



Regional Training Course on Image guided Radiotherapy for cervical cancer: A Focus on Brachytherapy

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to train the participants on the management of cervical cancer, with a special focus on imaged based brachytherapy.

Working Language(s)

The working language(s) of the event will be English.

Project Background

This project is built onto series of previous regional projects in supporting Member States which require assistance in the development of radiotherapy centres in their effort to provide safe and effective treatment of patients. The projects in the past have provided various training opportunities to radiotherapy practitioners from basic to specialized courses, and it is confirmed that there exists high demand to continue to provide such opportunities to meet their needs, and possibly to use online platforms. Almost all Member States in the region have nowadays at least one radiotherapy facility in the country, and ongoing support to keep up with technology development and its safe use continues to be high priority for the region.

Scope and Nature

The training course will contain both lectures and interactive sessions covering practical aspects in the implementation of 3D brachytherapy.

Participation

The training course is open to Member States participating in the project RER6040 to improve the quality of radiotherapy/brachytherapy practice by implementing 3D image based approach in the clinical practice.

Institutions who have the necessary infrastructure for 3D brachytherapy (afterloader, access to 3D (US/ CT/ MR) imaging, CT/MR compatible applicators and a relevant treatment planning system) to facilitate the initiation of implementation of 3D techniques are highly encouraged to apply.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Candidates should be experienced radiation oncologists (RO), radiotherapy medical physicists (MP) and radiation therapists (RTT), working at a radiotherapy department with minimum 3 years of clinical experience in the management of cervical cancer by radiotherapy and brachytherapy, who want to expand their knowledge and skills.

Each country should nominate a team of RO and MP from a single radiotherapy centre.

As the training course will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to deliver and follow lectures, and to express themselves in this language without difficulties. The training course consists of lectures, workshops and group discussions.

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (**EVT2207709**) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the training course from the [IAEA website](#).

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency American Express, or a travel grant, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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