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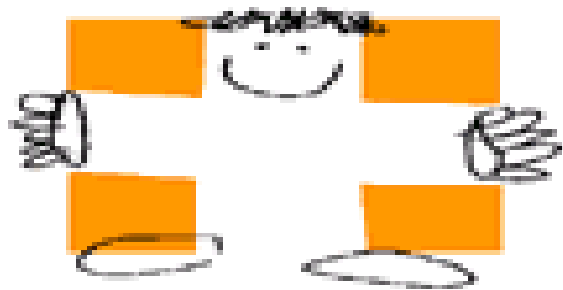
“Uso racional de Diagnóstico por Imágenes en Pediatría: ¿qué, cuándo y cómo lo pido?”

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***“Radioprotección en Pediatría:
¿ qué debemos hacer ?”***



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Radioprotección

Es proteger al

individuo

***a la población
en general***

***a su
descendencia***

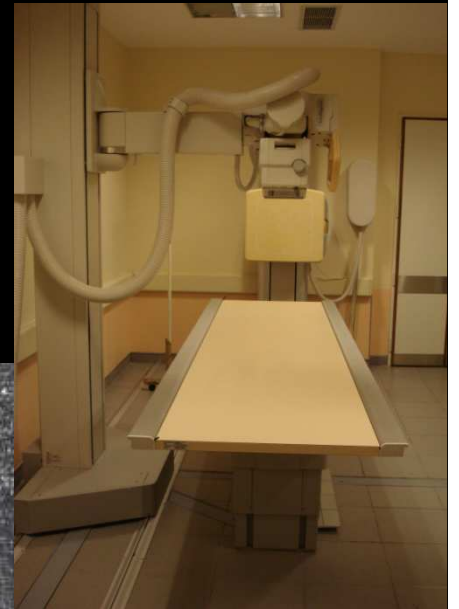
***de los riesgos de la utilización de
equipos o materiales,
que produzcan radiaciones ionizantes***

Hospitales saludables

- Higiene hospitalaria
- Mantenimiento de las instalaciones
- Relevamiento del uso del mercurio en el hospital
- **Radiaciones ionizantes**
- Manejo de residuos hospitalarios
- Capacitación e investigación
- Crear conciencia para el cuidado ambiental



Radiología digital
US TC RMI
MN PET/TC
PET/MR



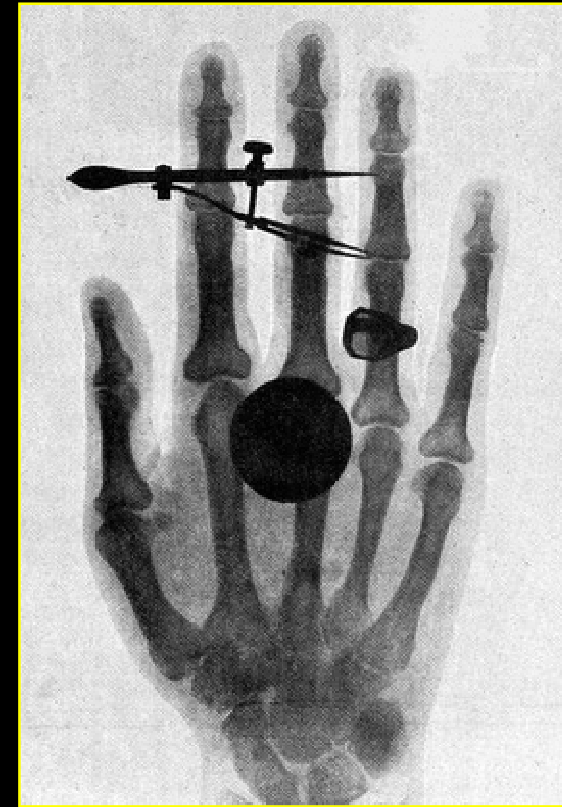
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Wilhelm
Roentgen

