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# Branduolinės medicinos apšvita ir jos valdymas

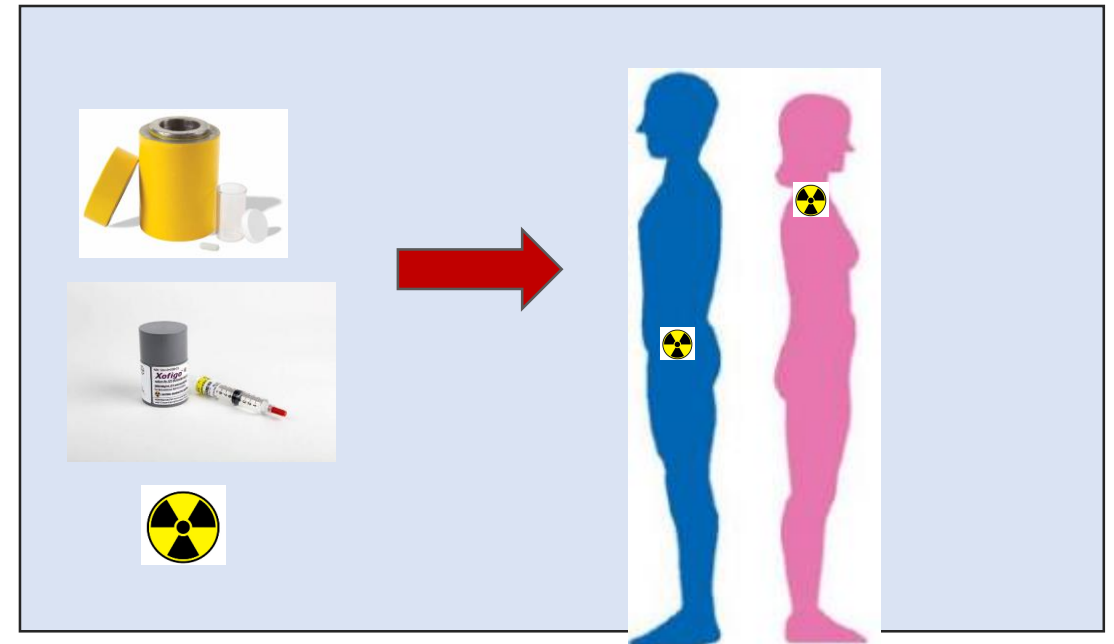
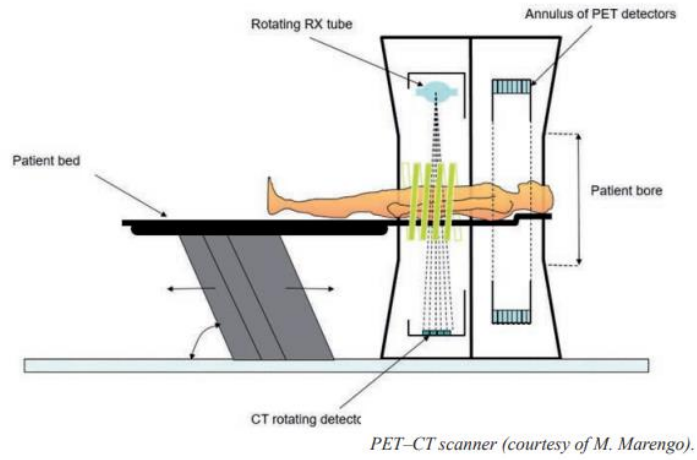
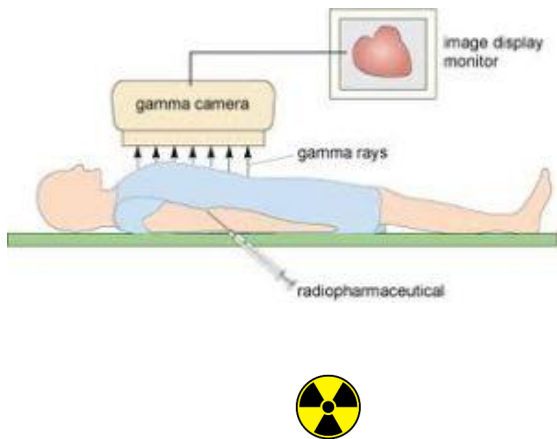


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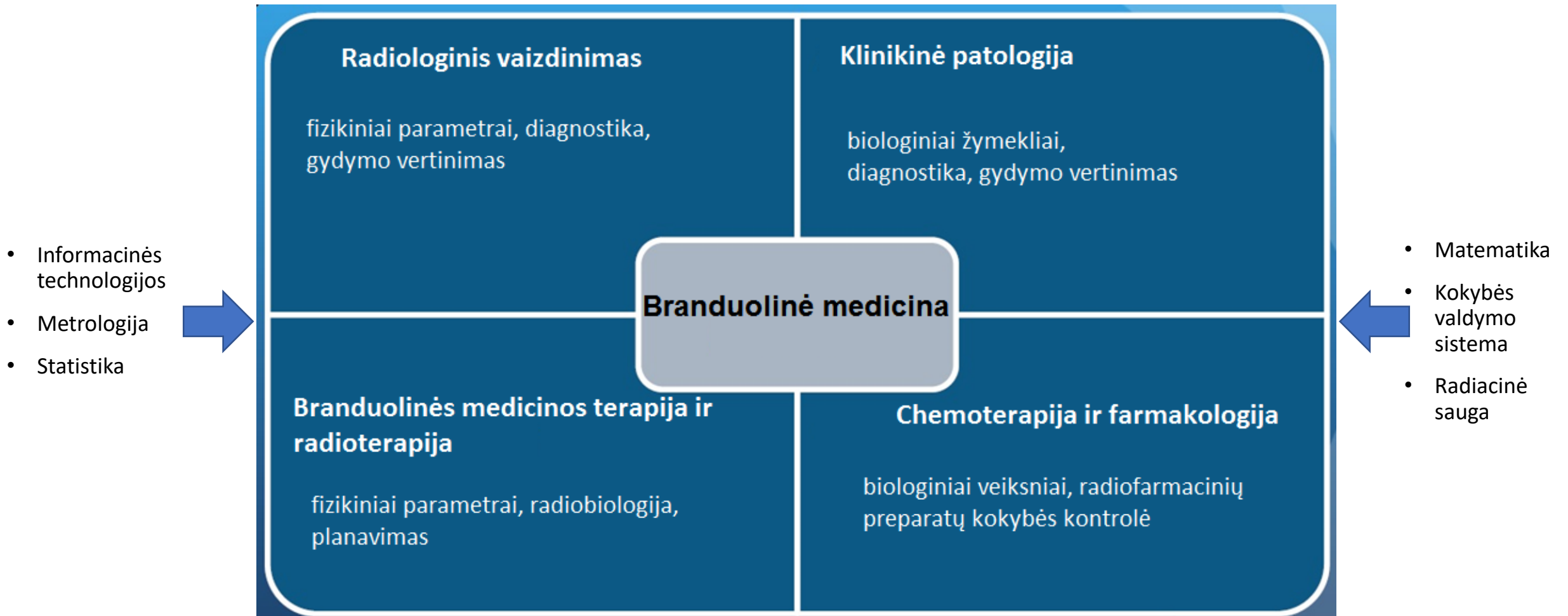
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# Branduolinė medicina

- Diagnostika
- Hibridinis vaizdinimas (diagnostika, diagnostika+terapija)
- Terapija (klasikinė)
- Molekulinė terapija/personalizuota terapija



