016	•Work sheet containing measurements, calculations and Report containing results	•RADS5-1 to 10
Module 5	Discuss the PPE requirements for a facility, along with the options available and their specifications	•Worksheet showing calculations and results if applicable •Report summarising PPE specifications and the different options and making suitable recommendations	•RADS5-4
Module 6	Discuss the results of environmental monitoring carried out around a designated radiation area	 Worksheet showing results and calculations Final report detailing analysis, results and appropriate recommendations 	•RADS8-1, 10 and 11
Module 7	Feedback on the outcome of a rehearsal of a major incident	•Records and notes kept during the rehearsal	•RADS3-12 •RADS5-12 •RADS8-11 Module 7 DOPS(Undertake decontamination of an area or person during a radiation emergency exercise or incident) Module 7 OEC (Undertake decontamination of an area or person during a radiation emergency exercise or incident)

Competencies

Learning Outcome Subject	Code	Competency	Examples of evidence	Other competencies which may be demonstrated by this evidence
		Undertake risk assessment for a diagnostic radiology facility	 Literature review of requirements of a radiation risk assessment 	•RADS1-10
			 Consider likely scenarios 	•RADS2-12
			 Estimate likely exposure for likely scenarios 	• RADS2-14
	RADS1-1		Produce a Risk assessment	• RADS2-15
				•RADS3-9
				•RADS6-10
				•RADS-C-1
		Undertake risk assessment for a nuclear medicine facility	 As above for NM 	•RADS1-10
				•RADS2-12
				•RADS2-14
	RADS1-2			•RADS2-15
				•RADS3-9
				•RADS6-10
				•RADS-C-1
		Undertake risk assessment for a radiotherapy facility	 As above for Radiotherapy 	•RADS1-10
				•RADS2-12
				•RADS2-14
	RADS1-3			•RADS2-15
				•RADS3-9
				•RADS6-10
				•RADS-C-1

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RADS1-4	Undertake room design from first principles for a complex diagnostic x-ray facility (high-dose fluoroscopy or CT) and specify the radiation design features	•Literature review (including relevant guidance such as 'Radiation Shielding for Diagnostic X- rays' (BIR)) •Obtain required paperwork (e.g. architects/engineers drawings, equipment specifications, specifications for shielding materials etc.) •Determine intended use for the room (type of procedure) and estimate/predict workload of room •Calculate required shielding •Produce report detailing specification including above calculations and assumptions	•RADS6-10 •RADS-C-2 to 3
RADS1-5	Undertake room design from first principles for a nuclear medicine facility and specify the radiation design features	•As above but for NM	•RADS6-10
RADS1-6	Undertake room design from first principles for a radiotherapy (and/or brachytherapy) facility and specify the radiation design features	•As above for Radiotherapy	•RADS6-10
RADS1-7	In conjunction with the user, develop the specification for the procurement of equipment to be used in a new facility	Write a specification with user taking into account- •Intended use •Requirements of legislation •Personal protective equipment •Recommendations in guidance notes, e.g. Medical and Dental Guidance Notes •IEC standards •Also evidence of discussions with other 'stakeholders' e.g. e-mails and minutes from meetings	•RADS1-4 •RADS1-8
RADS1-8	Develop criteria for the selection of new equipment for a modality and participate in the procurement and evaluation process of a new facility	•Attend procurement meetings •Evaluation equipment through examining technical specifications and or carrying out measurements •Produce report/presentation of results of comparisons and evaluations (against each other and the specification in RADS-C-7) •Ideally for more than one modality	•RADS1-4 •RADS1-7
RADS1-9	Devise and undertake a critical examination for amendments to shielding of the facility or a new facility	 Worksheet and report detailing results of visual inspection (lead in doors, labels on shielding equipment etc.) and of any measurements taken 	•RADS-C-6 to 10
RADS1-10	In conjunction with the user, and using the results of the risk assessment, develop the local rules for a new facility	Produce a set of local rules for the new facility	•RADS1-1 to 3 •RADS1-11
RADS1-11	Critically appraise the local rules for a number of different types of radiation installations	Literature review of relevant legislation and guidance Report critiquing local rules for range of installations	•RADS1-10
RADS1-12	Write a detailed contingency plan for dealing with radiation incidents involving sealed and unsealed sources	Review risk assessments for a range of likely incidents (including sealed and unsealed sources) Produce a detailed contingency plan	•RADS1-1 to 3 •RADS1-10
