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ADAPTIVE RADIATION THERAPY

CRC Press Modern medical imaging and radiation therapy technologies are so complex and computer driven that it is difficult for physicians and technologists to know exactly what is happening at the point-of-care. Medical physicists responsible for filling this gap in knowledge must stay abreast of the latest advances at the intersection of medical imaging and radiation therapy. This book provides medical physicists and radiation oncologists current and relevant information on Adaptive Radiation Therapy (ART), a state-of-the-art approach that uses a feedback process to account for patient-specific anatomic and/or biological changes, thus delivering highly individualized radiation therapy for cancer patients. The book should also benefit medical dosimetrists and radiation therapists. Adaptive Radiation Therapy describes technological and methodological advances in the field of ART, as well as initial clinical experiences using ART for selected anatomic sites. Divided into three sections (radiobiological basis, current technologies, and clinical applications), the book covers: Morphological and biological biomarkers for patient-specific planning Design and optimization of treatment plans Delivery of IMRT and IGRT intervention methodologies of ART Management of intrafraction variations, particularly with respiratory motion Quality assurance needed to ensure the safe delivery of ART ART applications in several common cancer types / anatomic sites The technology and methodology for ART have advanced significantly in the last few years and accumulated clinical data have demonstrated the need for ART in clinical settings, assisted by the wide application of intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) and image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT). This book shows the real potential for supplying every patient with individualized radiation therapy that is maximally accurate and precise.

IMAGE PROCESSING IN RADIATION THERAPY

CRC Press Images from CT, MRI, PET, and other medical instrumentation have become central to the radiotherapy process in the past two decades, thus requiring medical physicists, clinicians, dosimetrists, radiation therapists, and trainees to integrate and segment these images efficiently and accurately in a clinical environment. Image Processing in Radiation Therapy presents an up-to-date, detailed treatment of techniques and algorithms for the registration, segmentation, reconstruction, and evaluation of imaging data. It describes how these tools are used in radiation planning, treatment delivery, and outcomes assessment. The book spans deformable registration, segmentation, and image reconstruction and shows how to incorporate these practices in radiation therapy. The first section explores image processing in adaptive radiotherapy, online monitoring and tracking, dose accumulation, and accuracy assessment. The second section describes the mathematical approach to deformable registration. The book presents similarity metrics used for registration techniques, discussing their effectiveness and applicability in radiation therapy. It also evaluates parametric and nonparametric image registration techniques and their applications in radiation therapy processes. The third section assesses the efficiency, robustness, and breadth of application of image segmentation approaches, including atlas-based, level set, and registration-based techniques. The fourth section focuses on advanced imaging techniques for radiotherapy, such as 3D image reconstruction and image registration using a graphics processor unit. With contributions from an international group of renowned authors, this book provides a comprehensive description of image segmentation and registration, in-room imaging, and advanced reconstruction techniques. Through many practical examples, it illustrates the clinical rationale and implementation of the techniques.

QUALITY AND SAFETY IN RADIOTHERAPY

CRC Press The first text to focus solely on quality and safety in radiotherapy, this work encompasses not only traditional, more technically oriented, quality assurance activities, but also general approaches of quality and safety. It includes contributions from experts both inside and outside the field to present a global view. The task of assuring quality is no longer viewed solely as a technical, equipment-dependent endeavor. Instead, it is now recognized as depending on both the processes and the people delivering the service. Divided into seven broad categories, the text covers: Quality Management and Improvement includes discussions about lean thinking, process control, and access to services. Patient Safety and Managing Error looks at reactive and prospective error management techniques. Methods to Assure and Improve Quality deals broadly with techniques to monitor, assure, and improve quality. People and Quality focuses on human factors, changing roles, staffing, and training. Quality Assurance in Radiotherapy addresses the general issues of quality assurance with descriptions of the key systems used to plan and treat patients and includes specific recommendations on the types and frequencies of certain tests. Quality Control: Equipment and Quality Control: Patient-Specific provides explicit details of quality control relating to equipment and patient-specific issues. Recently, a transformation of quality and safety in radiotherapy has begun to take place. Among the key drivers of this transformation have been new industrial and systems engineering approaches that have come to the forefront in recent years following revelations of system failures. This book provides an approach to quality that is long needed, one that deals with both human and technical aspects that must be the part of any overall quality improvement program.