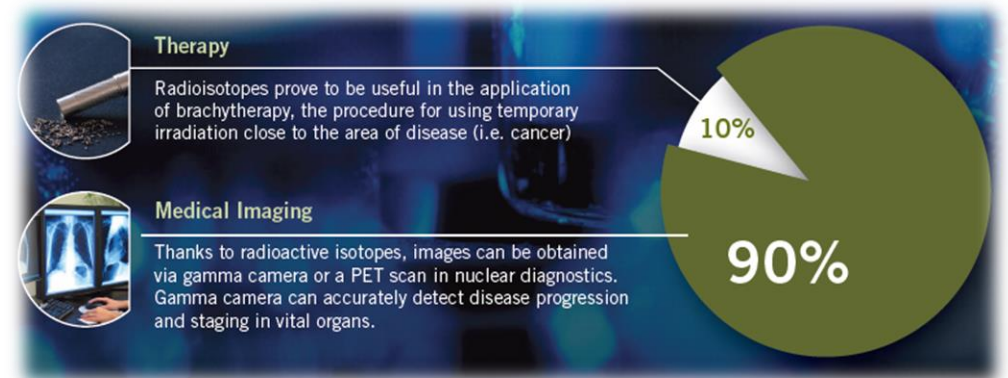
# Šiuolaikinė branduolinė medicina



# Šiuolaikinė branduolinė medicina (BM)

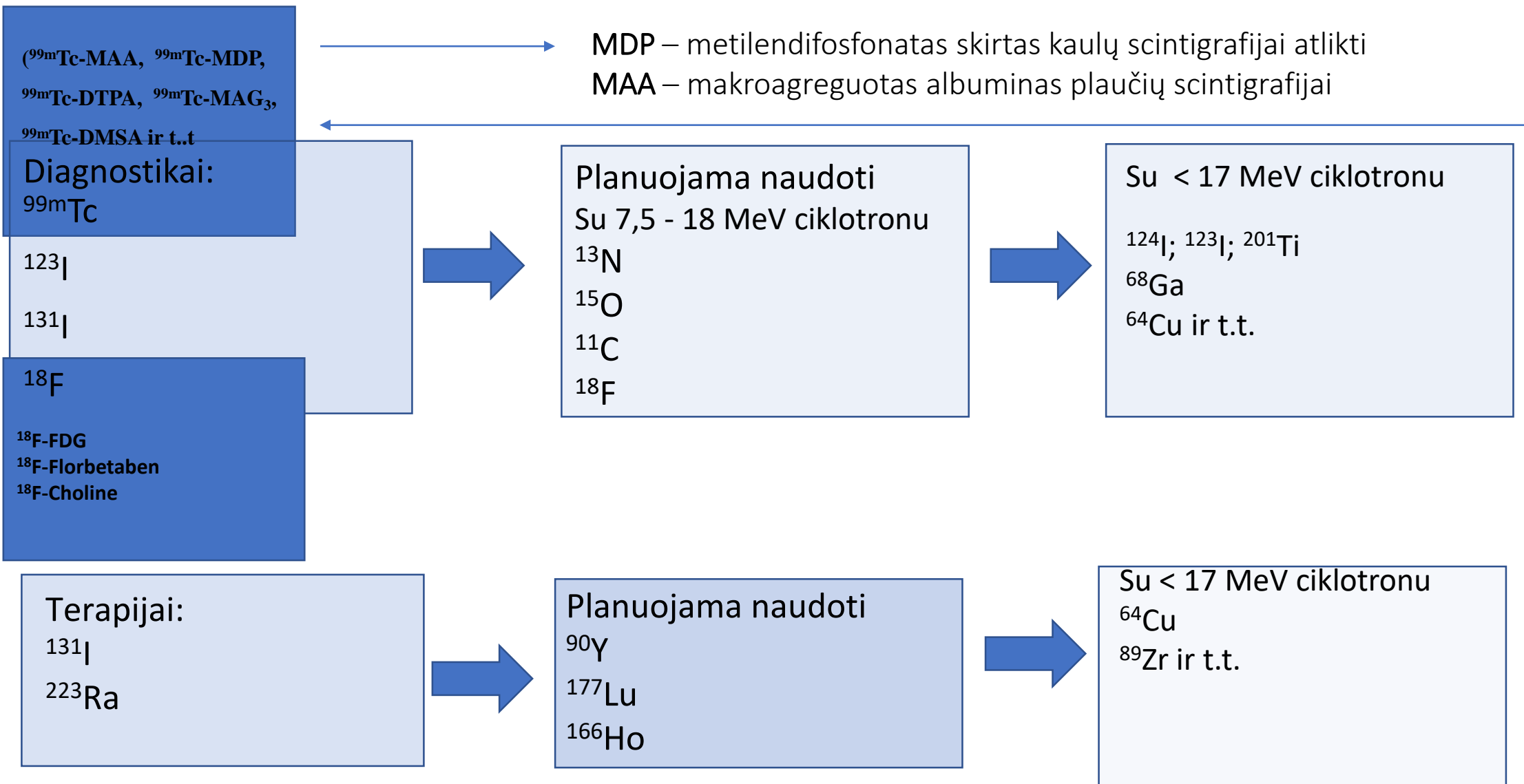
- Pagal 2018 m. World Nuclear Association paskelbtus duomenis, kiekvienais metais pasaulyje atliekama virš 40 mln. branduolinės medicinos procedūrų ir šis skaičius auga 5 % kasmet.
- Pasaulyje yra daugiau nei 10 000 ligoninių, kuriose atliekamos BM procedūros.
- Terapija sudaro apie 10 %.
- Lietuvoje nuo 2017 iki 2020, dvylikai populiariausių procedūrų atlikimas padidėjo ~14 %.

Apie 10 % PET/KT procedūros su  $^{18}\text{F}$



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# Lietuvoje medicinoje naudojami radionuklidai

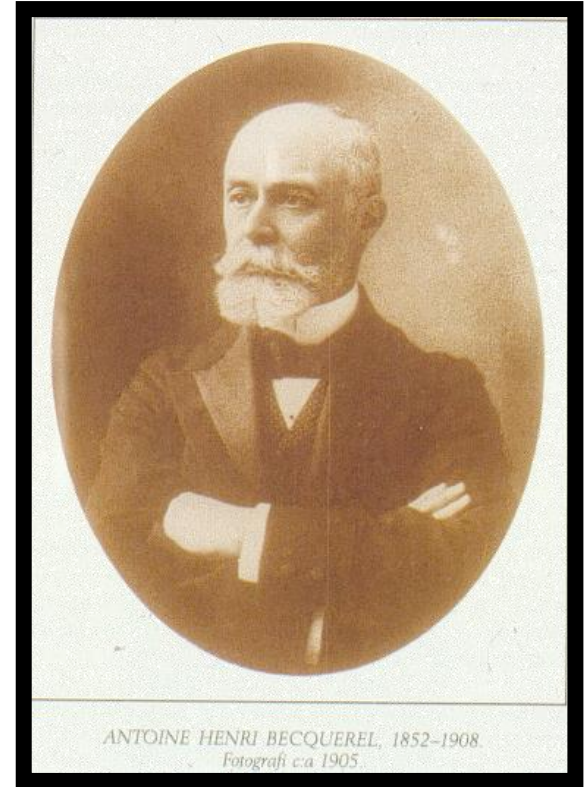


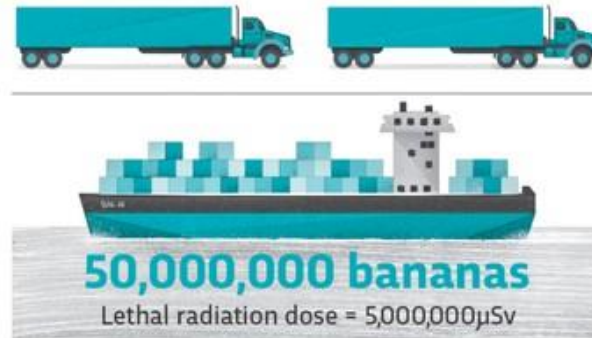
# Bekerelis

- Bekerelis taip pavadintas fiziko Antuano Anri Bekerelio garbei.
- Bekerelis nusako, kiek nestabilių branduolių suskyla per vieną sekundę. Vienas bekerelis parodo, kad per vieną sekundę suskilo vienas nestabilus branduolys.
- $1 \text{ Ci} = 3,7 \times 10^{10} \text{ Bq}$ .
- Bekerelis yra labai mažas vienetas, apie 4000-5000 Bq yra žmogaus kūne ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ).
- Branduolinėje medicinoje naudojamas ruožas nuo kBq iki GBq.



130 Bq/kg

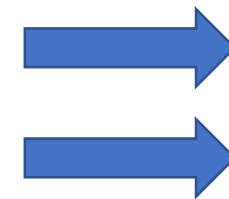




| Main isotopes of potassium |                |                            |               |                  |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Iso-<br>tope               | Abun-<br>dance | Half-life<br>( $t_{1/2}$ ) | Decay<br>mode | Pro-<br>duct     |
| $^{39}\text{K}$            | 93.258%        |                            | stable        |                  |
| $^{40}\text{K}$            | 0.012%         | $1.248 \times 10^9$ y      | $\beta^-$     | $^{40}\text{Ca}$ |
|                            |                |                            | $\epsilon$    | $^{40}\text{Ar}$ |
|                            |                |                            | $\beta^+$     | $^{40}\text{Ar}$ |
| $^{41}\text{K}$            | 6.730%         |                            | stable        |                  |

# Fizinės radionuklidų charakteristikos

- Radioaktyviojo nuklido pusėjimo trukmė
- Spinduliuotės energija
- Aktyvumas (kBq, MBq, GBq)
- Skilimo rūšis
- Fizinės–cheminės savybės
- Gavimo metodas (reaktorius, ciklotronas)



Trumpas skilimas -> Diagnostikai

Ilgas skilimas -> Terapijai



Maža dozė - diagnostikai

| Isotope           | $T_{1/2}$ | $E_{\alpha}$ (MeV) | $E_{\beta, \text{mean}}$ (keV) | $E_{\beta, \text{max}}$ (keV)          | $E_{\gamma}$ (keV)                   | $\Gamma$ @ 1m ( $\mu\text{Sv/h}\cdot\text{GBq}$ ) |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| <sup>89</sup> Sr  | 50.6 d    |                    | 587                            | 1501                                   |                                      |   |
| <sup>90</sup> Y   | 64 h      |                    | 934                            | 2280                                   |                                      |   |
| <sup>131</sup> I  | 8.02 d    |                    | 182                            | 334(7.2%)<br>606(90%)<br>807(0.4%)     | 284(6.1%)<br>364(81.5%)<br>637(7.2%) | 57.3  |
| <sup>153</sup> Sm | 46.5 h    |                    | 224                            | 635(31.3%)<br>704(49.4%)<br>808(18.4%) | 103(29%)                             | 12.2  |
| <sup>177</sup> Lu | 6.65 d    |                    | 134                            | 498(79.4%)                             | 113(6.2%)<br>208(10.4%)              | 4.7   |
| <sup>186</sup> Re | 3.72 d    |                    | 347                            | 932(21.5%)<br>1069(71%)                | 137(9.5%)                            | 2.7   |
| <sup>223</sup> Ra | 11.43 d   | 5.6<br>5.7         |                                |  | 81(5%)<br>84(24.7%)<br>269(13.9%)    | 20  |



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## Terapinių radionuklidų charakteristikos

|                                     | QuiremSpheres®                       |            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Isotope                             | Holmium-166                          | Yt-90      |
| Beta-radiation ( $E_{\text{max}}$ ) | 1.77 MeV (48.7%)<br>1.85 MeV (50.0%) | 2.28 MeV   |
| Gamma-radiation                     | 81 keV (6.7%)                        | -          |
| Visible on MRI                      | Yes                                  | No         |
| Half-life                           | 26.8 hours                           | 64.1 hours |

Yttrium-based microspheres

Holmium-based microspheres

QuiremSpheres®



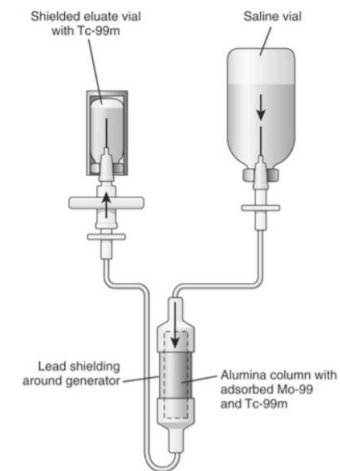
# Pagrindiniai jonizuojančiosios spinduliuotės šaltiniai, naudojami branduolinėje medicinoje

Atvirieji jonizuojančiosios spinduliuotės šaltiniai:

- Diagnostiniai:  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{131}\text{I}$ ,  $^{123}\text{I}$ ,  $^{18}\text{F}$ ,  $^{68}\text{Ga}$  ir t.t.
- Terapiniai:  $^{131}\text{I}$ ,  $^{89}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ ,  $^{166}\text{Ho}$ ,  $^{223}\text{Ra}$  ir t.t.

Uždarieji jonizuojančiosios spinduliuotės šaltiniai:

- Kalibravimo:  $^{22}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{57}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{68}\text{Ge}$  ir kt.