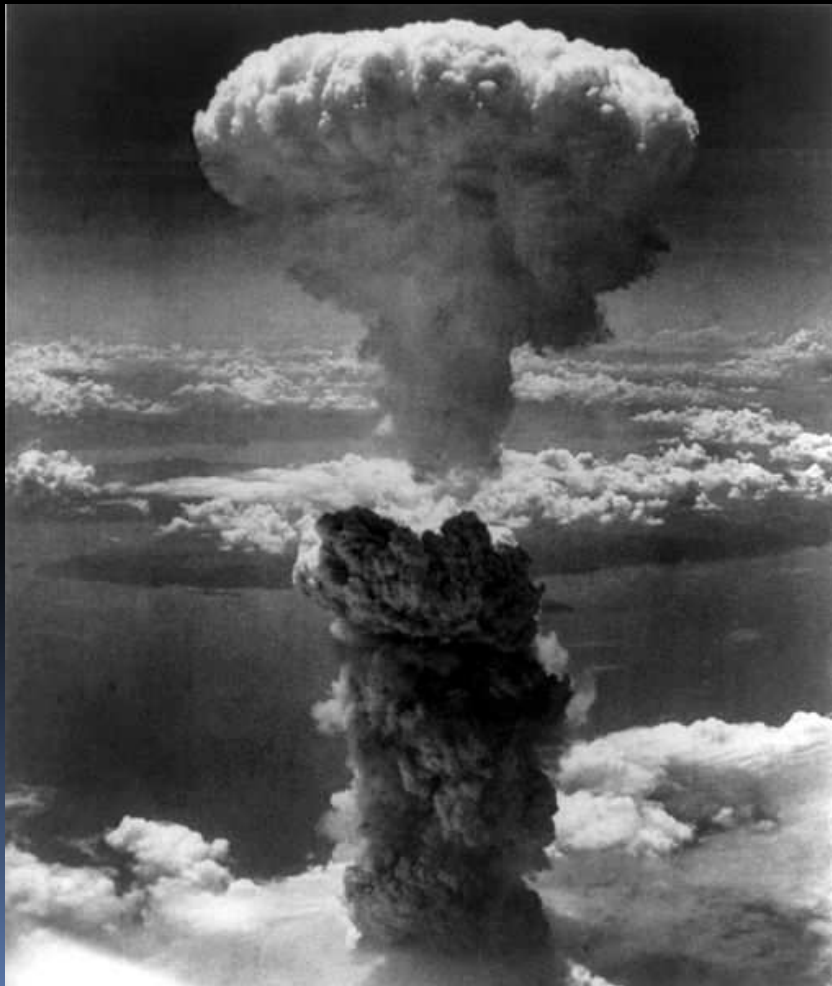


Anna Bertha
Roentgen



1896 - Henri Becquerel

1898 - Marie y Pierre Curie

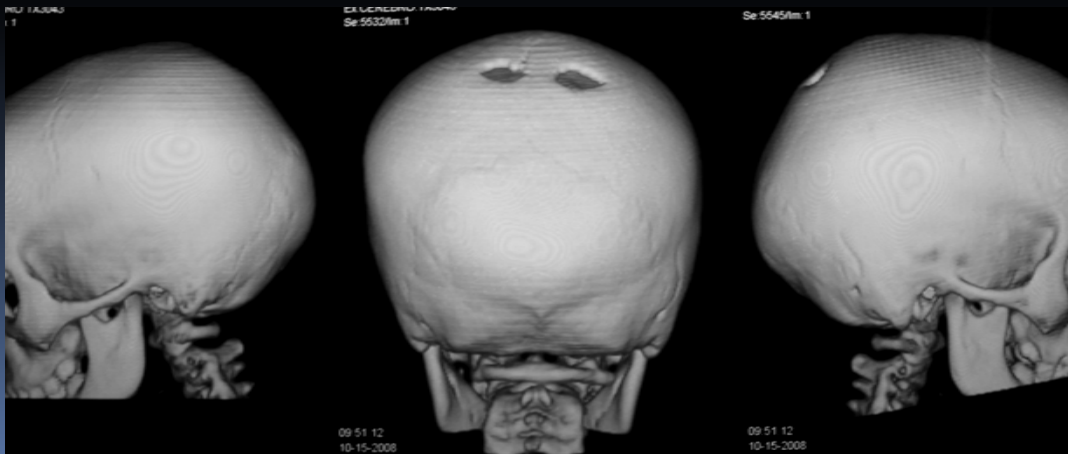


**Hiroshima (350 mil
habitantes)
En Nagasaki (270 mil
habitantes)**

¿Por qué preocupa la contaminación de los niños por radiaciones ionizantes?

Estudios de cohorte realizados a los sobrevivientes de Hiroshima y Nagasaki

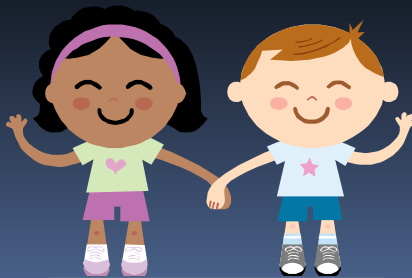
Mayor incidencia de cáncer, en la población irradiada que ha recibido dosis entre 50 – 100 msv, pero también en los que recibieron menos de 50 msv



¿Por qué preocupa la contaminación de los niños por radiaciones ionizantes?

Dosis empleadas en radiodiagnóstico
Tendencia creciente en el número anual de:
prácticas, instalaciones y recurso humano