RADIODIAGNOSIS, NUCLEAR MEDICINE, RADIOTHERAPY AND RADIATION ONCOLOGY

JP Medical Ltd This book is a comprehensive guide to the field of radiology and radiotherapy for medical trainees. Divided into four sections, it offers in depth detail on radiodiagnosis, nuclear medicine, radiotherapy and radiation oncology, with an emphasis on the multi-modality approach to diagnosis. The final section discusses newer advances and interventional radiology. The first section on radiodiagnosis begins with a general overview of radiology, procedures and hazards. The following chapters describe the use of radiology for imaging different sections of the body including pulmonary radiology, musculoskeletal radiology, endocrine imaging and breast imaging. The following sections discuss nuclear medicine and scans, and radiation oncology and radiotherapy, for specific disease sites. Key points Comprehensive guide to radiology and radiotherapy for trainees Covers radiodiagnosis, nuclear medicine, radiotherapy and radiation oncology, and interventional radiology Describes use of radiology for diagnosis and treatment of different disease sites Discusses nuclear medicine and scans in detection and treatment of malignant and benign tumours

PATIENT CENTERED CARE IN MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIOTHERAPY

Elsevier Health Sciences Health investigation and treatment have moved from a clinician-centred approach to a patient-centred approach during the past few decades. Patients are now rightly regarded as empowered and informed users of health services, not passive recipients. Motivated by this philosophical shift, this new book identifies the key issues underpinning the complete delivery of 'good' patient care and considers their application in the medical radiation sciences. Taking a UK/European perspective, the authors examine how a holistic approach is related to legislation, human rights and perceived patient needs. Medical imaging and radiotherapy are front line services experienced by vast numbers of patients with acute and chronic medical conditions, including trauma and cancer. The book includes coverage of behavioural science and health psychology together with practical applications such as safe manual handling, infection control and radiation safety. This provides the reader with a comprehensive understanding of what contributes to the patient's experience in diagnostic imaging and radiotherapy. It also considers other aspects of the patient experience, such as inter-professional team working, disability, communication, clinical procedures and practice.

REVIEW OF FUNDING OF CLINICAL TRAINING

MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING/MEDICAL RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM : DISCUSSION REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE BRACHYTHERAPY

PHYSICAL AND CLINICAL ASPECTS

CRC Press Modern brachytherapy is one of the most important oncological treatment modalities requiring an integrated approach that utilizes new technologies, advanced clinical imaging facilities, and a thorough understanding of the radiobiological effects on different tissues, the principles of physics, dosimetry techniques and protocols, and clinical expertise. A complete overview of the field, Comprehensive Brachytherapy: Physical and Clinical Aspects is a landmark publication, presenting a detailed account of the underlying physics, design, and implementation of the techniques, along with practical guidance for practitioners. Bridging the gap between research and application, this single source brings together the technological basis, radiation dosimetry, quality assurance, and fundamentals of brachytherapy. In addition, it presents discussion of the most recent clinical practice in brachytherapy including prostate, gynecology, breast, and other clinical treatment sites. Along with exploring new clinical protocols, it discusses major advances in imaging, robotics, dosimetry, Monte Carlo-based dose calculation, and optimization.

IMAGE-GUIDED RADIATION THERAPY

Taylor & Francis Image-Guided Radiation Therapy presents key image-guided radiation treatment (IGRT) technologies for external beam radiotherapy. The book explores the decades-long technological developments that have occurred in the realm of image-guided conformal, customized radiation treatment. Expert authors, all of whom have actively participated in the development or implementation of IGRT, imaging, and enabling technologies, share their first-hand experiences on the science, clinical uses, and impact of these

technologies. They describe kilovoltage and megavoltage imaging as well as radiological, ultrasound, and optical technologies for determining and validating target and patient positioning. The book examines how anatomical and biological imaging using CT and PET has contributed to the understanding of target volume boundaries and biological behavior. It also explores such innovations as 4D PET/CT and digital tomosynthesis. Advancing patient care, this book focuses on a wealth of hybrid IGRT technologies and devices for coupled imaging and treatment inside the radiation treatment room. It thoroughly covers the modalities, software tools, and imaging treatment geometries that constitute IGRT.

RADIATION THERAPY OF HEAD AND NECK CANCER

Springer The contemporary management of patients with cancers of the head and neck is under careful scrutiny and major changes are being introduced in order to improve the potential not only for long-term control but also for less in the way of disfiguring and distressing complications associated with the treatment programs. In 1988, the American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 42400 new cases of malignant tumors of the head and neck diagnosed with 12 850 deaths. In general, the prognosis for patients with malignant tumors of the head and neck region depends upon the site of origin, the local and regional extent of the tumor, the Karnofsky status of the patient as well as the patient's general medical condition. The potential for cure for early stage tumors is extremely high particularly for those lesions involving the vocal cord, oral cavity, and the anterior two-thirds of the tongue. Major advances have been made in the management of head and neck cancer by the innovative utilization of surgery with radiation therapy. Small tumors can be cured by either surgery or radiation therapy with equally good results. However, far advanced tumors are more complicated and more difficult to cure requiring combined, integrated, multimodal programs of management. Therefore, the previously general poor prognosis for advanced tumors is becoming better with more aggressive treatment regimens.