RADS2-1	Decide on appropriate tests to apply to the assessment of the measuring device to ensure that it is performing according to its specified standard	Read specification and user manual for available dosimeters Read relevant guidance [and work instructions if applicable] Review intended use in light of the above Summarise in a report	•RADS2-2 and 3
RADS2-2	Undertake and/or arrange for tests to be carried out in an environment, and with facilities, that are appropriate and traceable to national standards.	Undertake the tests following departmental work instructions OR Review the standards of suitable calibration facilities Arrange for dosemeter to be sent off to suitable facilities	•RADS2-1 •RADS2-3
RADS2-3	Obtain and interpret the results of tests and calibrations and report on the performance of the equipment	Review the results and take appropriate action If undertaking the calibration, produce a suitable calibration report	•RADS2-1 and 2
RADS2-4	Operate and perform routine quality assurance measurements safely on simple x-ray equipment for quality assurance (e.g. dental, mobile and general radiography), using a range of image detector technologies	•Read relevant guidance to QA of X-ray equipment (e.g. IPEM Report 91, IPEM Report 32 Series etc.,) and work instructions. •Produce a report summarising key points of the guidance and work instructions to demonstrate understanding of what is being inspected and why •Perform measurements including operating X-ray equipment and record and analyse the measurements and calculations in the correct worksheet. •Produce final written reports that are clear and accurate and with appropriate recommendations. •Repeat for a range of different units (e.g. rad, mobile, dental etc.) and for different detector technologies (CR, DDR, and film-screen if applicable) •Produce report with suitable recommendations	•RAD52-14
RADS2-5	Perform commissioning and acceptance tests on simple x-ray equipment and detectors	 As above Comparison of data against agreed specification (RAD-C-7 and RAD-C-8) Produce report with appropriate recommendations Establish baseline values for further routine QA 	•RADS2-14 •RADS-C-30 and 31
RADS2-6	Operate and perform routine quality assurance measurements safely on mammography equipment	 As for RADS-C-16 but for mammography 	•RADS-C-26 •RADS3-3 and 4
RADS2-7	Perform commissioning and acceptance tests on mammography equipment	•As for RADS-C-17 but for mammography	•RADS-C-26 •RADS3-3 and 4
RADS2-8	Operate fluoroscopy systems and perform appropriate routine QA measurements safely	•As for RADS-C-16 but for fluoroscopy	•RADS-C-26 •RADS3-3 and 4
RADS2-9	Perform commissioning and acceptance tests on fluoroscopy equipment	•As for RADS-C-17 but for fluoroscopy	•RADS-C-26 •RADS3-3 and 4
RADS2-10	Safely operate CT systems and perform appropriate routine QA measurements	•As for RADS-C-16 but for CT	•RADS-C-26 •RADS3-3 and 4
RADS2-11	Perform commissioning and acceptance tests on CT x-ray equipment	•As for RADS-C-17 but for CT	•RADS-C-26 •RADS3-3 and 4
RADS2-12	Devise test schedule for a diagnostic imaging system new to the trainee	Literature review Produce a test schedule	
RADS2-13	Instigate corrective action based on an evaluation of safety performance results	Produce report with suitable recommendations Attend with engineer if appropriate	•RADS2-4 to 11 •RADS2-15
RADS2-14	Critically review safety performance programmes and make recommendations if appropriate	Literature review of relevant guidance (e.g. IPEM report 91 and IPEM Report 32 series) Produce report of critical review of safety performance programmes Make appropriate recommendations	•RADS2-4 to 11
RADS2-15	Devise and undertake a critical examination for complex equipment, for example a cardiac intervention suite or CT scanner	Carry out a literature review (relevant legislation (e.g. IRR99) and guidance (e.g. IPEM Report 107, Medical and Dental Guidance notes etc.) Assess function of the safety features etc. Produce report Ensure that RPA is involved	•RADS2-8,to 11
RADS3-1	Review and critically appraise the patient dose measurement framework	 Literature review of relevant guidance (e.g. IPEM Report 88, PHE and predecessors publications, ICRP recommendations etc.) 	•RADS3-2
	Carry out an audit of patient dose looking at factors that	Worksheet of results of audit of patient dose data Report including interpretation of results and highlighting opportunities for optimisation	•RADS3-1 •RADS3-8