Surge la necesidad de proteger al grupo de casos especiales



Niños

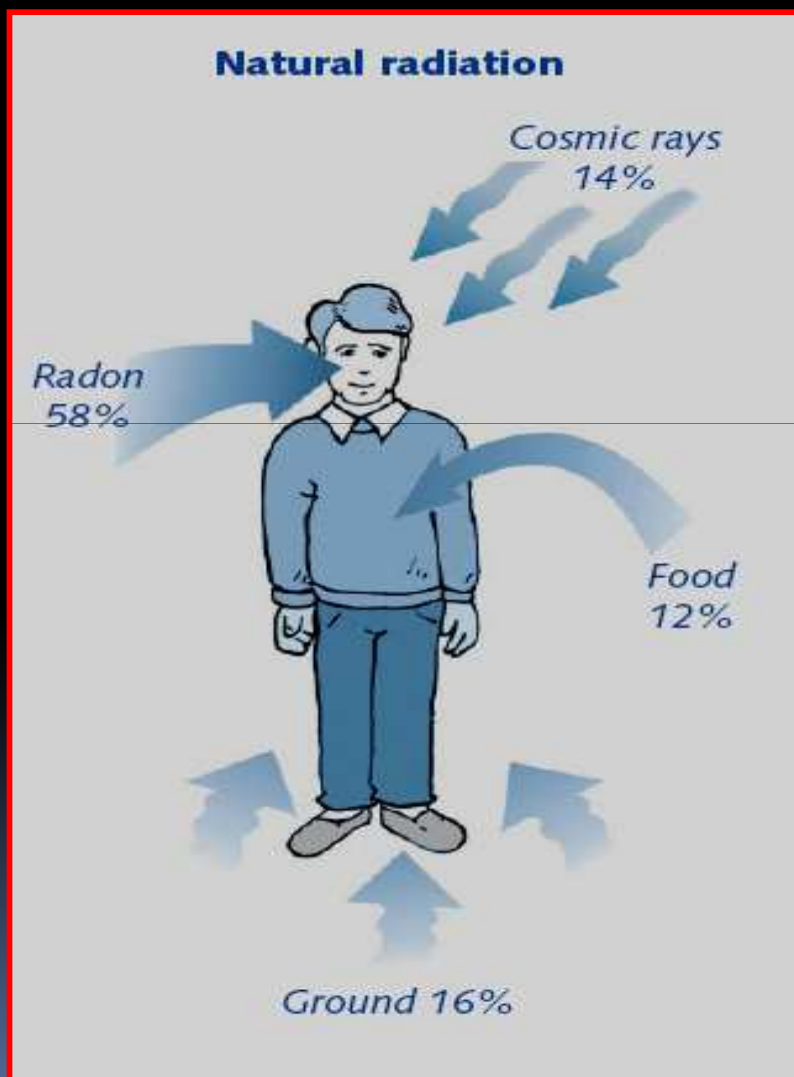


Embarazadas



Familiares y acompañantes

Fuentes de radiación



**Media básica
3 mSv / año**

Todos estamos expuestos
a la radiación natural

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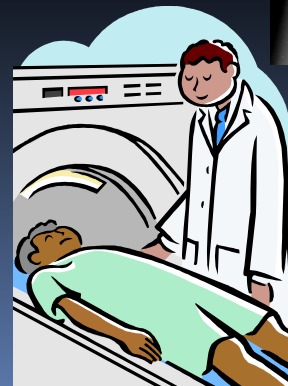
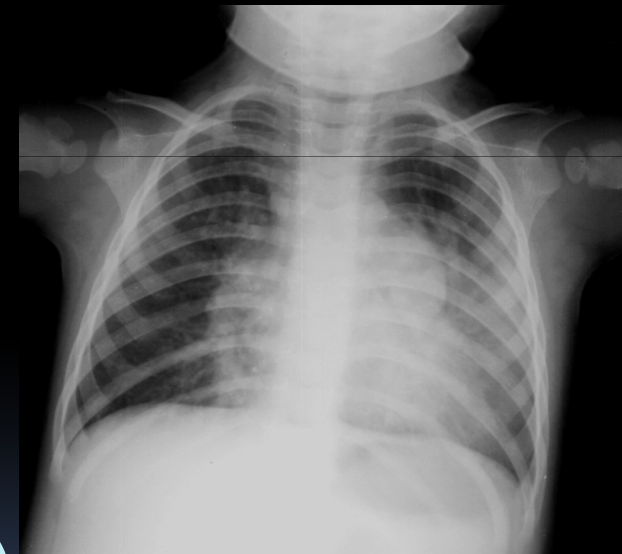
**FUENTES
ARTIFICIALES**

**SUSTANCIAS
RADIATIVAS**

**EQUIPOS GENERADORES
DE RX**

**Rx simple es la practica mas
común**

Uso de TC



¿Por qué debemos disminuir el uso de las prácticas con radiaciones ionizantes en pediatría?

La población está expuesta a los riesgos de la radiación natural

Con la radiación artificial que provocamos, no debemos aumentar la dosis de la radiación de fondo, excepto que la práctica esté justificada



Equivalencias de estudios en relación con la Rx de Tórax

Junta Nacional de Radioprotección, en Hospitales del Reino Unido 1990-1995

Procedimiento diagnóstico	Dosis efectiva característica (mSv)	Nº equivalente Rx de tórax	Periodo equivalente aproximado de radiación natural de fondo
Rx extremidades	< 0.01	< 0.5	< 1.5 días
Tórax	0.02	1	3 días
Cráneo	0.07	3.5	11 días
Columna dorsal	0.7	35	4 meses
Columna lumbar	1.3	65	7 meses
Pelvis	0.7	35	4 meses
Abdomen	1.0	50	6 meses
Urografía i.v.	2.5	125	14 meses
Esofagograma	1.5	75	8 meses
EGDuodenal	3	150	16 meses
Enema opaco	7	350	3.2 años
TAC de craneo	2.3	115	1 año
TAC de tórax	8	400	3.6 años
TAC de abdomen	10	500	4.5 años

¿Cuánta radiación se utiliza en los exámenes de radiología pediátrica en comparación con otras exposiciones?

	Estimated dose	Days of background radiation
Natural background	3 mSv/year	1 day
Airline passenger	0.04 mSv	4 days
Chest X-ray	0.01 mSv	1 day
Head CT	2 mSv	8 months
Chest CT	3 mSv	12 months
Abdominal CT	5 mSv	20 months
Angiography or venography	11-33 mSv	4-11 years
CT guided intervention	11-17 mSv	4-6 years

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EL RIESGO POTENCIAL DE CÁNCER PARA UN NIÑO DE 5 AÑOS A PARTIR DE PROCEDIMIENTOS COMUNES

Examination	Effective dose (mSv)	Lifetime risk of fatal cancer
Limbs	<0.005	1/a few million
Chest (PA)	0.01	1/million
Spine (AP, PA, Lat)	0.07	1/150000
Pelvis	0.08	1/120000
AXR	0.10	1/100000
MCU	1.0	1/10000
CT Head	2	1/5000
CT Body	10	1/1000

Cook JV, Imaging, 13 (2001), Number 4

¿Por qué preocupa la contaminación de los niños por radiaciones ionizantes?