MONTE CARLO TECHNIQUES IN RADIATION THERAPY

APPLICATIONS TO DOSIMETRY, IMAGING, PRECLINICAL RADIOTHERAPY

CRC Press "Thoroughly updated throughout, this second edition of Monte Carlo Techniques in Radiation Therapy: Applications to Dosimetry, Imaging, Preclinical radiotherapy, edited by Joao Seco and Frank Verhaegen, explores the use of Monte Carlo methods for modelling various features of international and external radiation sources"--

CLINICAL 3D DOSIMETRY IN MODERN RADIATION THERAPY

CRC Press This book provides a first comprehensive summary of the basic principles, instrumentation, methods, and clinical applications of three-dimensional dosimetry in modern radiation therapy treatment. The presentation reflects the major growth in the field as a result of the widespread use of more sophisticated radiotherapy approaches such as intensity-modulated radiation therapy and proton therapy, which require new 3D dosimetric techniques to determine very accurately the dose distribution. It is intended as an essential guide for those involved in the design and implementation of new treatment technology and its application in advanced radiation therapy, and will enable these readers to select the most suitable equipment and methods for their application. Chapters include numerical data, examples, and case studies.

MONTE CARLO TECHNIQUES IN RADIATION THERAPY

INTRODUCTION, SOURCE MODELLING, AND PATIENT DOSE CALCULATIONS

CRC Press About ten years after the first edition comes this second edition of Monte Carlo Techniques in Radiation Therapy: Introduction, Source Modelling, and Patient Dose Calculations, thoroughly updated and extended with the latest topics, edited by Frank Verhaegen and Joao Seco. This book aims to provide a brief introduction to the history and basics of Monte Carlo simulation, but again has a strong focus on applications in radiotherapy. Since the first edition, Monte Carlo simulation has found many new applications, which are included in detail. The applications sections in this book cover the following: Modelling transport of photons, electrons, protons, and ions Modelling radiation sources for external beam radiotherapy Modelling radiation sources for brachytherapy Design of radiation sources Modelling dynamic beam delivery Patient dose calculations in external beam radiotherapy Patient dose calculations in brachytherapy Use of artificial intelligence in Monte Carlo simulations This book is intended for both students and professionals, both novice and experienced, in medical radiotherapy physics. It combines overviews of development, methods, and references to facilitate Monte Carlo studies.

EXAMINING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY TECHNOLOGISTS

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LUNG CANCER

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES AND THERAPEUTIC MANAGEMENT WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RADIOTHERAPY

Springer Science & Business Media At first glance it appears that little has happened in our understanding of bronchogenic carcinoma, since five year survival rates have not changed appreciably over the past ten years. This is partially true, however the depth of our understanding has increased and will continue to do so at a rapid pace over the next five to ten years. Information on the basic tumor biology, identification of important groups at high risk and improved delivery of cytotoxic agents in the treatment of lung cancer, will all add to improve the outcome. The purpose of this text is to provide useful background information and to serve as a reference for approaching the patient with lung cancer. Therefore it will serve as a review for some and as a beginning for others. An important starting point in any discussion of lung cancer is an epidemiological survey of the topic (Chapter I). For those who do not avoid the hazards and present with symptoms, what is the most logical approach in determining the diagnosis (Chapter II). This chapter is intended to provide a general overview of the subjects covered in detail in the remainder of the text.

MONTE CARLO TECHNIQUES IN RADIATION THERAPY

Taylor & Francis Modern cancer treatment relies on Monte Carlo simulations to help radiotherapists and clinical physicists better understand and compute radiation dose from imaging devices as well as exploit four-dimensional imaging data. With Monte Carlo-based treatment planning tools now available from commercial vendors, a complete transition to Monte Carlo-base

TUMOR RESPONSE MONITORING AND TREATMENT PLANNING

ADVANCED RADIATION THERAPY

Springer Science & Business Media Medical imaging progressed to a standard undreamt of not very many years ago. The advances are due to continuous development of radiological techniques and the introduction of magnetic resonance imaging. With the improved and new methods three-dimensional target volumes for radiation therapy can be defined with hitherto unknown precision. This leads to an improvement in irradiation techniques and, as a consequence, to a higher likelihood of tumor control and a lower risk of normal tissue complications. Besides the improvement in irradiation techniques the new imaging methods may enable great strides in tumor response monitoring, not only in the detection of morphological alterations but also by showing physiological changes in the tumor during and after treatment by means of MRI and PET. This not only leads to better prognostic information but may also allow early evaluation of the response to treatment. It may then be possible to individualize the radiation dose but also the alternative-treatment for non-responders. This is certainly a future direction for radiation oncology.