RADS3-3	Undertake measurements of patient dose/image quality in complex imaging systems	Research available test objects and phantoms for different modalities (i.e. flour, mammo, CT, CR and DDR etc.) Worksheet containing measurements and calculations Report of results and recommendations	•RADS2-4 to 11 •RADS3-1 and 2 •RADS3-4
RADS3-4	Review the outcome of patient dose/image quality measurements in a range of modalities and recommend optimisation strategies. Assess by simulation or measurement the effect of the optimisation suggested	•Report detailing results and making suitable recommendations for optimisation •Repeat of RADS-C-30 and 31 to evaluate efficacy of changes and/or recommendations •Where applicable simulate the effects on dose and/or image quality e.g. Monte Carlo dose modelling etc.	•RADS2-4 to 11 •RADS3-3 •RADS-C-14 and 16
RADS3-5	Calculate patient doses for plain film radiography for a range of common clinical examinations	 Review of methods for calculating patient doses Produce dose estimates comparing different methods and detailing assumptions behind the calculations 	•RADS3-11 and 12
RADS3-6	Calculate patient doses for women who have had mammography x-ray imaging	Compare against national and international values where appropriate Produce dose estimates using mammography dose calculation software Include discussion of assumptions behind the calculations	•RADS3-11 and 12
RADS3-7	Calculate patient doses for patients who have had CT x-ray imaging	Compare against national and international values where appropriate Review of methods for calculating patient doses Produce dose estimates comparing different methods and detailing assumptions behind	•RADS3-11 and 12
RADS3-8	Develop local DRLs based on patient dose calculations	the calculations •Compare against national and international values where appropriate •Recommend local DRLs for a range of X-ray examinations	•RADS3-2
RADS3-9	Calculate organ and effective doses for a range of modalities, including nuclear medicine	 Review of methods for calculating patient doses including organ and effective doses Produce dose estimates comparing different methods and detailing assumptions behind the calculations 	•RADS3-10 •RADS3-11 and 12
	Assist with the explanation of the significance of the results of a patient dose audit and make recommendations for action to	Compare against national and international values where appropriate Produce suitable reports Attend meetings to discuss results (e.g. minutes from meetings)	•RADS3-1 and 2
RADS3-10	reduce doses where appropriate		
RADS3-11	Investigate the circumstances of an unusual patient dose	•Work with user/perform equipment safety measurements etc. to investigate cause of unusual patient dose •Produce report	•RADS3-5 to 7 •RADS3-9
RADS3-12	Communicate actual and potential risks from patient exposures, in context, to other healthcare professionals and members of the public	•Calculate risks •Communicate these in appropriate formats	•RADS3-5 to 7 •RADS3-9
RADS3-13	Participate in a dose and risk assessment for a research exposure, taking into account age, sex and life expectancy	Review the research ethics application procedure Review legislative requirements Produce dose and risk assessments	•RADS3-5 to 7 •RADS3-9
RADS4-1	Carry out an intercomparison of non-ionising radiation monitors	 Formal report, listing all meters e.g. UV, Laser, Gauss etc., detailing what is being measured, why the meters differ and how to choose the correct piece of equipment for the measurement to be made 	
RADS4-2	Perform QA and safety of UV systems, including eyewear	•Observe and participate QA, •Record measurements accurately in QA worksheet (including any calculations done) •Produce a formal report	
RADS4-3	Perform QA and safety assessments of a laser in clinical use	•Observe and participate in QA, Formal report, QA worksheet including any calculations of MED, NODH and AORD Calculation •Risk Assessment including calculation values	
RADS4-4	Calculate NOHD and advise on suitable eye protection	 Formal report OR excel worksheet detailing the British standards used to determine the calculations of MED, NODH and goggles needed and the calculations done 	
RADS5-1	Critically review policies and procedures for compliance with non-ionising radiation protection legislation and guidance	Literature review and report	
RADS5-2	Undertake a risk assessment for a clinical laser or UV practice and make recommendations regarding safe operating procedures	 Risk assessment including appropriate calculations for Lasers and UV 	
RADS5-3	Write local rules or guidance notes for a clinical laser and UV practice	•Literature review and written Local rules/advise on contents of local rules	•RADS5-10