Aumento gradual del cáncer

Malformaciones congénitas



Los niños son más sensibles

- Los tejidos son más sensibles a las radiaciones que los adultos
- Están en un período continuo de cambios
- Son expuestos a las radiaciones ionizantes a edades muy tempranas

Responsabilidad del Pediatra

Estar **seguro** que el examen es necesario

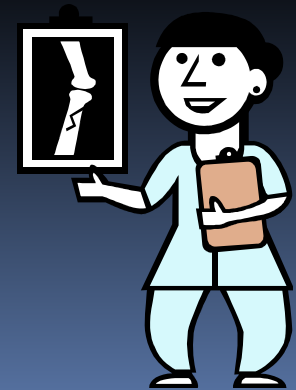
Usar la **modalidad** menos invasiva

Consultar al Radiólogo si no esta seguro

Conocer las dosis de radiación de las modalidades

No indicar practicas **por presión** de los padres o legal

Considerar **informar** a los padres



Responsabilidad del Radiólogo Infantil

Que **entiendan** las dosis de radiación

Requerimientos para altas dosis de estudios: escoger factores técnicos apropiados **PROTOCOLOS**

Sumar esfuerzos: dialogo con pediatra y técnico



Responsabilidad del Técnico Radiólogo



Hospital Elizalde

Responsable inmediato de la protección del paciente, de si mismo, de otros profesionales y del público en general

PROTECCION AL ACOMPAÑANTE
PROTECCION EN UNIDADES
CERRADAS

Optimización: ALARA

Principios de protección radiológica

Justificación de las prácticas

Beneficio

Limites de dosis

Es aplicable al personal ocupacionalmente expuesto a radiaciones y al público en general

Optimización de la practica

Manteniendo la exposición tan bajo como sea razonablemente posible

“ALARA” As Low As Reasonably Achievable



Principios de protección radiológica

Existe una práctica sistemática de exploraciones radiológicas inadecuadas

Genera necesidad de mejoras en la justificación de las exposiciones médicas

PEDIATRA

Justificación de las prácticas
Beneficio

RADIOLOGO
INFANTIL

Se requiere de soluciones efectivas para garantizar que la justificación de la practica se realice con responsabilidad

Justificación de las prácticas Beneficio

NO repetir exámenes ya realizados

NO solicitar exámenes que no alteran a la atención del paciente

NO pedir estudios con demasiada frecuencia

Estimular la consulta con el Radiólogo si hay dudas

Mejorar la información al Radiólogo y evitar el uso de técnicas inadecuadas



Thomas L. Slovits, MD

The ALARA Concept in Pediatric CT: Myth or Reality?¹

Editor's Note: In view of the importance of this editorial, highlighting the full publication "ALARA Conference Proceedings: The ALARA Concept in Pediatric CT—Intelligent Dose Reduction," which appears in the April 2002 issue of Pediatric Radiology, with agreement of the Editors.

Anthony V. Penta, MD, Editor

The availability and intellectual acuity of information does not always translate into appropriate action. This is particularly true regarding computed tomographic (CT) radiation dose in children because: (a) We have a difficult time understanding the statistical evaluation of material collected over 50-plus years; few radiologists are conversant with the literature of the radiologist, physicist, and epidemiologist (including the publications of the Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, International Commission of Radiation Protection, and National Council on Radiation Protection), who collect, evaluate, and publish this evidence; (c) there have been no easy alternatives instantly available to begin

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to decrease radiation exposure without compromising diagnostic image quality (1-5); and (d) lack of understanding about the radiation dose in CT image quality (the uncoupling effect). For example, in conventional radiography, when the radiation dose was too high, we obtained a dark or black image and therefore adjusted technique (milliamperes and/or kilovolts). With digital technology, the image is uncoupled from the dose and even when we use too much technique, we get a good image (6).

The manufacturers sell their CT scanners on the basis of the "best picture" (perhaps double) the mortality figures, but these data are not yet fully available (8).

4. There is no consensus regarding a single exposure of dose. Effective dose organ dose, background equivalent noise time, and CT dose index, among others, were discussed.

5. Research for improving the description of dose should continue, but a substantial number of participants through the currently calculated effective dose was a good starting point. An international or national regulatory group may be necessary to determine what information should be displayed on every manufacturer's CT scanners.

6. It is important to reduce radiation dose but still maintain acceptable (diagnostic) image quality. Some of the suggestions accomplished this were:

- a) Perform examinations only for appropriate indications.
- b) Use published weight-related parameters for CT in children.
- c) Manufacturers need to be more user friendly and provide the tools to prevent excess dose, such as automatic milliamperes to patient weight, modulating milliamperes, and dose caps. We must move away from a fixed milliamperes protocol.
- d) More research on dose reduction by reduction of kilovolts and maintenance of diagnostic image quality.

taken of high esteem, and in recognition of noted professional attainments by Leo G. Rigler, distinguished graduate of the University of Minnesota, highly respected former chief of the Department of Radiology at Minnesota, inspiring teacher, devoted scientist and author, progressive leader in the development of x-ray diagnosis in chest diseases, esteemed spokesman for internationally known radiologists, deem him to be worthy of special commemoration for outstanding achievement conferred on June tenth, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

DR. GLASSER HONORED

Dr. Otto Glasser, Cleveland, Ohio, was recently awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, in recognition of his work on the life of W. C. Röntgen, and his contributions to radiology. Dr. Glasser is also holder of the Röntgen-Ultraschall and Honorary Curator of the Röntgen-Museum in Remscheid, Germany.

CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FELLOWSHIP

A Fellowship in Pediatric Radiology will be offered, beginning Jan. 1, 1993, by the Department of Radiology of the Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, to residents who have successfully completed at least two, and preferably three, years of training in radiology. Further details may be obtained from Dr. Harvey White, Chief, Department of Radiology, The Children's Memorial Hospital, 709 Pullerton Ave, Chicago 14, Ill.

Books Received

Books received are acknowledged under this heading, and such notice may be regarded as recognition of the receipt of the books. Reviews will be published in the interest of our readers and as space permits.

Letter to the Editor

IMAGE INTENSIFIER RISK

To the Editor of Radiology:

DEAR DR. DORN:

I have been rather perturbed, when examining diagnostic units fitted for use with the electronic image intensifier (image amplifier), to observe the lack of attention paid to an obvious radiation hazard.

the lead and shoulder of the viewer by providing the usual type of viewing screen with lead glass backing as a surrounding shield to the image intensifier; they do not thereby remove the hazard to the patient near to the hands of the radiologist. Further, the screen provided is of little use for viewing by the person using the image intensifier.

Because the field visualized is rather small, the most likely method of use is to open the rectangular viewing aperture until the intensifier is fully illuminated. The edges of the diaphragms are then lost from view and the x-ray beam therefore could illuminate a much larger area of the patient than is seen; also, the hands of the person manipulating the patient could catch the x-ray beam without being observed.

It is not sufficient to fit stops as an answer to this problem, so that the edges of the field become tangential to the circle seen through the intensifier, since the corners of such a field are still not visualized and may cause damage. It is usually possible, however, to fit a subsidiary circular diaphragm of just sufficient size to cover the corner of the intensifier, so interlocked that the screening circles operate only when the diaphragm is in place.

When this has been done, the problem of alignment becomes evident. It is necessary that this should be routinely checked by the radiographer in charge of the machine, and some means whereby this alignment can be simply adjusted by the radiographer must be provided by the manufacturer.

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Manchester, England

Radiology

Robert T. Branson, MD
George A. Taylor, MD

SOS: Can We Save Pediatric Radiology?

In November 1972, John Holt wrote an editorial in *American Journal of Roentgenology*, *Radiation Therapy, and Nuclear Medicine* (1) in which he said there were too many pediatric radiologists in practice; there were too many radiology residents entering pediatric fellowships; training and radiology at that time had a crop of pediatric radiologists that was too young and many existing programs risk being their accreditation because they have had no trainees in several years. In addition, an increasing percentage of pediatric radiologists are women. The percentage of women who work part time is greater than the percentage of men who work part time, resulting in fewer "full-time equivalents" in the active workforce (2,3).

Most radiology groups, including our own, have seen an annual workload increase of about 4%-6%. Academic institutions, where the majority of pediatric radiologists practice, also report that the workload for their radiologists continues to increase annually by about 5%-6%. Pediatric hospitals report a similar steady increase in radiology workload, as measured in relative value units (4,5).

At the same time, many third-party payers are contracting with companies that manage radiology benefits and costs to health plans. According to one of these companies, National Imaging Associates, "about one-third of advanced imaging tests are either inappropriate for the medical problem or don't contribute to a doctor's diagnosis or a patient's outcome" (6). These efforts in controlling medical imaging costs have resulted in complex requirements for preauthorization and the diversion of more expensive imaging examination, such as computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance (MR) imaging, away from academic or specialty centers toward less expensive centers. That, however, does not always reduce work demands for pediatric radiologists, although it may decrease costs to the third-party payer. For

Perspectives

example, at our pediatric radiology department, CT or MR images are interpreted or provided by an institution-approved radiologist each year. The study, other locations either papers referred them to program like National Society for Pediatric Radiology or, because a program is not available at that site and interpret the study and interpret the papers referred them to program like National Society for Pediatric Radiology.

Future Directions of Imaging Research: Subspecialty Society Messages

Charles A. Gooding, MD
Lane F. Donnelly, MD
Diego Jaramilla, MD

Pediatric Radiology Research: Anticipating the Millennium!

Radiology (SR) will be used as illustrative examples.

There are several issues unique to pediatric radiology research. First, most children are healthy, and populations of children with specific diseases are often small, such as children with malignant or genetic diseases. Because of the small patient population, research projects for pediatric radiology are often difficult to fund. Research projects for pediatric radiology are often difficult to fund because of the small patient population, such as adult patients with breast cancer or coronary artery disease. It is also very difficult to generate a large enough group of patients at a single institution to render statistically significant results. Another issue unique to children is that the features that allow differentiation between normal and diseased organs continuously change with age (1,2) and the manifestations of disease may differ markedly even within the subgroups of children. For example, neovascularization with adolescents. Also, structures are smaller and motion is faster in children than in adults (3); these factors make the performance of some imaging techniques challenging and their standard of special adaptation for use in children. Other difficulties encountered in pediatric research include the need for reduction of the child and its associated risks, the concern about radiation effects, and the inability of nations to grant informed consent.