# Branduolinė medicinos diagnostika

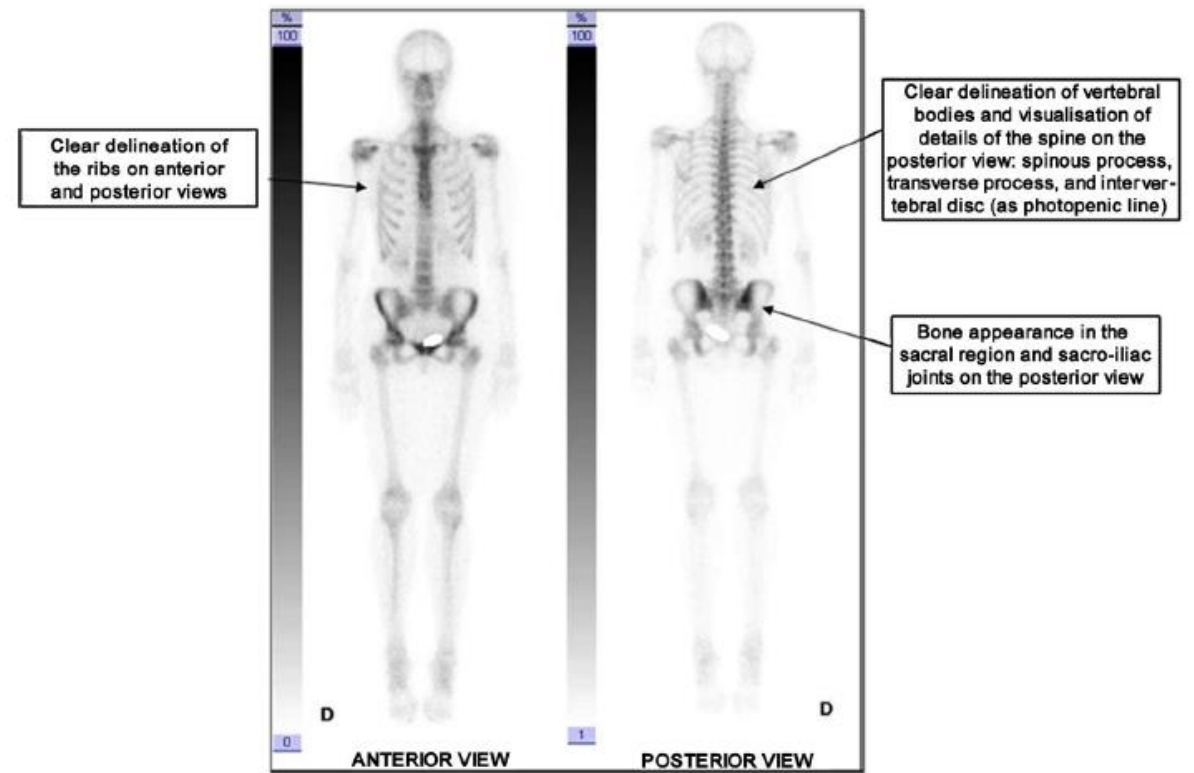
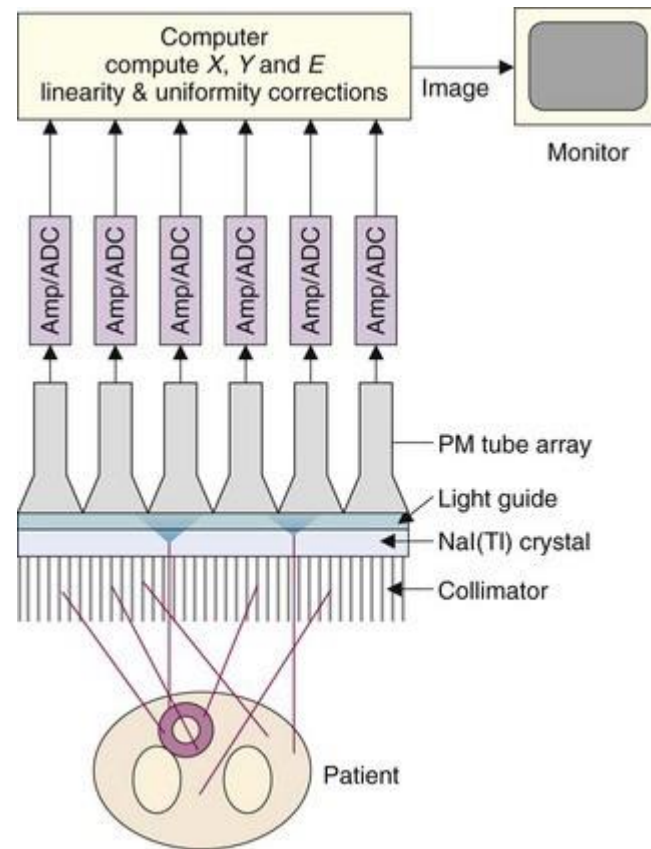
## Gama kamera

Diagnostinė branduolinės medicinos įranga, kuri fiksuoja ir vaizduoja radiofarmacinių preparatų susikaupimą paciento organizme.

- Gaunamas 2D vaizdas (iš 3D vaizdo);
- Stačiakampis detektorius (NaI(Tl)) apie 40 x 54 cm;
- Sudaro 4 baziniai komponentai (kolimatorius, detektorius, kompiuteris, rėmas su stalu).



# Gama kamera

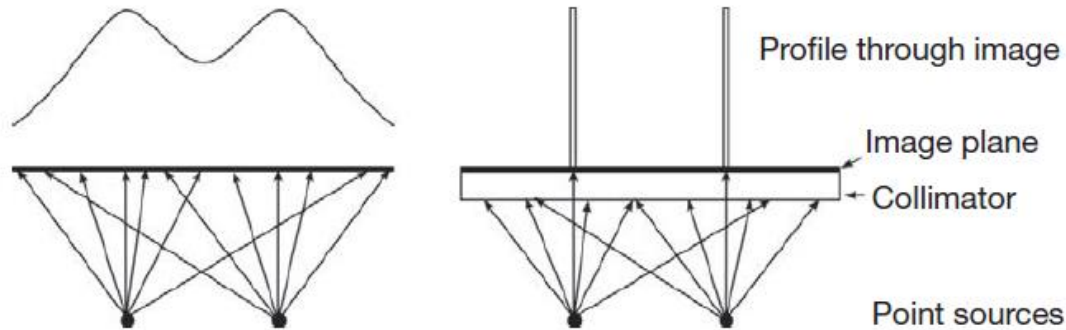


# Kolimatoriai

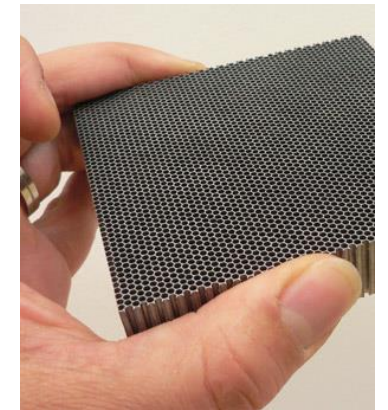
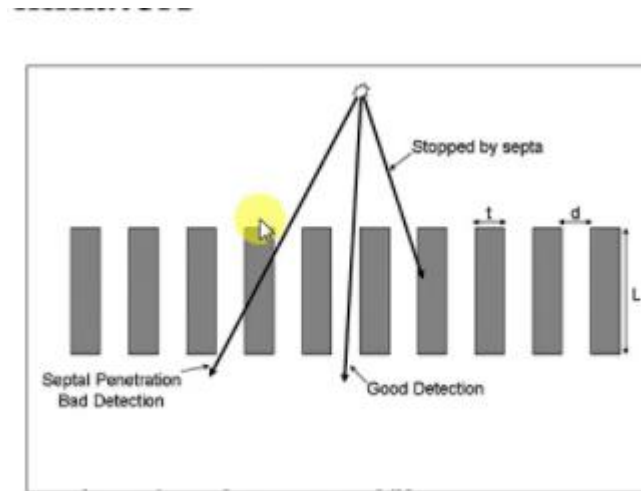
Mažos energijos: Tl-201, Tc-99m, I-123

Vidutinės energijos: Ga-67, In-111, Lu-177

Didėles energijos I-131



|      | Type of hole | Hole length (mm) | Hole diameter (mm) | Septal thickness (mm) | Number of holes |
|------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| LEHR | Hexagonal    | 24.05            | 1.11               | 0.16                  | 148000          |
| WEHR | Square       | 45               | 2.26               | 0.2                   | 33280           |

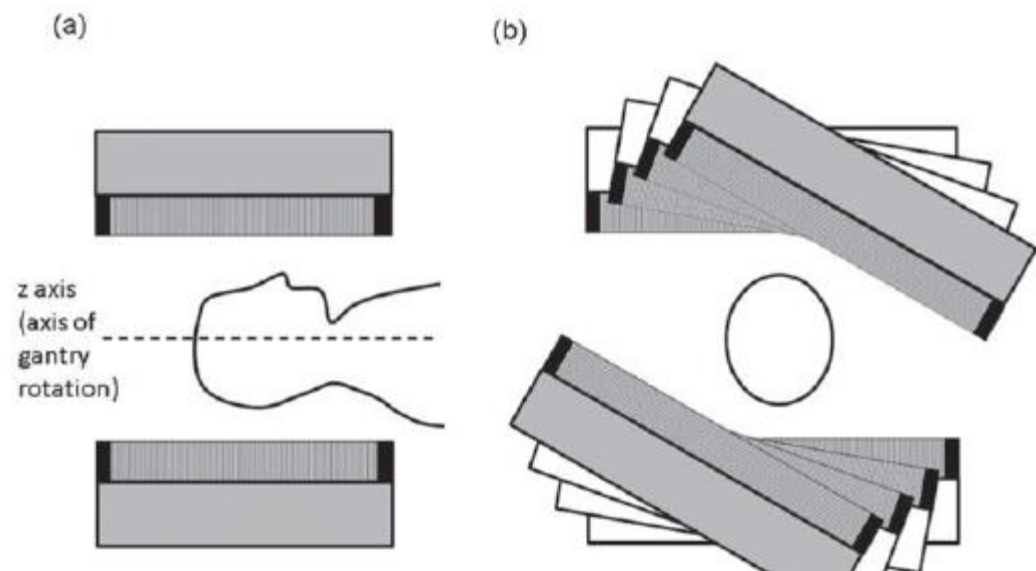


<https://www.nuclearfields.com/collimators-nuclear-medicine.htm>

T. Ito et al., Experimental evaluation of the GE NM/CT 870 CZT clinical SPECT system equipped with WEHR and MEHRS collimator, 2021

# SPECT

**Vieno (pavienių) fotono (-ų) emisijos tomografijos (SPECT) įranga** – diagnostinė branduolinės medicinos įranga, kuri fiksuoja, registruoja ir kiekybiškai nustato radiofarmacinio preparato susikaupimą paciento organizme ir sukuria tomografinį radiofarmacinio preparato pasiskirstymo paciento organizme vaizdą.



