University of Toledo College of Medicine

Master of Science in the Biomedical Sciences Medical Physics Concentration

Summer 2019

Course Number: MPHY6200 / MPHY8200

Course: Radiation Protection and Regulation

Course Description: Course considers the hazards associated with radioactivity and electromagnetic radiation,

including types and sources of radiation, radiation measurement and units, Dosimetry, radiation protection practices required by governmental regulation and medical facility

accrediting bodies.

Semester: Summer

Credits: Three (3) Credit Hours

Grading Policy 50% project, 50% final exam

Faculty: E. Ishmael Parsai, Ph.D. & Nicholas Sperling, Ph.D.

Course TA: Jonathan Bogue Department of Radiation Oncology

Time and Place 1:30 pm on Tuesdays in DCC Dosimetry Area, Conference Room

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Instruction Method: The course represents a combination of didactic lectures, text readings, out-of-class learning

activities and projects, and classroom discussions.

Objectives: Upon completion of the course, the student will:

1. Understand the organizations involved in scientific, professional, advisory and regulatory activity in diagnostic imaging, radiation therapy, and radiation safety.

2. Have an understanding of basic units of radiation measurement and their regulatory limits.

3. Understand methods for radiation dosimetry and their application.

4. Review the basics of radiation facility shielding.

5. Review professional aspect of clinical medical physics.

Required Text: Handouts given by course faculty.

Reference Text: J. Shapiro (2002). <u>Radiation Protection (4th edition).</u> Harvard University Press.

D.A. Golnick (1994). Basic <u>Radiation Protection Technology (3rd edition</u>). Pacific Radiation

Corporation.

NCRP Report 147: Structural Shielding Design for Medical X-ray Facilities (2004). National

Council on Radiation Protection and Measurement.

NRC and Ohio DOH regulations

S.R. Cherry, J.A. Sorenson & M.E. Phelps (2003). Physics in Nuclear Medicine (3rd edition).

Saunders.

Radiation Protection and Regulation Course Outline:

| Topic of Lecture | Date | Instructor |
|---|-----------|-----------------|
| Alphabet soup | 5/14/2019 | Parsai |
| Scientific societies | | |
| Professional organizations | | |
| Advisory bodies | | |
| Regulators | | |
| Radiation Units, Signs and Labels, Transporting Radioactivity | 5/21 | Parsai/Bogue |
| Units and their applications | | |
| Signage | | |
| Regulations in radiation transport, Rules of Radioactive Index | | |
| Regulatory Dose Limits - RGE | 5/28 | Sperling |
| Ohio Department of Health – NewRegs | | |
| Regulatory Dose Limits - Therapeutic | 6/4 | Sperling |
| Ohio Department of Health – NewRegs | | |
| Radiation Protection Instrumentation I: External Radiation Dosimetry | 6/11 | Sperling |
| Radiation Protection Instrumentation II: Internal Radiation Dosimetry | 6/18 | Sperling |
| Practical Aspects of the Use of Radionuclides: | 6/25 | Parsai |
| Authorization, Training, Regulatory Standards, Personnel | | |
| Monitoring, Postings, Waste, etc. | | |
| Methods to Reduce Personnel Exposure: | 6/2 | Sperling |
| Handling radioactive materials and X-ray sources | | |
| Facility Shielding of Radiation Sources | 7/9 | Parsai/Bogue |
| Radiation safety project report | 7/16 | Parsai/Sperling |
| Final Exam | 7/23 | Parsai/Sperling |