In addition to the unique factors of pediatric research, there are also many issues that make research in radiology unique as compared with that in other scientific disciplines. Radiology is the only medical discipline that is defined by the imaging approach to a medical problem, rather than an organ system or disease process (4). This premise has historically restricted what has been considered ap-

ASNR Response to Lancet Article

June 20, 2012

A recently published study in *The Lancet (Radiation exposure from CT scans in childhood and subsequent risk of leukaemia and brain tumours: a retrospective cohort study)*, Mark S Pearce et al., *The Lancet* 07 June 2012 reports that cumulative radiation exposure from multiple computed tomography scans during childhood could increase the risk of developing cancer as an adult. The American Society of Neuroradiology urges parents to weigh the risks and benefits of CT exams that are recommended for their children. It is important to realize that current radiation doses are much lower than those reported in the *Lancet* study, which was conducted 1995 to 2002. Physicians are well aware of the potential harm caused by radiation, and order CT scans when the value of a rapid, accurate diagnosis exceeds the risk. For this reason, the risks of CT scanning usually are very small compared to the benefits. If a parent is concerned about the risk of a CT scan, he or she should discuss this with their pediatrician, a radiologist or a medical physicist. We encourage parents to visit the following websites that address concerns raised from the *Lancet* article and learn more about radiation exposure associated with pediatric CT scanning.

ImageGently.org
RadiologyInfo.org
ACR.org

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Radiation exposure from CT scans in childhood and subsequent risk of leukaemia and brain tumours: a retrospective cohort study

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Summary

Background

Although CT scans are very useful clinically, potential cancer risks exist from associated ionising radiation, in particular for children who are more radiosensitive than adults. We aimed to assess the excess risk of leukaemia and brain tumours after CT scans in a cohort of children and young adults.

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See also the article by Kirk (pp 182-183) on this issue.



RIESGO DE RADIACIÓN EN RADIOLOGÍA PEDIÁTRICA

Public Health Risk The main issue from a public health perspective is the “*potential problem that accumulates when a risk that is acceptable to the individual is multiplied by the 2.7 million procedures performed each year in children*”



2007 EEUU 24000 scanners o equipos de TC
68,7 millones de estudios
niños corresponde el 11% de los estudios

Dra Ines Boechat

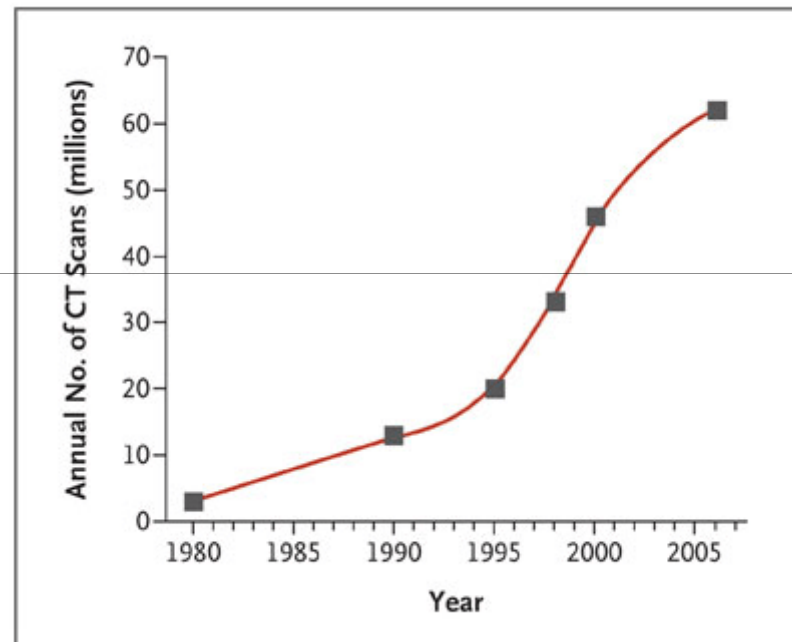
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Hall EJ, Lessons we have learned from our children: cancer risks from diagnostic radiology, Pediatr radiol (2002) 32: 700-706



The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

Computed Tomography — An Increasing Source of Radiation Exposure
David J. Brenner, Ph.D., D.Sc., and Eric J. Hall, D.Phil., D.Sc.



Brenner and Hall 357 (22): 2277, November 29, 2007
Estimated Number of CT Scans Performed Annually in the United States
The most recent estimate of 62 million CT scans in 2006

¿Cuanto interés tiene la gente?

Optimización: TC 3 mill de entradas en google
Image Gently 45 mill

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¿Cuanto interés tiene la gente?

- AM de EEUU: artículos que advierten sobre riesgos de radiación con el uso de TC
- 2% de 1,4 millones de CA se relacionan con TC
- Información masiva sobre ser mas conciente con el uso de Rx
- NCI Instituto Nacional del Cáncer de EEUU y el Instituto de Salud de la Universidad de Newcastle, Inglaterra advierten del riesgo según estudio de 175.000 niños seguidos entre 1985 y 2002 desde el nacimiento hasta los 22 años estudiados con una o mas TC. El riesgo de tumores cerebrales y de leucemia se multiplico por 3.
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Respuesta de la SPR y ACR

Educacion

Elección de practicas

Concepto ALARA

Conferencias y documentos



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The Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging

Objetivo

Alianza para la seguridad radiológica en la imagen pediátrica

Integrada por:

- American College of Radiology (ACR)
- Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR)
- Sociedad Europea de Radiología Pediátrica (ESPR)
- Sociedad Latino Americana de Radiología Pediátrica (SLARP)