# Šiuolaikinės SPECT sistemos



Siemens Symbia Intevo Excel SPECT/CT



Mediso AnyScan SC SPECT/CT



GE NM/CT 870 CZT SPECT/CT



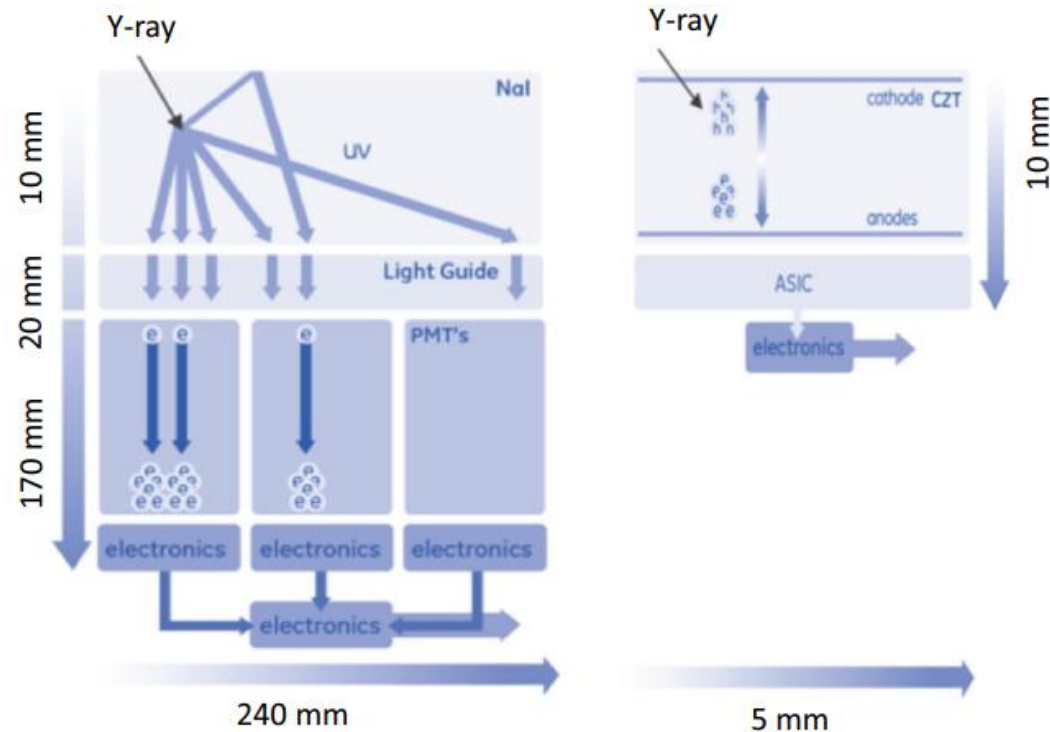
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# SPECT detektoriai ir fotonų registravimas

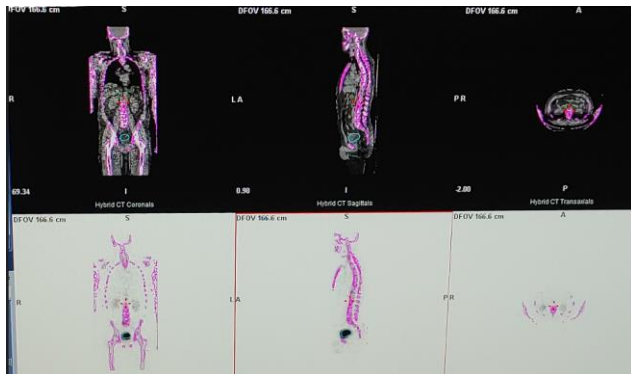
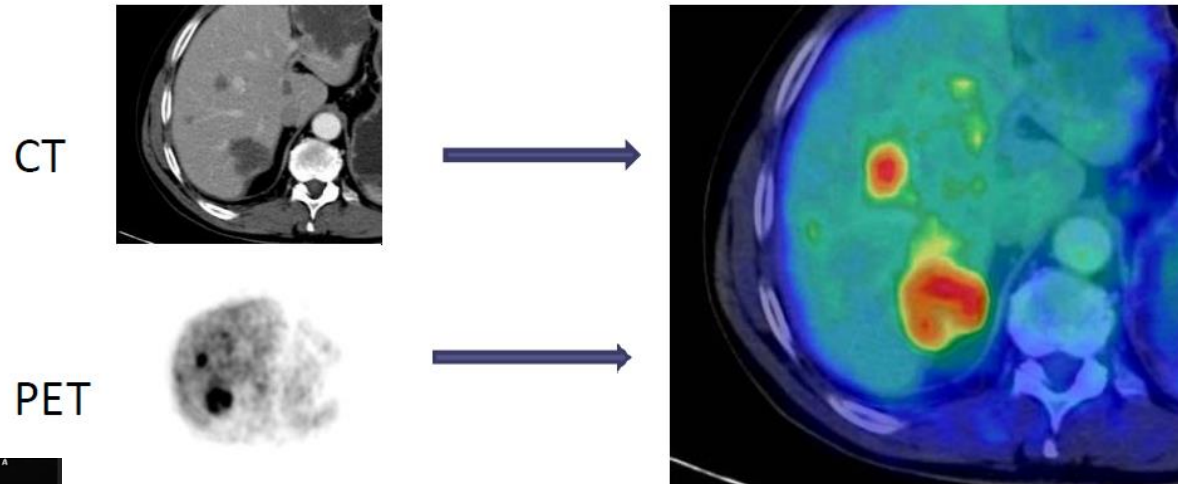
- NaI(Tl)
- CZT



# Hibridinis vaizdinimas

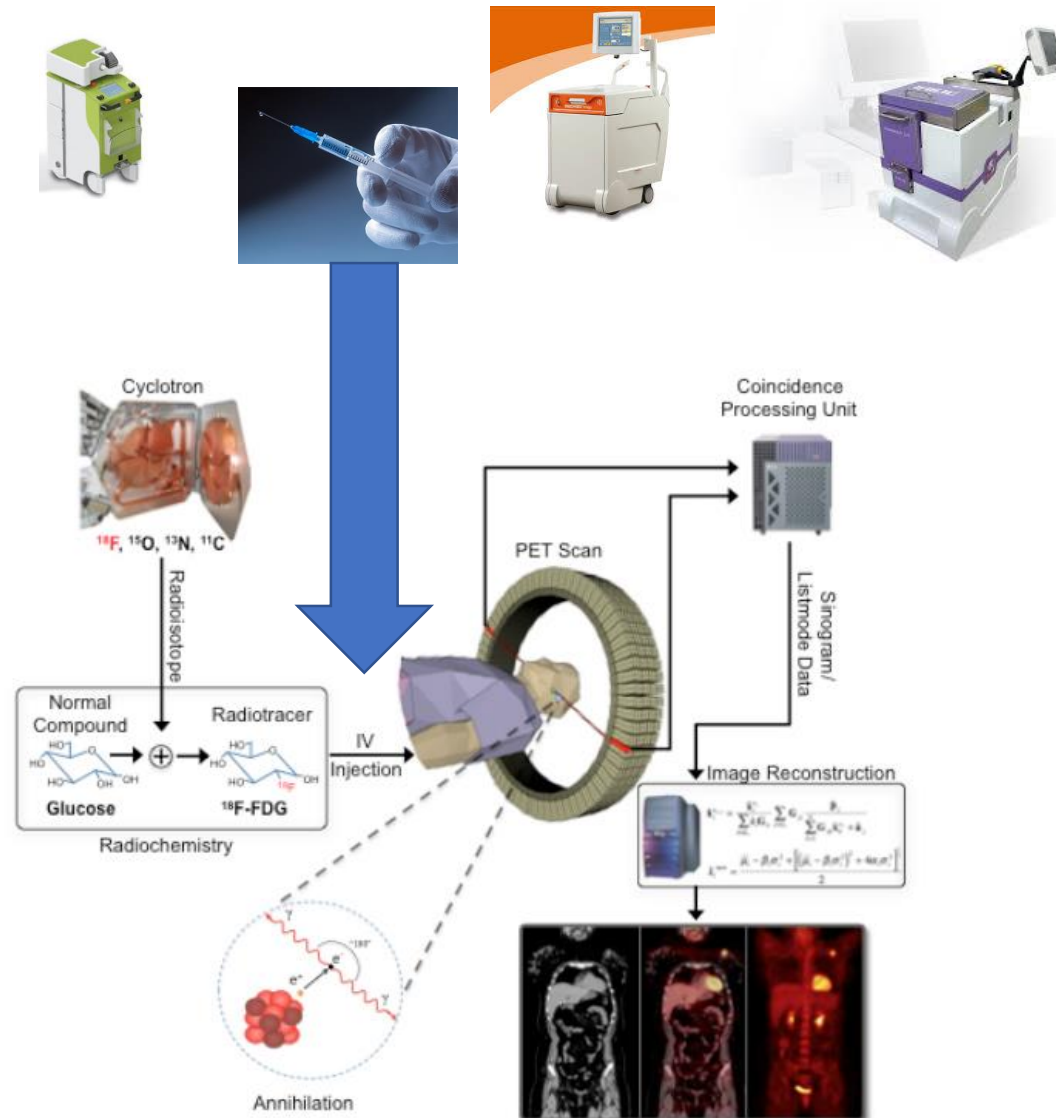
Hibridinė branduolinės medicinos įranga – diagnostinė branduolinės medicinos įranga, kurioje įdiegta kompiuterinės tomografijos ar magnetinio rezonanso tomografijos sistema.

- SPECT/KT
- PET/KT
- PET/MRT



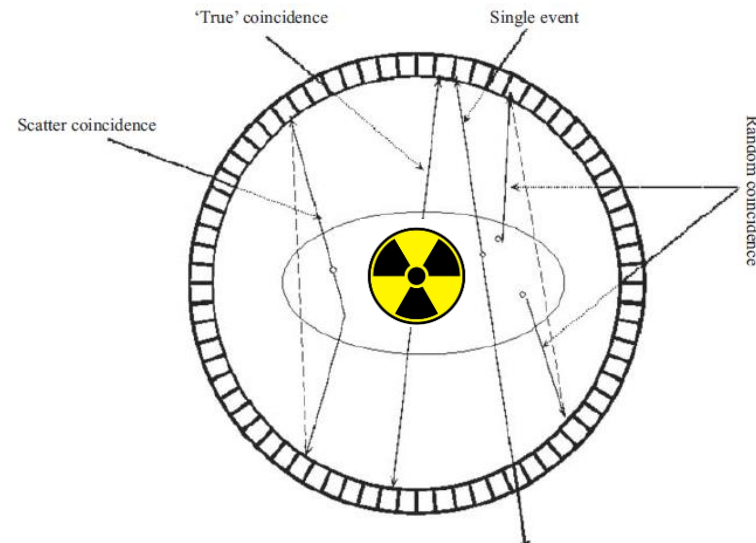
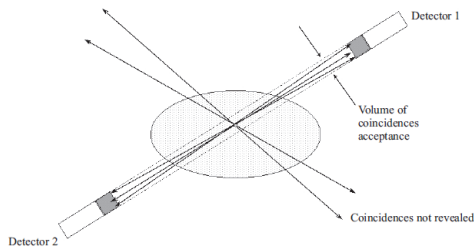


