Level: master

Course title: Diagnostic Radiology Physics

Status: obligatory

ECTS: 8

Requirements: Radiation and life

Learning objectives

The aim of this course is that future medical physicists gain a clear picture of the physical principles which are the basis of all diagnostic methods in radiology.

Learning outcomes

- General Skills:
 - Students will have an insight into the practical application of achievements of experimental physics in medicine.
- Specific Competencies:
 Students will learn about the application of experimental physics (radioisotopes and ionizing radiation) in radiological techniques used in medical diagnostics, they will also learn main characteristics of radiodiagnostic methods and optimization of the system of quality control in radiodiagnostic procedures.

Syllabus

Theoretical instruction:

Characteristics of the spectra obtained in diagnostic radiology (structure of carbon atoms, electromagnetic radiation, bremsstrahlung, X-rays, the angular distribution of diagnostic X-ray, "Heel" effect, filtration characteristics of the X-ray spectrum, the quality of the beam, STP). Generating radiodiagnostic spectra (apparatus, X-ray generators and X-ray tube, an exposure time, the influence of kVp, mAs and target material on the X-ray spectrum). The interaction of the diagnostic X-rays with tissue (The influence of the photoelectric effect and the contrast produced by Compton effect, the main characteristics of radiation: exposure, the dose, the attenuation coefficients, absorption coefficients, the dosage of the tissue). Basic concepts of imaging. X-ray detectors (Fluoroscopy, X-ray computer systems, Digital Radiography). Imaging modalities with ionizing radiation. Fundamentals of mammography. Physical principles of computed tomography (CT). Dosimetry in diagnostic radiology (doses, an equivalent dose, the effective dose, the absorbed dose in radiography and fluoroscopy, CT dosimetry, diagnostic reference levels, patient dosimetry).

Practical instruction:

Practical work - overview of radiodiagnostic procedures in clinics. Term paper.

Литература

1. "Physics for Diagnostic Radiology", Philip Palin Dendy, Brian Heaton, CRC Press (1999)

0. "Diagnostic Radiology Physics: a handbook for teachers and students", IAEA (2014).

Weekly teaching load	Lectures: 3	Exercises: 3