Concientizar a los profesionales, en reducir las dosis de los estudios radiológicos en los niños

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Pause and Pulse - Safety in Pediatric Fluoroscopic Imaging



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Conclusiones

Protección radiológica

Equipamiento y técnicas

Medioambiente

Educación

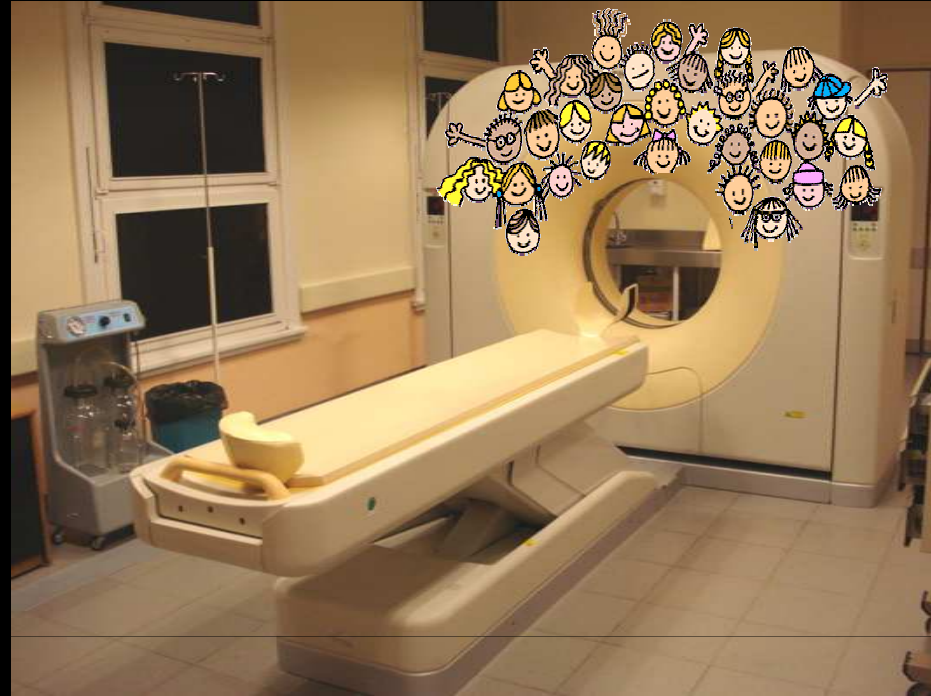


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Conclusiones



Racionalización de Estudios Radiológicos

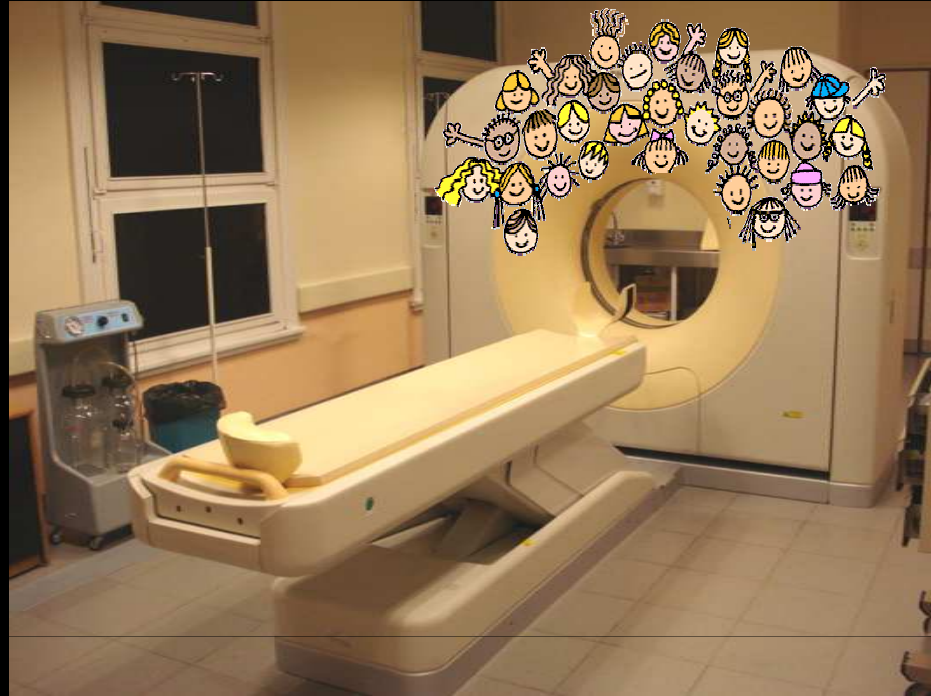
Estimular uso de US, RMI

Ajustar parámetros de exposición (TC)

Promover técnicas (colimación y mA bajo)