# Pozitronų emisijos tomografijos PET/CT procedūra

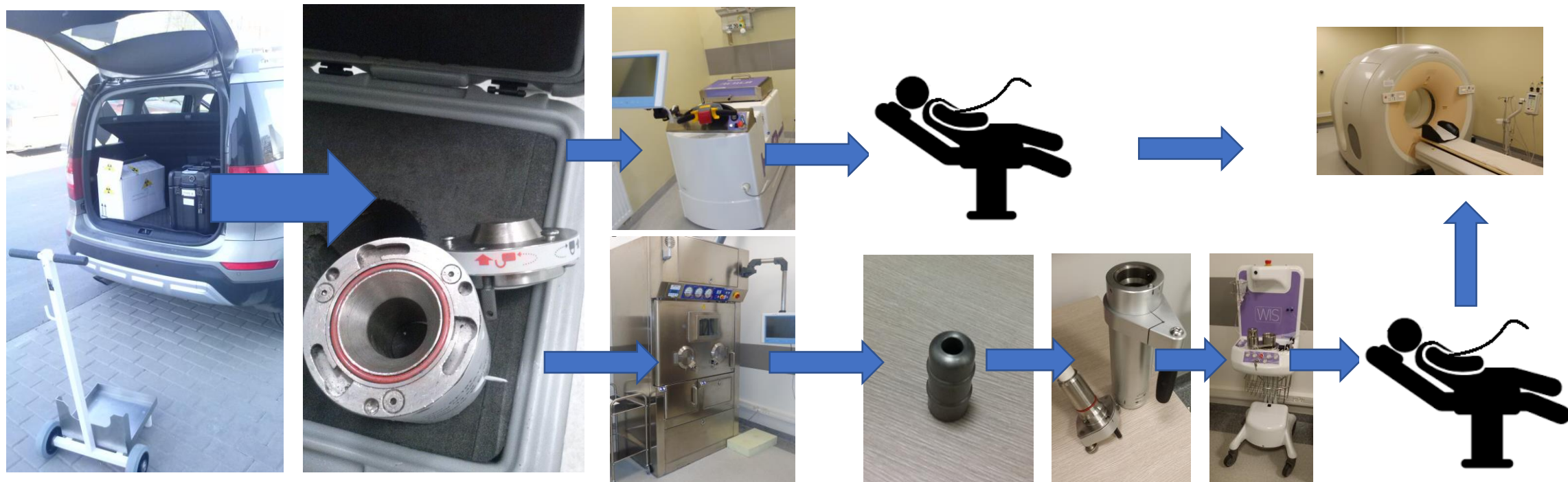


# PET įranga

Pozitronų emisijos tomografijos (PET) įranga – diagnostinė branduolinės medicinos įranga, kuri pacientui paskyrus radiofarmacinio preparato, kurio sudėtyje yra pozitronus spinduliuojančių trumpaamžių radionuklidų, fiksuoja, registruoja, kiekybiškai nustato ir analizuoja fotonus, gaunamus anihiliuojant pozitronams ir elektronams, bei sukuria trimatį tomografinį vaizdą, kuriame vaizduojamas radiofarmacinio preparato susikaupimas paciento organizme.



# $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG procedūros seka



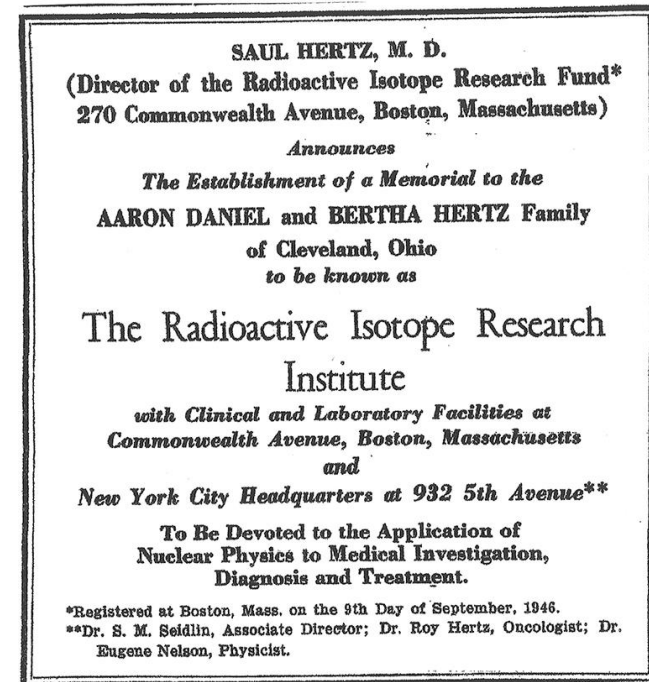
$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG transportavimo 30 mm volframo konteineris

20 mm volframo apsauga

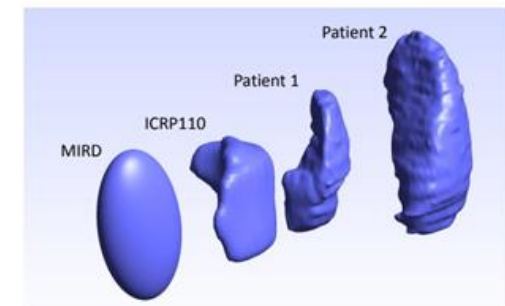
Paciento paruošimas

# Branduolinė terapija

- Taikoma nuo 1946;
- Tikslinga radionuklidų terapija;
- Administruojama atsižvelgiant į paciento svorį, kūno paviršiaus plotą, naviko lokalizaciją ir t.t;
- Molekulinė terapija (personalus gydymas pagrįstas vaizdais). Panaši į spindulinę terapiją, individualiai administruojama;
- Privaloma dozimetrija.



$$\bar{D}_k = \sum_h \tilde{A}_h \times S_{(k \leftarrow h)}$$



# Radionuklidų terapija (molekulinė terapija)

Sr-89: 150 MBq

Sm-153: 37 kBq/kg

Ra-223: 55 kBq/kg (6 ciklai)

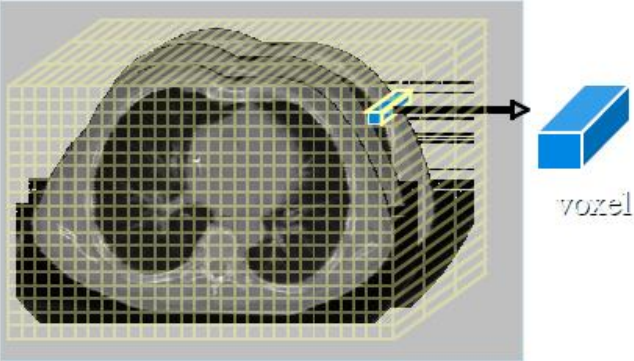
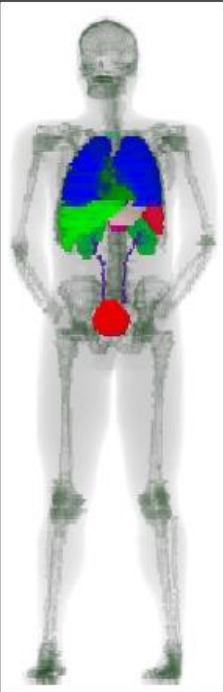
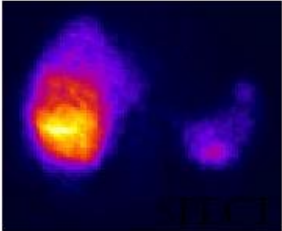
$$\text{Volume to be administered (mL)} = \frac{\text{Body weight (kg)} \times \text{activity (55 kBq/kg body weight)}}{\text{DK factor} \times 1100 \text{ kBq/mL}}$$

I-131: 1.85 GBq - 7.4 GBq (dažniausiai fiksuotos dozės)

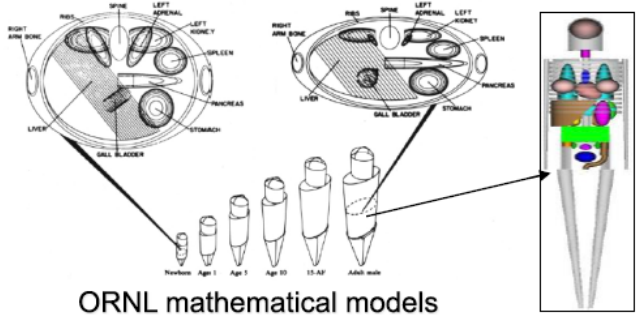
Lu-177: 4-6 ciklai (~7 GBq × 4, intervalas apie 2 mėn)

# Dozimetrija

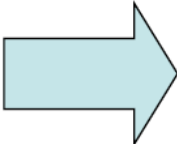
## Patient-Specific dosimetry:



## Mass Adjustment



ORNL mathematical models (ORNL/8381)



Standard S values

For SELF Irradiation Only

$$S_{r \leftarrow r}(patient) = S_{r \leftarrow r}(standard) \cdot \frac{Mass_r(standard)}{Mass_r(specific)}$$

Divoli et al. (2009) JNM 50(2):316-323

# Dozimetrija: I-131 pavyzdys

$$A_a [MBq] = \frac{0.714}{\bar{E}} \cdot \frac{M[g] \cdot D[Gy]}{RIU(t_e) \cdot 2^{t_e/T_{est}} \cdot T_{est}[d]}$$



$$\frac{1}{\bar{E}} = \frac{7.2}{(M[g])^{0.25} + 18} \frac{MBq \cdot d}{Gy \cdot g}$$

RUI - suteikimas po 24 val.  
M- skydliaukės masė

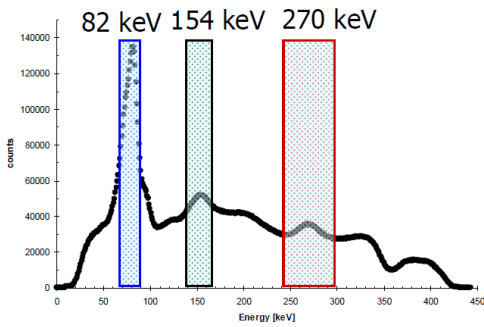
## EANM Dosimetry Committee series on standard operational procedures for pre-therapeutic dosimetry I: blood and bone marrow dosimetry in differentiated thyroid cancer therapy

Michael Lassmann · Heribert Hänscheid ·  
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Markus Luster