RADS5-4	Assess the requirements for PPE and make recommendations with regard to the specifications of PPE	•Safety calculations worksheet for Laser, UV, Blue light, red light. •Calculation worksheet for the correct PPE where appropriate •Report/e-mail etc. detailing recommendations	•RADS5-10
RADS5-5	Collect data for the calculation of exposure to patients	Literature review of the equipment manual Observation of clinical practice to determine realistic scenarios	
RADS5-6	Provide training to a relevant staff group on the implementation of radiation safety practices	Prepare and deliver presentation	
RADS5-7 RADS5-8	Carry out measurements of occupational exposure for a source on non-ionising radiation Perform and report on non-ionising radiation protection audits	Record (worksheets etc.) of measurements of UV, Blue light, Red light, Laser measurement, Gauss measurements. Perform audit, formal report, audit worksheet, for UV, lasers, MRI, other light sources	•RADS5-10
RADS5-9	Critically appraise risk assessments and safe operating procedures for clinical MRI and ultrasound	Perform Literature review •Critically appraise risk assessments for MRI and ultrasound	•RADS5-10
RADS5-10	Demonstrate understanding in environmental exposure to non- ionising radiation	Produce formal report of the critical review Risk assessment of UV, Laser, Light sources, MRI	•RADS5-9
RADS6-1	Plan and carry out environmental monitoring around a designated radiation area and assess any implications for staff, patients and/or public	•Familiarise with specification of available dosimeters •Produce a plan of where monitoring is required, and length of time monitoring is required for taking into account dosimeter sensitivity. •Carry out the environmental monitoring •Assess and interpret the results and produce a final report with suitable recommendations	
RADS6-2	Determine a projected dose over a suitable period of time, taking into account likely occupancy of areas where there is an exposure risk	 Included in the above 	
RADS6-3	Assess potential doses from the use of sealed and unsealed sources and methods of ensuring safe practices	•General risk assessments for sealed and unsealed sources •Radiological impact assessment for unsealed sources •Risk assessment calculations for individual brachytherapy patients leaving hospital (sealed and unsealed sources)	•RADS1-2 and 3 •RADS6-5 and 6 •RADS6-10
RADS6-4	Critically appraise the framework for controlling radioactive materials using best available techniques	 Review the BAT assessment for an organisation Undertake an audit of the management of radioactive waste and its compliance with the BAT statement 	•RADS7-5 and 6 •RADS-C-11 to 13
RADS6-5	Assess the radiological impact of radioactive waste disposal Identify the groups of staff, including vulnerable groups e.g.	Review or undertake a radiological impact assessment *Participate in an EPR permit /RSA authorisation variation General risk assessments	•RADS6-3 •RADS7-2 and 3
	pregnant, who are likely to be exposed to radiation arising from	Revision of personal monitoring requirements in local rules Advice letter or report relating to personal monitoring	•RADS6-6 to 8 •RADS6-10
RADS6-6	a procedure and decide on appropriate system of dose assessment Review and critically appraise the personal dosimetry	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

: 6 - Asse	RADS6-8	Make recommendations with regard to routine dose monitoring, personal protection, classification and dose reduction	Included in the above	
Module	RADS6-9	Review results of routine personal monitoring and investigate an abnormal result	Summary of investigation	
2	RADS6-10	Identify types of radiation likely to be involved in any exposure to the public, determine the means of assessment and make dose assessments where applicable	•General risk assessments for sealed and unsealed sources •Radiological impact assessment for unsealed sources •Risk assessment calculations for individual brachytherapy patients leaving hospital (sealed and unsealed sources) •Environmental dose surveys around radiation facilities •Facility shelding design	•RADS1-1 to 3 •RADS1-4 to 6 •RADS6-1 and 2 •RADS6-3 •RADS6-5
	RADS6-11	Communicate actual and potential risks from radiation, in context, to other healthcare professionals and members of the public	Delivery of radiation safety training to staff eletters or reports prepared for members of the public evidence to include reports and presentations given in the other competencies	
	RADS7-1	Critically appraise the organisation's radiation safety policies with reference to the current legislation	Review of radiation safety policies	