Cumplir principios de Radioprotección: Justificación y Optimización

Conclusiones

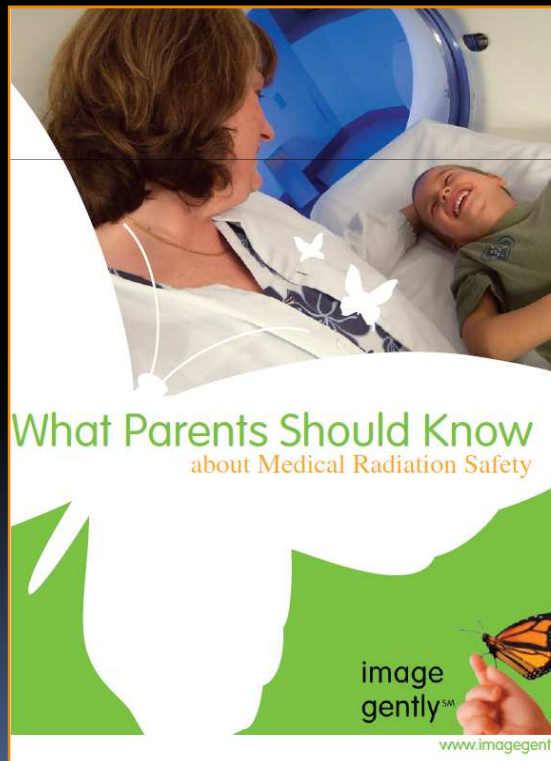


Informar a la población

Registro individual de exposiciones: Tarjeta Infantil de Exposiciones a Radiaciones Ionizantes

Educación

Información para los padres en Servicio de Diagnostico por Imágenes Pediátrico



IAEA Radiation Protection of Patients (RPOP)

Home Information for Additional Resources Special Groups Member Area

Information for: Health Professionals, Member States, Patients, X rays, Computed Tomography, Interventional Procedures, Nuclear Medicine, Radiotherapy, Pregnancy & Children

Home > Patients
Pregnancy & Children

- Can I undergo X ray investigations while I am pregnant?
- How long after radioiodine treatment should I wait before getting pregnant?
- Can I breast feed following radio-iodine treatment?
- Can a young person undergo radioiodine treatment for thyrotoxicosis?
- Can a pregnant patient receive radiotherapy?
- Can I undergo a CT scan while I am pregnant?
- Is it important to know if I am pregnant for undergoing a CT scan?
- Should I be concerned about radiation if my child has been prescribed a CT?

1. Can I undergo X ray investigations while I am pregnant?

Yes, but with certain precautions. The aim is to minimize exposure of the unborn child. The unborn child is considered to be more sensitive than adults or children to potential adverse radiation effects. For many investigations such as X ray examinations of the head (including dental X rays), chest and limbs, where the unborn child is not in the direct X ray beam, the dose to the unborn child would be very low. These investigations can be conducted without concern provided there is medical justification. With these procedures the radiographer or technologist might provide you with some shielding to cover your pelvic region just as an added precaution.

If a procedure is being considered in which the pelvic region and the unborn child will be in the direct path of the X ray beam, especially fluoroscopy or CT, which can produce a higher dose than plain X ray examinations, the doctor might consider delaying the procedure, using an alternative investigation such as ultrasound, or taking special actions to keep the dose to the unborn child as low as possible when the procedure is essential to the mother's health. If you have additional questions, discuss these with your doctor.

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2. How long after radioiodine treatment should I wait before getting pregnant?

X-rays

How safe are they?

X-RAY DEPARTMENT

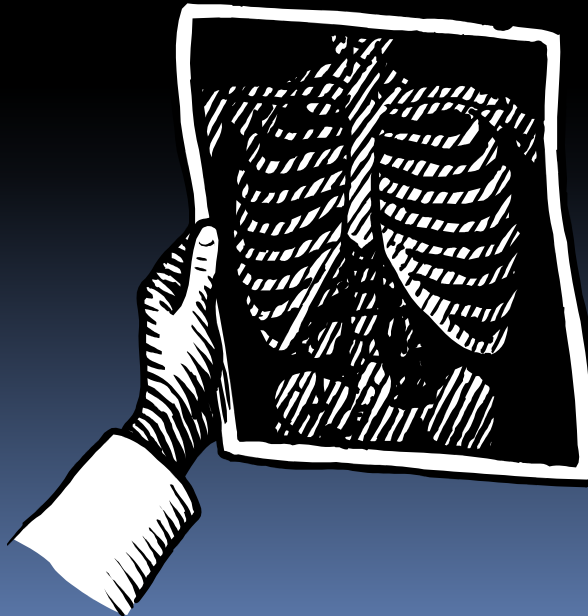
Thirty years ago, X-rays were the only way to see what was going on inside your body. Now other methods of medical imaging are available, some using different types of radiation from X-rays. They are briefly described on the next two pages. Patients are sometimes concerned about the possible harmful effects of radiation, so this leaflet goes on to explain

El tiempo empleado en explicar a un niño y sus padres lo que va a ocurrir está justificado, pues ello ayudara a cumplir con los criterios de calidad necesarios

¿El Pediatra puede contribuir a la protección radiológica?

No solicitar
estudios innecesarios
de Rx y TC

Situaciones en las que
debería considerar reducir
el número de proyecciones
radiográficas



Rx de huesos largos

La necesidad de la extremidad opuesta debe ser evaluada por el radiólogo y se utiliza sólo una visión limitada

Rx de tórax perfil

¿es necesario de rutina?

Situaciones en las que debería considerar reducir el número de proyecciones radiográficas

Radioscopia

no debe ser usada en reemplazo de los exámenes radiográficos convencionales

Seguimiento radiológico de pacientes

El número de proyecciones debe limitarse a resultados anteriores

SI EL EXAMEN ESTA JUSTIFICADO EL BENEFICIO SIEMPRE ES POSITIVO

La preocupación por la protección del paciente pediátrico no debe comprometer nunca la calidad ni la eficacia de un examen radiológico



Un examen incompleto o mal realizado
también es radiación inútil



Gracias...

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Los estudios ¿son hechos por especialistas pediátricos?

¿Existen guías o recomendaciones?