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STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY AND STEREOTACTIC BODY RADIATION THERAPY

CRC Press Written by internationally known experts in the field, Stereotactic Radiosurgery and Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy examines one of the fastest-developing subspecialties within radiation oncology. These procedures deliver large doses of radiation in one to five sessions to a precisely determined target. Often these techniques have proven to be as or more effective than traditional radiation therapy techniques, while at the same time being cost-efficient and convenient for the patient. These techniques, however, require careful planning, specialized equipment, and well-trained staff. This volume provides a cutting-edge look at the biological and technical underpinnings of SRS and SBRT techniques. It includes a history of the development of SRS and SBRT; clinical applications of the techniques; dedicated devices for delivering precisely shaped, high doses of radiation; use of in-room imaging for treatment planning and treatment guidance; immobilization techniques for accurate targeting; and future developments that will continue to evolve and refine existing techniques. A valuable introduction to those just learning about these specialized techniques, and an ideal reference for those who are already implementing them, this book covers a wide variety of topics, with clear discussions of each aspect of the technology employed.

INFORMATICS IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY

CRC Press Reflecting the increased importance of the collaborations between radiation oncology and informatics professionals, Informatics in Radiation Oncology discusses the

benefits of applying informatics principles to the processes within radiotherapy. It explores how treatment and imaging information is represented, stored, and retrieved as well as how this information relates to other patient data. The book deepens your knowledge of current and emerging information technology and informatics principles applied to radiation oncology so that all the data gathered—from laboratory results to medical images—can be fully exploited to make treatments more effective and processes more efficient. After introducing the basics of informatics and its connection to radiation oncology, the book examines the process of healthcare delivery in radiation oncology, the challenges of managing images in radiotherapy, and the burgeoning field of radiogenomics. It then presents teaching, clinical trials, and research tools and describes open access clinical imaging archives in radiotherapy, techniques for maximizing information from multimodality imaging, and the roles of images in treatment planning. It also looks at how informatics can improve treatment planning, the safety and efficiency of delivery systems, image-guided patient positioning, and patient assessment. The book concludes with discussions on how outcomes modeling evaluates the effectiveness of treatments, how quality control informatics improves the reliability of processes, and how to perform quality assurance on the informatics tools. With contributions from a host of top international experts in radiation oncology, medical physics, and informatics, this book leads the way in moving the field forward. It encourages you to find new ways of applying informatics to radiation oncology and help your patients in their fight against cancer.

MEDICAL IMAGING AND PRECISION RADIOTHERAPY

DIAGNOSTIC NUCLEAR MEDICINE AND RADIONUCLIDE THERAPY

Esculapio Nuclear medicine is a medical imaging specialty involving the use of radioactive compounds for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. As a medical branch, it is considered part of Diagnostic Imaging, but differs substantially from Radiology with respect to the source of the radiation made visible by the diagnostic devices. Nuclear medicine adopts also some types of radioactive emissions for therapeutic purposes, allowing the employment of the metabolic properties of the radiopharmaceuticals for the cure of certain clinical conditions and malignant diseases. Nuclear medicine is a relatively recent discipline and owes its origins to the discovery of natural radioactivity and the development of the first instruments for medical diagnostics. From the introduction of the first gamma camera of Anger, the technology has greatly improved. The evolution has led to the development of SPECT and PET technology and in the recent years to the introduction of hybrid tomographs allowing the combination in one session of both functional and morphological images. The purpose of this textbook is to illustrate synthetically the principals of nuclear medicine diagnostics, with reference both to the technical part and main clinical indications. The booklet is addressed primarily to the degree courses for technologists, but can be reasonably used in other courses and medical training programs where there is necessity for relatively simple, yet complete and clinically relevant concepts of nuclear medicine discipline. As a complement, the manuscript will end with a dedicated section summarizing some concepts of nuclear medicine therapy.

RADIATION THERAPY OF BENIGN DISEASES

A CLINICAL GUIDE

Springer The radiation therapist's primary concern is the treatment of patients with malignant disease. However, there are definite indications for radiation treatment for benign diseases that do not respond to conventional methods of treatment. It may be the treatment of choice in the unusual instance of a life-threatening benign disease that cannot be surgically or medically managed. The present volume by Order and Donaldson represents a major statement on the utilization of radiation techniques in the management of benign disease. The initial report of the Committee on Radiation Treatment of Benign Disease from the Bureau of Radiological Health recommended that consideration be given to the quality of radiation, the total dose, overall time, underlying organs at risk and shielding factors before the institution of radiation therapy. Infants and children should be treated with ionizing radiation only in very exceptional cases and after careful evaluation of the potential risk compared with the expected benefit. Direct irradiation of the skin areas overlying organs that are particularly prone to late effects such as the thyroid, eye, gonads, bone marrow, and breast should be avoided. Meticulous radiation protection techniques should be used in all instances and the depth of penetration of the x-ray beam should be chosen in accordance with depth of the pathologic process'.

MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIOTHERAPY RESEARCH E-BOOK

SKILLS AND STRATEGIES

Elsevier Health Sciences All you need to successfully undertake a research project! This exciting new book provides radiography students and practitioners with the key skills and strategies required to undertake research within medical imaging and radiotherapy. Quantitative and qualitative research methods are covered and guidance given on the entire research process - from literature researching, information management and literature evaluation, through to data collection, data analysis and writing up. Specific instruction is given on the structure and presentation of dissertations, writing articles for publication and on presentation skills for presenting at conferences. **FEATURES** Tailored to meet the specific needs of radiography students plus practitioners undertaking research Includes practice tips and pitfalls to avoid Covers how to apply for research funding for larger scale projects Practical examples throughout clarify the concepts Accompanying EVOLVE website EVOLVE website An accompanying website includes interactive examples of how to use the statistics tests discussed within the text. Tailored to meet needs of radiography and medical imaging students and practitioners undertaking research Accompanying website includes 10 examples on how to use descriptive and inferential statistics packages with interactive 10-step exercises and video clips on how to start up the packages Case examples throughout clarify concepts.

RADIATION THERAPY IN PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY

Springer The diagnosis of cancer in a child is a devastating finding not only to the parents but often to the child. Even though the situation is relatively easy to accept among adults, it is difficult to accept among children because of their general helpless state. The advances that have been made in the management of a child with cancer in the last 20 years have been dramatic in character. These have occurred not only by virtue of the contributions from early diagnosis and more precise staging but also from the contributions made by surgery, radiation therapy, and the more widespread utilization of chemotherapy regimens. This volume by J. Robert Cassady sets forth the position of radiation oncology in the management of the child with cancer. Radiation therapy remains an important and significant part of the treatment of this group of diseases. The book presents the basic knowledge with regards to pediatric oncology and how it relates to radiation therapy. It gives a timely overview on the topic and is essential for all radiation oncologists involved in the management of children with cancer. Hamburg/Philadelphia, June 1994 H. -P. HEILMANN LUTHER W. BRADY Preface This book provides a thorough review of the role that radiation therapy currently plays in the management of most childhood tumors. Extensively augmented with figures and tables where appropriate, it also provides a concise review of current diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for major childhood malignancies. Extensive and up-to-date reference lists are an added benefit.

IMAGE-GUIDED RADIATION THERAPY

A CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE

PMPH-USA Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT) is a true revolution in the field of radiation oncology. IGRT provides the unprecedented means of conforming doses to the shape of the target tissues in 3-dimensions reducing the risk of complications thereby improving the quality of life of irradiated patients. Moreover, IGRT provides the means to deliver higher than conventional doses thus improving the chance of cure in these patients. Despite its established benefits, several barriers exist to the widespread clinical implementation of IGRT. In the past, great concerns existed regarding the large capital outlay needed for both software and hardware. This barrier is less relevant today given the increased reimbursements possible with IGRT. Today, the most significant barrier is education. IGRT is a fundamentally new approach to both treatment planning and delivery. Adoption of the IGRT approach entails new ways of thinking in regard to patient selection, treatment planning and quality assurance measures. Unfortunately, apart from a few University-based short courses, limited resources are available for the physician and physicist interested in learning IGRT.

SUMMARY OF DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY SERVICES

RADIOTHERAPY OF INTRAOCULAR AND ORBITAL TUMORS

Springer Science & Business Media Radiotherapy of Intraocular and Orbital Tumors presents a new approach to the role of radiation therapy in the management of ophthalmic cancer. The indications for ultrasonography, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance imaging studies are analyzed, and treatment techniques, together with their results, are described for each tumor. Particle beam and plaque irradiation are reviewed, and conservative and surgical management of radiation effects are detailed. In the past, most books on this subject included a chapter on radiotherapy but emphasized the dangers of radiation complications. However, great progress in understanding the effects of irradiation upon the tissues of the eye and orbit, new therapeutic equipment, and new imaging techniques (CT, MRI) allow for careful treatment planning. This book has taken the long overdue step of reconsidering the role of irradiation of the eye so that it may take its place as a respected, rather than feared, treatment in the combined modality approach so important today. Together with experts in relevant fields, the editors have produced a refreshingly clear and thoroughly referenced volume which will be a valuable asset to all ophthalmologists, radiation oncologists, pediatricians, endocrinologists, oncologists, and residents in training, as well as to students in these disciplines.

RADIATION THERAPY PHYSICS

John Wiley & Sons The Third Edition of Radiation Therapy Physics addresses in concise fashion the fundamental diagnostic radiologic physics principles as well as their clinical implications. Along with coverage of the concepts and applications for the radiation treatment of cancer patients, the authors have included reviews of the most up-to-date instrumentation and critical historical links. The text includes coverage of imaging in therapy planning and surveillance, calibration protocols, and precision radiation therapy, as well as discussion of relevant regulation and compliance activities. It contains an updated and expanded section on computer applications in radiation therapy and electron beam therapy, and features enhanced user-friendliness and visual appeal with a new, easy-to-follow format, including sidebars and a larger trim size. With its user-friendly presentation and broad, comprehensive coverage of radiotherapy physics, this Third Edition doubles as a medical text and handy professional reference.