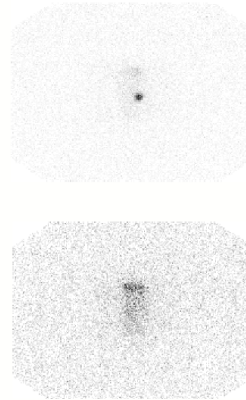
Table 1 Timelines of measurements

| Time                                      | Task   | Details  |
|---|--|--|
| 0   | Quality control, preparation of <sup>131</sup> I standard and tracer activity, micturition (just before administration)<br>Administration of <sup>131</sup> I tracer activity<br>Avoid micturition or defecation | “Preparation of <sup>131</sup> I standard and tracer activity” section                       |
| 10 min (i.v. admin.);<br>2 h (oral admin) | Measurement of whole-body activity, blood sampling (2 ml)  | “Pre-therapeutic quantification of whole-body retention” section<br>“Blood sampling” section |
| 6 h                                       | Micturition (just before whole-body measurements),<br>measurement of whole-body activity, blood sampling (2 ml)  | “Pre-therapeutic quantification of whole-body retention” section<br>“Blood sampling” section |
| 24 h                                      | Micturition (just before whole-body measurements),<br>measurement of whole-body activity, blood sampling (2 ml)  | “Pre-therapeutic quantification of whole-body retention” section<br>“Blood sampling” section |
| 96 h                                      | Micturition (just before whole-body measurements),<br>measurement of whole-body activity, blood sampling (2 ml)  | “Pre-therapeutic quantification of whole-body retention” section<br>“Blood sampling” section |
| 144 h                                     | Blood sampling (2 ml) optional: measurement of whole-body activity   | “Pre-therapeutic quantification of whole-body retention” section<br>“Blood sampling” section |
|   | Evaluation of blood absorbed dose and therapeutic activity   | “Absorbed dose calculation” section  |

# Ra-223 kritinių ir kitų organų apšvitos vertinimas

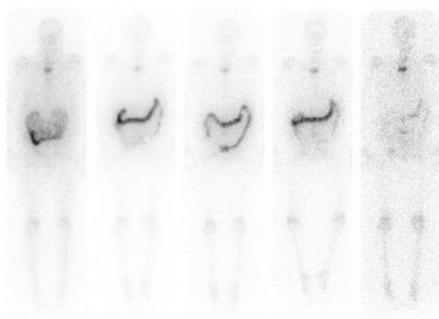


Energy window 1: 74 – 90 keV  
 Energy window 2: 142 – 166 keV  
 Energy window 3: 256 – 284 keV



Phantom scans

Figure 3. Anterior scans of radium-223 at days 0, 1, 2, 3 and 6 following administration of 55 kBq/kg.



| <i>Mother radioisotope</i> | <i>Photon energy [keV]</i> | <i>Probability [fraction]</i> | <i>Type of photon</i> | <i>Imaging possibility</i>  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 122.3                      | 0.0121                        | Gamma                 | Low probability of emission |
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 144.2                      | 0.0327                        | Gamma                 | Window 2                    |
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 154.2                      | 0.0570                        | Gamma                 | Window 2                    |
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 269.5                      | 0.139                         | Gamma                 | Window 3                    |
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 323.9                      | 0.0399                        | Gamma                 | Low probability of emission |
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 338.3                      | 0.0284                        | Gamma                 | Low probability of emission |
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 83.78                      | 0.251                         | X-ray, K              | Window 1                    |
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 81.07                      | 0.152                         | X-ray, K              | Window 1                    |
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 94.90                      | 0.115                         | X-ray, K              | Partly included in Window 1 |
| $^{223}\text{Ra}$          | 11.70                      | 0.229                         | X-ray, L              | Too low energy              |
| $^{219}\text{Rn}$          | 271.2                      | 0.108                         | Gamma                 | Window 3                    |
| $^{219}\text{Rn}$          | 401.8                      | 0.0659                        | Gamma                 | Possible                    |
| $^{219}\text{Rn}$          | 11.10                      | 0.0103                        | X-ray, L              | Too low energy              |
| $^{211}\text{Pb}$          | 404.9                      | 0.0378                        | Gamma                 | Possible                    |
| $^{211}\text{Pb}$          | 427.1                      | 0.0176                        | Gamma                 | Possible                    |
| $^{211}\text{Pb}$          | 832.0                      | 0.0352                        | Gamma                 | Too high energy             |
| $^{211}\text{Bi}$          | 351.0                      | 0.129                         | Gamma                 | Possible                    |
| $^{211}\text{Bi}$          | 72.87                      | 0.0126                        | X-ray, K              | Partly included in Window 1 |



# Darbuotojų apšvitos ir darbo vietų stebėseną

Ribinės dozės pagal HN 73:2018

- Efektinė dozė 20 mSv per metus;
- Ribinė lygiavertė dozė akies lęšiukui – 20 mSv;
- Lygiavertė dozė odai, galūnėms (plaštakoms ir pėdoms) - 500 mSv.

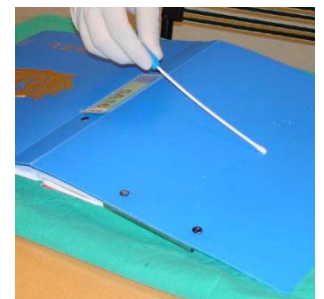
Vidinė apšvita



Išorinė apšvita



Darbo vietų stebėseną



# Vidinei apšvitai įvertinti naudojami

- SPECT
- Viso kūno HPGe detektorius;
- Skydliaukės aktyvumo matuoklis su natrio jodido NaI(Tl) detektoriumi;
- Viso kūno (HPGe) ir skydliaukės (NaI(Tl)) matavimai atliekami Radiacinės saugos centre;
- Biologinių medžiagų tyrimas.



# Išorinės apšvitos individualiųjų dozių tyrimai

Profesinės apšvitos stebėseną vykdoma su pasyviais dozimetrais:

- Termoluminescencinė dozimetrija (TLD)
- Filmai
- Optiškai stimuliuojamos liuminescencijos dozimetrai ir kt.



TLD minimali detektuojama dozė yra pakankami didelė  $\sim 50$  mikroSv (kai dozometro nešiojimo periodas 3 mėnesiai)

OSL užfiksuojama dozė  $\sim 20$  mikroSv.

# Elektroniniai personaliniai dozimetrai

Darbuotojų apšvitos ilgalaikiam vertinimui ir stebėsenai naudojami personaliniai elektroniniai dozimetrai POLIMASTER PM1610B-01.

Dabar naudojame The Thermo Scientific™ EPD TruDose



APD POLIMASTER PM1610B-01 (Geiger-Muller tube detector). APDs were calibrated and verified once per year by the Vilnius Metrology Centre.

APD provides measurement of personal dose equivalent Hp(10) between 0.001  $\mu$ Sv - 24.0 Sv.

The energy range 48 keV - 3 MeV ( $\pm 30\%$ ) and 0.05  $\mu$ Sv to 20.0 Sv for continuous and pulsed photon radiation



| On-axis Energy Response                 |  |
|---|--|
| Photon Hp(10) (Ref. $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ) |  |
| $\pm 15\%$ 16keV to 1.5MeV              |  |
| -15% to +50% 1.5MeV to 10MeV            |  |

| Combined Energy and Angular Response      |  |
|---|--|
| Photon Hp(10) (Ref. $^{137}\text{Cs}$ )   |  |
| -29% to +67% for 17keV to 6MeV, 0° to 60° |  |

| Accuracy                                |  |
|---|--|
| Photon Hp(10) (Ref. $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ) |  |
| $\pm 5\%$                               |  |

## Dose Range, IEC61526 Ed. 3 (Display & Measurement)

### Hp(10)

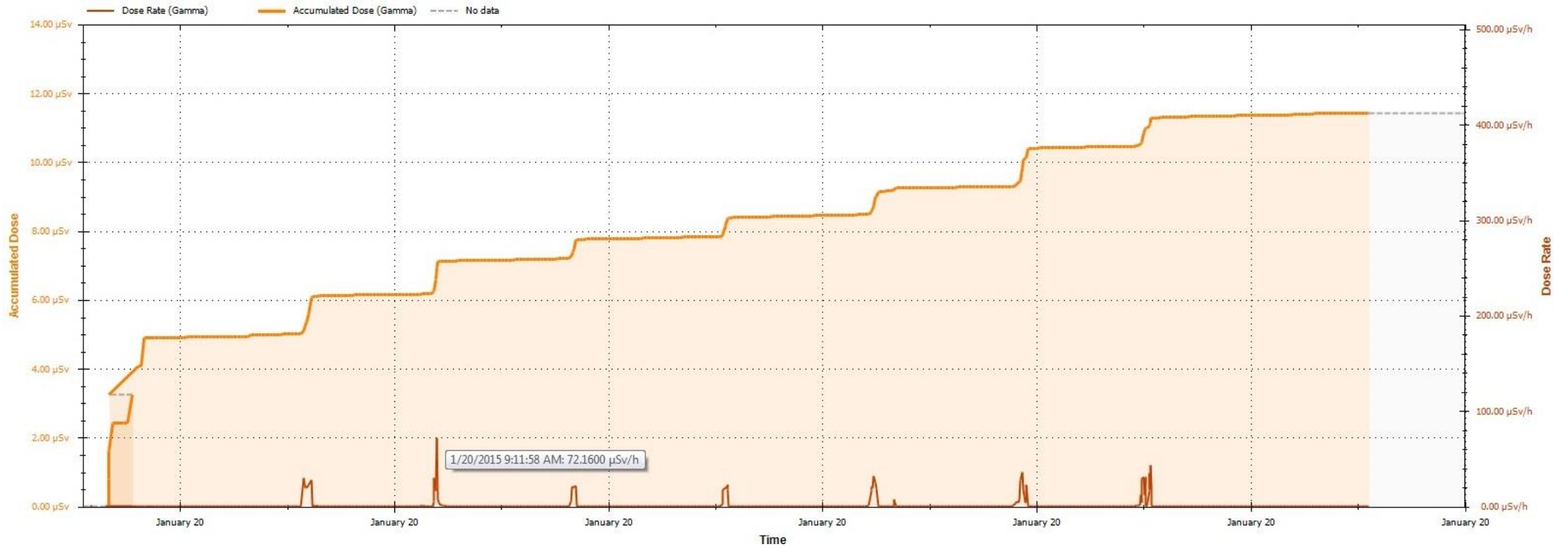
- **Effective Range of Dose:** 1.0  $\mu$ Sv to  $\geq 10$  Sv (0.1 mrem to  $\geq 1000$  rem)
- **Overload Indication:** 10 Sv/h to  $>50$  Sv/h (1000 rem/h to  $>5000$  rem/h)
- **Display Resolution:** 0.1  $\mu$ Sv to 10.00 Sv (0.01 mrem to 1000 rem), up to four decimal places

## Dose Rate Range (Display & Measurement)

### Hp(10)

- **Effective Range of Dose Rate (IEC60846-1):** 1  $\mu$ Sv/h to 10 Sv/h (0.1 mrem/h to 1000 rem/h)
- **Dose Rate Range of Dose (IEC61526 Ed.3):** 0.05  $\mu$ Sv/h to 10 Sv/h (0.005 mrem/h to 1000 rem/h)
- **Display Resolution:** 0.1  $\mu$ Sv/h to 10.0 Sv/h (0.01 mrem/h to 1000 rem/h), up to three decimal places
- **Overload Indication:** 10 Sv/h to  $>50$  Sv/h (1000 rem/h to  $>5000$  rem/h)


# Personalinio dozimetrometras grafikas



# PET/CT tyrimų metu personalo gaunamos dozės


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Original paper

## Occupational exposure in a PET/CT facility using two different automatic infusion systems

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**ABSTRACT**

*Purpose:* The aim of this study was to measure the occupational exposure using active personal dosimeters (APD) in the PET/CT department at different stages of the operation chain i.e. radiopharmaceutical arrival, activity preparation, dispensing, injection, patient positioning, discharge and compare the radiation exposure doses received using two automatic injection/infusion systems. This paper also reflects optimization processes that were performed to reduce occupational exposure.

