University of Toledo College of Medicine Master of Science in the Biomedical Sciences

Medical Physics Concentration Summer 2021

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: Enrico Deluca, M.S. Department of Radiation Oncology

Time and Place 1:30 pm on Tuesdays

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	5/18/2020	Parsai
Scientific societies		
Professional organizations		
Advisory bodies		
Regulators		
Radiation Units, Signs and Labels, Transporting Radioactivity	5/25	Parsai/Deluca
Units and their applications		
Signage		
Regulations in radiation transport, Rules of Radioactive Index		
Regulatory Dose Limits - RGE	6/1	Sperling
Ohio Department of Health – NewRegs		
Regulatory Dose Limits - Therapeutic	6/8	Sperling
Ohio Department of Health – NewRegs		
Radiation Protection Instrumentation I: External Radiation Dosimetry	6/18	Sperling
Radiation Protection Instrumentation II: Internal Radiation Dosimetry	6/22	Sperling
Practical Aspects of the Use of Radionuclides:	6/29	Parsai
Authorization, Training, Regulatory Standards, Personnel		
Monitoring, Postings, Waste, etc.		
Methods to Reduce Personnel Exposure:	6/6	Sperling
Handling radioactive materials and X-ray sources		
Facility Shielding of Radiation Sources	7/13	Parsai/Deluca
Radiation safety project report	7/20	Parsai/Sperling
Final Exam	7/27	Parsai/Sperling