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF RADIATION THERAPY

Elsevier Health Sciences Learn everything you need to know about radiation therapy with the only comprehensive text written for radiation therapy students by radiation therapists. This book is designed to help you understand cancer management, improve clinical techniques for delivering doses of radiation, and apply complex concepts to treatment planning and delivery. This edition features enhanced learning tools and thoroughly updated content, including three new chapters to inform you of increasingly important technologies and practices. The up-to-date and authoritative coverage of this text make it a resource you'll want to consult throughout your radiation therapy courses and beyond. Complete coverage of radiation therapy provides all introductory content plus the full scope of information on physics, simulation, and treatment planning. Contributions from a broad range of practitioners bring you the expertise of radiation therapists, physicians, nurses, administrators, and educators who are part of cancer management teams. Chapters on image guided radiation therapy, intensity modulated radiation therapy, and CT simulation keep you up-to-date with emerging technologies. Color inserts show significant procedures and imaging technologies clearly.

RADIOTHERAPY AND BRACHYTHERAPY

Springer Science & Business Media This book reports the majority of lectures given during the NATO Advanced Study Institute ASI-982996, which was held at the European Scientific Institute of Archamps (ESI, Archamps - France) from November 15 to November 27, 2007. The ASI course was structured in two parts: the first was dedicated to what is often called "teletherapy", i. e. radiotherapy with external beams, while the second focused on internal radiotherapy, also called "brachytherapy" or "curietherapy" in honour of Madame Curie who initiated the technique about a century ago. This ASI took place after the European School of Medical Physics, which devoted a 3 week period to medical imaging, a subject complementary to the topics of this book. Courses devoted to nuclear medicine and digital imaging techniques are collected in two volumes of the NATO Science Series entitled "Physics for Medical Imaging Applications" (ISBN 978-1-4020-5650-5) and "Molecular imaging: computer reconstruction and practice" (ISBN 978-1-4020- 8751-6). Every year in autumn ESI organises the European School of Medical Physics, which covers a large spectrum of topics ranging from Medical Imaging to Radiotherapy, over a period of 5 weeks. Thanks to the Cooperative Science and Technology sub-programme of the NATO Science Division, weeks four and five were replaced this year by the ASI course dedicated to "Physics of Modern Radiotherapy & Brachytherapy". This allowed the participation of experts and students from 20 different countries, with diverse cultural background and professional experience.

EVOLVING ROLE OF PET IN ASSESSING THE EFFICACY OF IMMUNOTHERAPY AND RADIATION THERAPY IN MALIGNANT DISORDERS, AN ISSUE OF PET CLINICS E-BOOK

Elsevier Health Sciences This issue of PET Clinics focuses on Evolving Role of PET in Assessing the Efficacy of Immunotherapy and Radiation Therapy in Malignant Disorders, and is edited by Drs. Charles B. Simone II, Nicolas Aide, and Abass Alavi (the Consulting Editor of PET Clinics). Articles will include: The Value of PET Imaging to Guide Target Delineation for Radiation Oncology; PET Imaging to Determine Radiation Dose, Adapt Radiation Plans, and Predict Patterns of Failure and Overall Survival for Non-small Cell Lung Cancer; The Utility of PET/CT for Radiation Oncology Planning, Surveillance, and Prognosis Prediction for Gastrointestinal Tumors; Evolving Role of PET Based Novel Quantitative Techniques to Detect Radiation-induced Complications; Current and Future PET Based Quantitative techniques to Assess Response to Radiation Therapy; Diagnosis, Staging, Radiation Treatment Response Assessment, and Prognostication; FDG PET/CT for Assessing Tumour Response to Immunotherapy and Detecting Immune-related Side Effects: A Checklist for the PET Reader; PET Imaging with Therapeutic Antibody-based PD-1/PD-L1 Checkpoint Tracers; FDG PET/CT for Assessing Tumour Response to Immunotherapy in Lymphomas; FDG PET/CT for Assessing Tumour Response to Immunotherapy in Solid Tumours: Melanoma and Beyond; and more!