*Methods:* Measured APD data were analysed for medical physicists, radiology technologists and administrative staff from 2014 till 2018. For dispensing and injecting <sup>18</sup>F-FDG, the automatic infusion/injection system IRIDE (Comecer, Italy) or the automatic fractionator ALTHEA (Comecer, Italy) with wireless injection system WIS (Comecer, Italy) were used. Radiation exposure optimization methods were applied during the data collection period (installation of the transport port, patient management, APD alarm threshold and etc.).

*Results:* Radiology technologists who perform injection procedures, regardless of the automatic infusion system, received the highest radiation exposure dose. The average doses to the radiology technologists per one study were  $1.72 \pm 0.33 \mu\text{Sv}$  and  $1.16 \pm 0.11 \mu\text{Sv}$  with ALTHEA/WIS and IRIDE system, respectively. The average dose for accompanying the patient to the PET/CT scanner and scan procedure was  $0.52 \pm 0.07 \mu\text{Sv}$ . For the medical physicists, the average dose was  $0.29 \pm 0.09 \mu\text{Sv}$ . The measured dose for administrative staff was  $0.30 \pm 0.15 \mu\text{Sv}$ .

*Conclusions:* Occupational exposure can be effectively optimized by different means including staff monitoring with APD, implementation of radiation safety culture and the usage of automatic infusion systems.

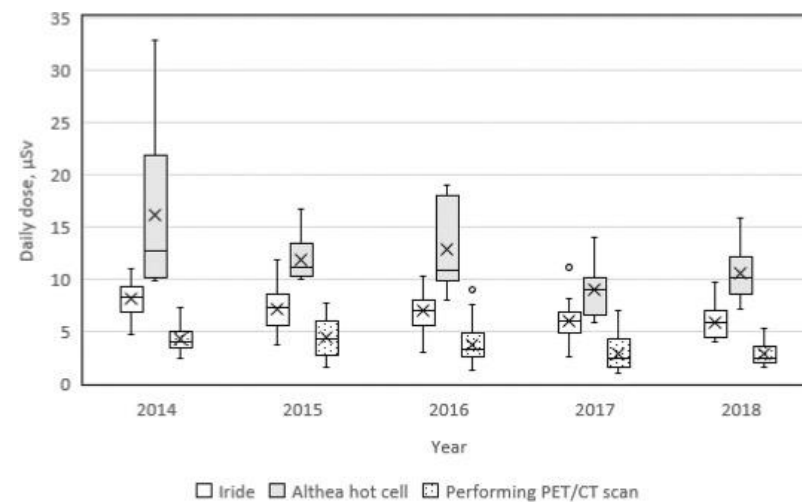
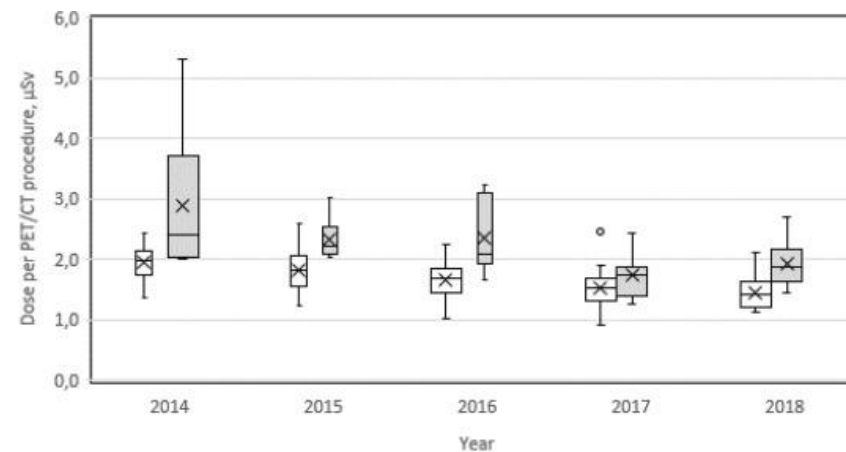
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### 1. Introduction

The use of nuclear medicine procedures is increasing continuously around the world. According to the World Nuclear Association, over 40

conventional diagnostic nuclear medicine studies done with <sup>99m</sup>Tc and other common isotopes [2].

Radiation protection of the personnel involved in PET procedures becomes substantial due to the high number of procedures and installed



# Rankų apšvitos kontrolė

## MEDICAL PHYSICS IN THE BALTIC STATES 15 (2021)

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### ASSESSMENT OF EXTREMITY EXPOSURE FOR NUCLEAR MEDICINE PERSONNEL

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**Abstract:** The extremity exposure monitoring of nuclear medicine personnel is essential to control exposure in the workplace, to ensure that legal limits are not exceeded, to predict extremity doses and, if possible, to optimize workflow. Distribution of the doses over hand is nonuniform and the obtained doses by  $H_p(0.07)$  passive dosimeter can be significantly lower compared to fingertips. The aim of this study was to assess the extremity exposure of nuclear medicine workers working with  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$  radionuclide.

**Keywords:** nuclear medicine, occupational exposure, hand exposure, thermoluminescence dosimetry.

#### 1. Introduction

Rapid development of medical technology and radiopharmacy resulted in significant growth of the nuclear medicine (NM) field and an increased number of NM procedures performed each year. Despite

finger of the dominant hand. However, published studies show [2-6] that the most exposed parts of the hand are fingertips. Furthermore, according to ORAMED project [7], which evaluated extremity doses of workers in 32 NM departments in Europe, the doses obtained by the ring dosimeter can be 2-6 times lower compared with the doses of fingertips, leaving a chance of exceeding the recommended annual equivalent dose limit of 500 mSv. The aim of this study was to evaluate hand doses in different points for radiology technologists of the Nuclear Medicine Department of Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos working with  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$  radionuclide.

#### 2. Materials and methods

##### 2.1. Calibration of dosimeters

For the measurements of hand doses, thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLD-100 (LiF:Mg, Ti)) chips were used. The thickness of these dosimeters was 2 mm, the

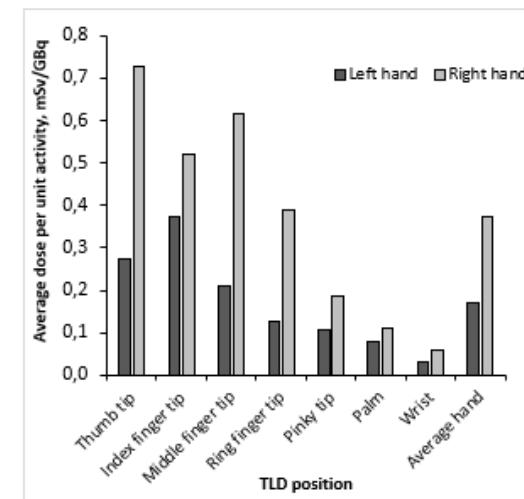


Fig. 4. Hand dose distribution of different TLD positions while working in a hot lab with  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ .

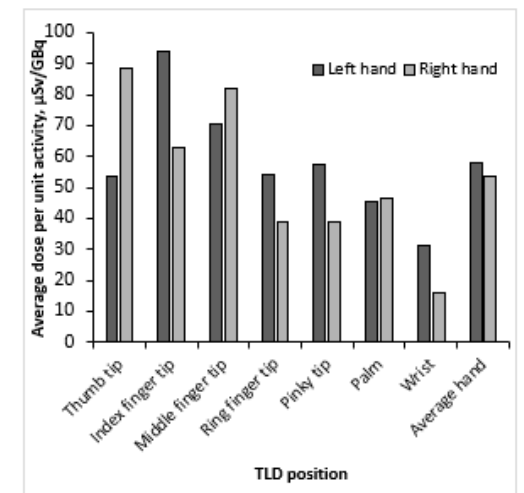


Fig. 5. Hand dose distribution of different TLD positions while administering  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -labelled radiopharmaceuticals

#### 3.2. Doses obtained from typical monitoring position

# Pacientų apšvitos kontrolė branduolinėje medicinoje

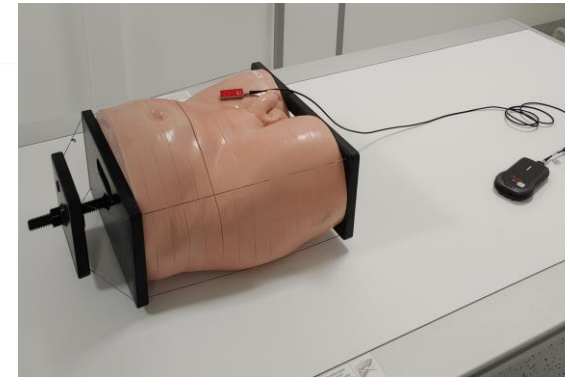
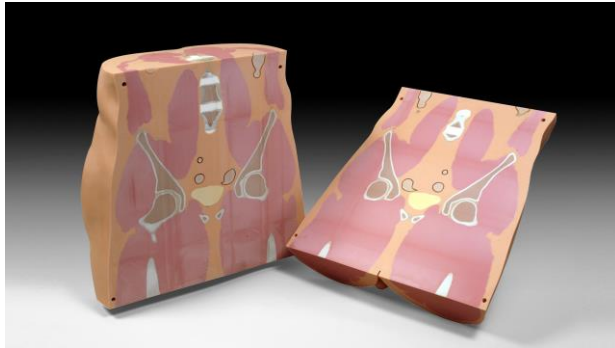
- Diagnostiniai atskaitos lygiai
- Matavimai su fantomais
- Kalibraciniai bandymai

Table 1. Number of procedures selected for the survey, used radiopharmaceuticals, number of hospitals performing procedures, data of analyzed administered activities and DRLs in Lithuania during the survey (until 2022) period.