	RADS7-2	Draft or critically appraise local rules and procedures for departments using radioactive materials, including contingency plans, consulting users where appropriate	Review / re-write of existing local rules Production of local rules for a new facility or technique	•RADS-C-4 •RADS-C-22-23 •RADS-C-26
	RADS7-3	Draft or critically appraise local rules and procedures for departments using equipment that generates radiation, including contingency plans, consulting users where appropriate	Review / re-write of existing local rules Production of local rules for a new facility or technique	•RADS-C-4 •RADS-C-22-23 •RADS-C-26
ork	RADS7-4	Draft or critically appraise Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposures) Regulations 2000 procedures for a department using Ionising radiation or radioactive materials	Review / re-write of existing IRMER procedures Production of IRMER procedures for a new facility or technique	
Module 7 - Radiation Govemance Framework	RADS7-5	Plan, prepare and undertake audits in a range of facilities, applying suitable methodology for the type of audit to be conducted	Undertake an audit of compliance with radiation safety procedures (e.g. personal dosimetry, local rules) Undertake an IRR99 compliance audit Undertake an IRMER compliance audit Undertake an audit of the management of radioactive waste and its compliance with the BAT statement	•RADS-C-11 and 12 •RADS6-4 •RADS7-4
adiation G	RADS7-6	Report findings of risk assessment audit, specify degree of compliance, recommendations for further action and date of follow-up review	•Undertake an audit of a risk assessment •Undertake an IRR99 compliance audit	•RADS-C-11 and 12 •RADS7-5
Jule 7 - R	RADS7-7	Participate in the investigation of a radiation incident	Produce a dose report for a staff or patient dose greater than intended Carry out a foetal dose assessment Review most recent CQC annual IRMER report	•RADS-C-24 and 25
Wo	RADS7-8	Perform measurements or calculations to establish the extent to which radiation exposure has taken place and therefore the risks posed	Produce a dose report for a staff or patient dose greater than intended Carry out a foetal dose assessment Review most recent CQC annual IRMER report	•RADS-C-24 and 25
	RADS7-9	Report results of incident investigation in correct format and at required level of detail for target audience, including a recommended action plan	 Produce a dose report for a staff or patient dose greater than intended Carry out a foetal dose assessment Review most recent CQC annual IRMER report 	•RADS-C-24 and 25
	RADS7-10	Review plans and action cards to be used in the event of a major radiation incident	 Review major radiation incident plan Review equipment for the major radiation incident plan Participate in delivery of training for the major radiation incident plan Participate in an exercise of the major radiation incident plan 	•RADS7-10 to 12
	RADS7-11	Audit equipment available for use in a major radiation incident and ensure the appropriate radiation monitors would be available	•included in the above	•RADS7-10 to 12
	RADS7-12	Participate in the training of staff with regards to major radiation incidents	Included in the above	•RADS7-10 to 12
ication Technology	RADS11-1	Critically appraise the information governance and operational management requirements for patient and staff data	 Complete mandatory training on Information Governance and include certification. Short report demonstrating awareness of legislation & national guidance pertaining to data protection and how these are applied in a particular organisation (e.g. Caldicott principles; links to RADS11-1 for issues relating to data storage and anonymisation of patient data; information security plan for sealed sources) 	RADS11-1 and 2
	RADS11-2	Review data security for sensitive information	Included in the above	RADS11-1 and 2
and Commun	RADS11-3	Appraise the radiation safety implications of ICT processes, e.g. RIS, PACS, electronic requesting and prescription	 Review of policies and / or standard operating procedures for the use of systems in the organisation, e.g. RIS, PACS, electronic requesting and prescription Review of incidents arising from systems or operator failure in the use of systems in the organisation 	•RADS7-7 to 9 •RADS-C-24 and 25 •RADS11-4
Module 8 - Information and Commun	RADS11-4	Specify, develop and validate the use of novel spreadsheets or software for radiation safety calculations	•Patient or staff dose calculations •Room shielding calculations •Equipment QA spreadsheets	•RADS-C-2 •RADS-C-15 to 16 •IIR-C-1 •IIR-C-19 to 25 •RADS11-3 •RADS1-4 to 6 •RADS2-5 to 11