ON-TREATMENT VERIFICATION IMAGING

A STUDY GUIDE FOR IGRT

CRC Press On-treatment verification imaging has developed rapidly in recent years and is now at the heart of image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) and all aspects of radiotherapy planning and treatment delivery. This is the first book dedicated to just this important topic, which is written in an accessible manner for undergraduate and graduate therapeutic radiography (radiation therapist) students and trainee medical physicists and clinicians. The later sections of the book will also help established medical physicists, therapeutic radiographers, and radiation therapists familiarise themselves with developing and cutting-edge techniques in IGRT. Features: Clinically focused and internationally applicable; covering a wide range of topics related to on-treatment verification imaging for the study of IGRT Accompanied by a library of electronic teaching and assessment resources for further learning and understanding Authored by experts in the field with over 18 years' experience of pioneering the original forms of on-treatment verification imaging in radiotherapy (electronic portal imaging) in clinical practice, as well as substantial experience of teaching the techniques to trainees

EXTERNAL BEAM THERAPY

Oxford University Press, USA External beam therapy is the most common form of radiotherapy, delivering ionizing radiation such as high-energy x-rays, gamma rays, or electron beams directly into the location of the patient's tumour. Now in its third edition, this book is an essential, practical guide to external beam radiotherapy planning and delivery, covering the rapid technological advances made in recent years. The initial chapters give a detailed insight into the fundamentals of clinical radiotherapy. This is followed by systematic details for each tumour site commonly treated with radiotherapy, covering indications, treatment, and planning. The final chapter covers the all important aspect of quality assurance in radiotherapy delivery. This third edition has been fully updated and revised to reflect new techniques, including details of intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT), image guided radiotherapy (IGRT), stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT), and proton therapy. Written by experts in each field, External Beam Therapy is an invaluable companion to professionals and trainees in medical physics, therapeutic radiology, and clinical or radiation oncology. ABOUT THE SERIES Radiotherapy remains the major non-surgical treatment modality for the management of malignant disease. It is based on the application of the principles of applied physics, radiobiology, and tumour biology to clinical practice. Each volume in the series takes the reader through the basic principles of the use of ionizing radiation and then develops this by individual sites. This series of practical handbooks is aimed at physicians both training and practising in radiotherapy, as well as medical physics, dosimetrists, radiographers, and senior nurses.

RADIATION IN MEDICINE

A NEED FOR REGULATORY REFORM

National Academies Press Does radiation medicine need more regulation or simply better-coordinated regulation? This book addresses this and other questions of critical importance to public health and safety. The issues involved are high on the nation's agenda: the impact of radiation on public safety, the balance between federal and state authority, and the cost-benefit ratio of regulation. Although incidents of misadministration are rare, a case in Pennsylvania resulting in the death of a patient and the inadvertent exposure of others to a high dose of radiation drew attention to issues concerning the regulation of ionizing radiation in medicine and the need to examine current regulatory practices. Written at the request from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Radiation in Medicine reviews the regulation of ionizing radiation in medicine, focusing on the NRC's Medical Use Program, which governs the use of reactor-generated byproduct materials. The committee recommends immediate action on enforcement and provides longer term proposals for reform of the regulatory system. The volume covers Sources of radiation and their use in medicine. Levels of risk to patients, workers, and the public. Current roles of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, other federal agencies, and states. Criticisms from the regulated community. The committee explores alternative regulatory structures for radiation medicine and explains the rationale for the option it recommends in this volume. Based on extensive research, input from the regulated community, and the collaborative efforts of experts from a range of disciplines, Radiation in Medicine will be an important resource for federal and state policymakers and regulators, health professionals involved in radiation treatment, developers and producers of radiation equipment, insurance providers, and concerned laypersons.

MEDICAL PHYSICS STAFFING NEEDS IN DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING AND RADIONUCLIDE THERAPY

AN ACTIVITY BASED APPROACH

International Atomic Energy Agency Over the last decades, the rapid technological development of diagnostic and interventional radiology and nuclear medicine has made them major tools of modern medicine. However, at the same time the involved risks, the growing number of procedures and the increasing complexity of the procedures require competent professional staff to ensure safe and effective patient diagnosis, treatment and management. Medical physicists (or clinically qualified medical physicists) have been recognized as vital health professionals with important and clear responsibilities related to quality and safety of applications of ionizing radiation in medicine. This publication describes an algorithm developed to determine the recommended staffing levels for clinical medical physics services in medical imaging and radionuclide therapy, based on current best practice, as described in international guidelines.

ADAPTIVE MOTION COMPENSATION IN RADIOTHERAPY

CRC Press External-beam radiotherapy has long been challenged by the simple fact that patients can (and do) move during the delivery of radiation. Recent advances in imaging and beam delivery technologies have made the solution—adapting delivery to natural movement—a practical reality. Adaptive Motion Compensation in Radiotherapy provides the first detailed treatment of online interventional techniques for motion compensation radiotherapy. This authoritative book discusses: Each of the contributing elements of a motion-adaptive system, including target detection and tracking, beam adaptation, and patient realignment Treatment planning issues that arise when the patient and internal target are mobile Integrated motion-adaptive systems in clinical use or at advanced stages of development System control functions essential to any therapy device operating in a near-autonomous manner with limited human interaction Necessary motion-detection methodology, repositioning techniques, and approaches to interpreting and responding to target movement data in real time Medical therapy with external beams of radiation began as a two-dimensional technology in a three-dimensional world. However, in all but a limited number of scenarios, movement introduces the fourth dimension of time to the treatment problem. Motion-adaptive radiation therapy represents a truly four-dimensional solution to an inherently four-dimensional problem. From these chapters, readers will gain not only an understanding of the technical aspects and capabilities of motion adaptation but also

practical clinical insights into planning and carrying out various types of motion-adaptive radiotherapy treatment.

HENDEE'S RADIATION THERAPY PHYSICS

John Wiley & Sons This completely updated and revised new edition of Radiation Therapy Physics contains comprehensive, balanced coverage of the fundamental radiation physics principles and its clinical applications. Since publication of the ground-breaking first edition in the 1970s, high-energy x-ray and electron beams have increasingly become the preferred approach to the radiation treatment of many cancers. Obviously, too, the use of computers has become pervasive in radiation therapy. Imaging techniques and computers are now used routinely in treatment planning, and sophisticated methods are available for overlaying anatomical images with computer generated multidimensional treatment plans. Treatment procedures such as conformal and intensity-modulated radiation therapy, high dose-rate brachytherapy, and image-guided and image-guided and adaptive radiation therapy have become standard operating procedures in radiation therapy clinics around the world. Calibration protocols have been extensively revised, and quality assurance in radiation therapy has become a subject in itself. These procedures, and others that represent state-of-the-art radiation therapy including quality engineering, are discussed at length in this new edition. The 4th edition has an increased number of chapters (20 compared to 16) and includes new topics of interest to the practicing radiation oncologist and medical physicist:- The chapter on diagnostic imaging has been expanded to include molecular imaging.- A new chapter has been added on proton radiotherapy.- A new chapter has been added on radiation oncology informatics.- A new chapter has been added on quality and safety engineering. - A new chapter on dynamic delivery techniques, explaining the standard (e.g., IMRT) and new treatment techniques (e.g., VMAT). - The treatment planning and brachytherapy chapters omit a detailed explanation of historical techniques that no one uses clinically any longer, in favor of including a new focus on modern computer-based techniques in wide-spread clinical use. - The Problem sections in each chapter have been expanded to include designated ?easy? question designed to give a broad understanding of a topic, and ?hard? questions that would be designed to help the student understand the details of a topic.

THE PHYSICS OF THREE DIMENSIONAL RADIATION THERAPY

CONFORMAL RADIOTHERAPY, RADIOSURGERY AND TREATMENT PLANNING

CRC Press The Physics of Three Dimensional Radiation Therapy presents a broad study of the use of three-dimensional techniques in radiation therapy. These techniques are used to specify the target volume precisely and deliver radiation with precision to minimize damage to surrounding healthy tissue. The book discusses multimodality computed tomography, complex treatment planning software, advanced collimation techniques, proton radiotherapy, megavoltage imaging, and stereotactic radiosurgery. A review of the literature, numerous questions, and many illustrations make this book suitable for teaching a course. The themes covered in this book are developed and expanded in Webb's The Physics of Conformal Radiotherapy and the two may be used together or in successive semesters for teaching purposes.

RADIOLOGY, LASERS, NANOPARTICLES AND PROSTHETICS

Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG Order the Set Medical Physics and save almost 25€. Medical Physics covers the applied branch of physics concerned with the application of concepts and methods of physics to diagnostics and therapeutics of human diseases. This second volume in a series of two complements the imaging modalities presented in the first volume by those methods, which use ionizing radiation. The first chapters in part A on Radiography provide a solid background on radiation sources, interaction of radiation with matter, and dosimetry for the safe handling of radiation before introducing x-ray radiography, scintigraphy, SPECT and PET. The second part B on Radiotherapy starts from basic information on the life cycle of cells, radiation response of healthy and tumorous cells. In subsequent chapters the main methods of radiation treatment are presented, in particular x-ray radiotherapy, proton and neutron radiation therapy, and brachytherapy. The last part C, Diagnostics and Therapeutics beyond Radiology, covers laser applications, multifunctional nanoparticles and prosthetics. The present volume introduces the physical background on ionizing radiation, the biological effectiveness of radiation, as well as radiation based methods for diagnostics and therapeutics. covers the second part of the entire field of medical physics, including imaging methods with the use of ionizing radiation; radiation therapy with photons, protons, and neutrons; laser methods, nanomedicine and prosthetics. provides an introduction for Bachelor students to the main concepts of Medical Physics during their first semesters guiding them to further specialized and advanced literature. contains many questions & answers related to the content of each chapter. is also available as a set together with Volume 1. Contents Part A: Radiography X-ray generation Nuclei and isotopes Interaction of radiation with matter Radiation detection and protection X-ray radiography Scintigraphy Positron emission tomography Part B: Radiotherapy Cell cycle and cancer X-ray radiotherapy Charged particle radiotherapy Neutron radiotherapy Brachytherapy Part C: Diagnostics and therapeutics beyond radiology Laser applications in medicine Nanoparticles for nanomedical applications Prosthetics

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