| Procedure                                 | Radiopharmaceuticals                               | Number of hospitals performing procedures | Number of procedures | Min  | Max | 75th percentile | Median | Mean ± SD  | DRLs in Lithuania during the survey |
|---|--|---|----------------------|------|-----|-----------------|--------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bone scintigraphy                         | <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MDP                              | 4   | 2293                 | 317  | 691 | 575,5           | 533    | 528,36±59  | 700                                 |
| Renal imaging                             | <sup>99m</sup> Tc-DTPA Renal                       | 3   | 440                  | 134  | 256 | 203             | 165    | 177,62±29  | 250                                 |
|   | <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MAG3, <sup>99m</sup> Tc-EC renal | 3   | 539                  | 35   | 141 | 109,25          | 96,2   | 99,78±15   | 100                                 |
| Parathyroid scintigraphy                  | <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MIBI                             | 2   | 365                  | 300  | 563 | 519             | 504    | 474,18±78  | 740                                 |
| Lung perfusion                            | <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MAA                              | 2   | 453                  | 105  | 213 | 179             | 161    | 161±21     | 185                                 |
| Thyroid scintigraphy                      | <sup>99m</sup> Tc Thyroid                          | 4   | 604                  | 39   | 135 | 120             | 111    | 107,66±18  | 150                                 |
| Myocardial perfusion scintigraphy, stress | <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MIBI                             | 2   | 651                  | 145  | 490 | 316             | 250    | 270,87±77  | 550                                 |
| Myocardial perfusion scintigraphy, rest   | <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MIBI                             | 2   | 651                  | 251  | 775 | 646             | 570    | 571±96     | 750                                 |
| Neuroendocrine imaging                    | <sup>99m</sup> -TC octreotide                      | 3   | 362                  | 340  | 840 | 633             | 575,5  | 549,27±109 | 800                                 |
| Hepatobiliary scintigraphy                | <sup>99m</sup> -Tc BRIDA                           | 1   | 68                   | 160  | 238 | 215             | 205    | 206,9±11   | 200                                 |
| Lymphangioscintigraphy                    | <sup>99m</sup> -TC Nanocolloid                     | 3   | 955                  | 10,1 | 168 | 86,4            | 69     | 69,62±26   | 200                                 |
| Tumor examination                         | <sup>18</sup> F-FDG                                | 2   | 598                  | 150  | 396 | 320             | 301    | 301±32     | 500                                 |



# Antropomorfinis fantomas (VIRTUAL HUMAN MALE PELVIS PHANTOM MODEL 801-P)

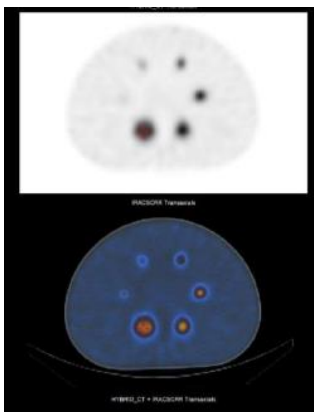


CIRS has combined this anatomical detail with our advanced tissue mimicking technology. The phantom is made from proprietary epoxy materials that mimic the density and radiation attenuation properties of human tissue within 1% from 50 keV to 25 MeV. It contains anatomically precise bone, cartilage, spinal cord, vertebral disks, muscle, intestines, bladder, prostate, rectum and interstitial fat.

# Fantomai



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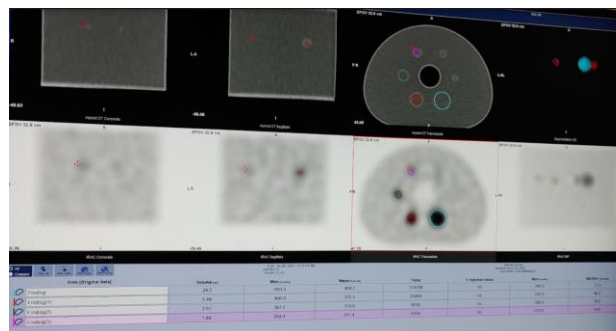
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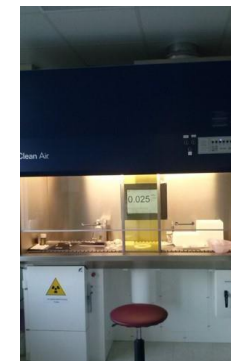


KT dalies



## Kita branduolinės medicinos įranga

- Radiofarmacinio preparato aktyvumo matuokliai;
- Automatiniai injekavimo prietaisai;
- Laminarinės traukos švinuotos spintos;
- Fantomai;
- Taršos matavimo įranga ir kt.



# Metrologija branduolinėje medicinoje

Pirminių metodų pagalba sukuriami radionuklidų šaltiniai, kurie naudojami kalibravimui;

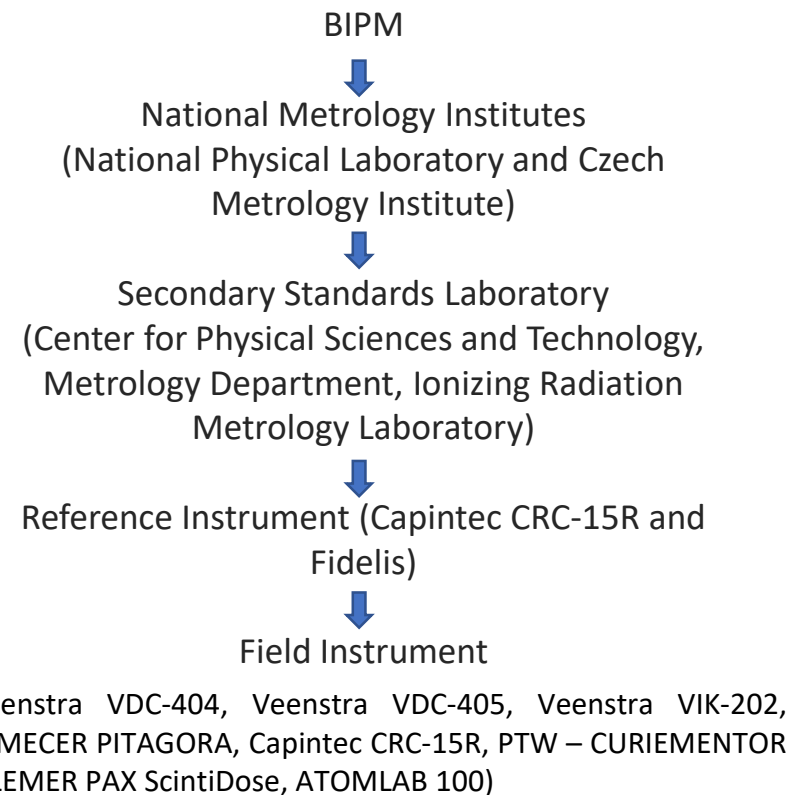
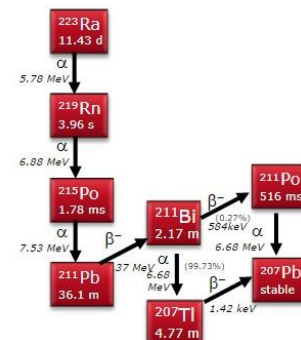
Antriniai radionuklidų standartizavimo metodai taikomi BM.

Aktyvumas turi būti ne mažesnis kaip 100 kBq ir iki 200 GBq;

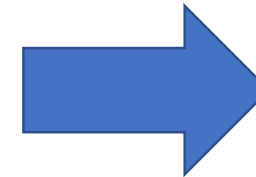
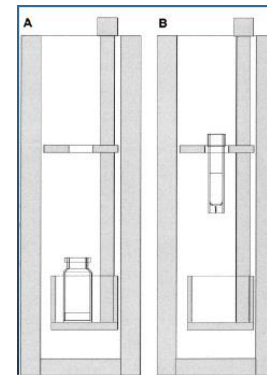
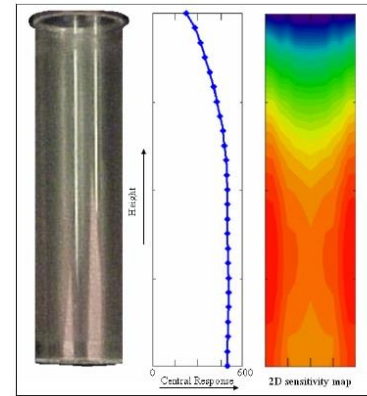
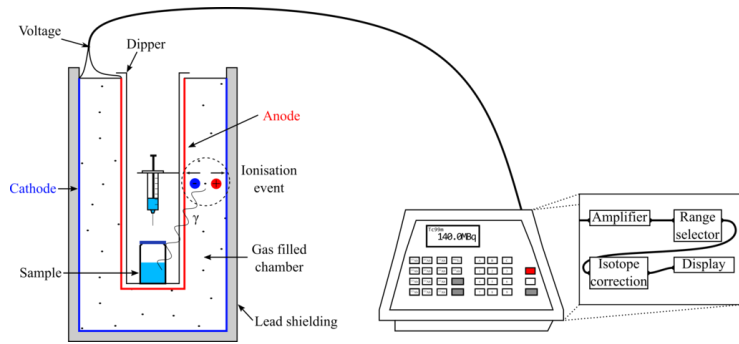
Įvairių kintamųjų, turinčių įtakos matavimo rezultatui sąlygos:

- Radioaktyviojo nuklido pusėjimo trukmė;
- Spinduliuotės energija;
- Aktyvumas (kBq, MBq, GBq);
- Skilimo rūšis;
- Fizinės–cheminės savybės;
- Matavimo geometrijos poveikis.

Radium-223 is predominantly an  $\alpha$ -emitter  
 $t_{1/2} = 11.43$  days  
Of the total decay energy  
• 95.3% emitted as  $\alpha$  particles  
• 3.6% emitted as  $\beta$  particles  
• 1.1% emitted as  $\gamma$  or X-rays  
Easily measured on standard instruments  
(dose calibrators / survey meters)



# Jonizacinės kameros atsako priklausomybė nuo aukščio ir nuo šaltinio geometrijos



$I(h)$  = ionisation current at  $h$  cm from the bottom of the chamber.  
 $I(o)$  = ionisation at the bottom of the chamber.

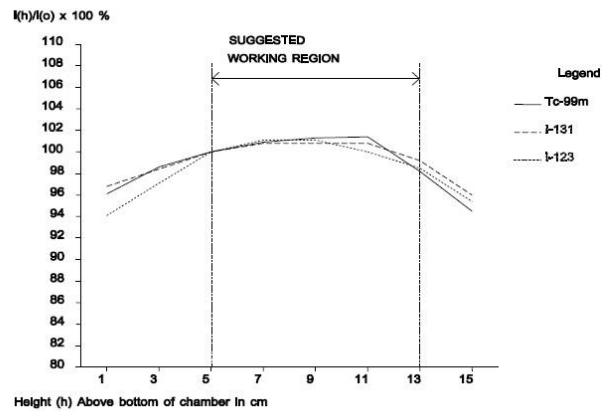
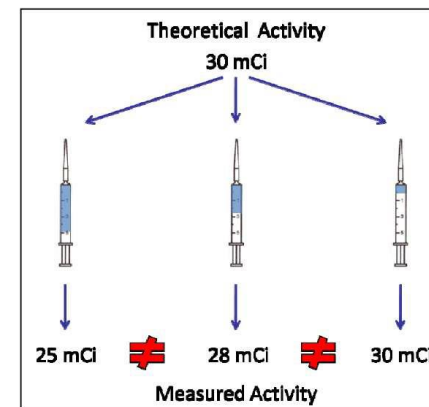
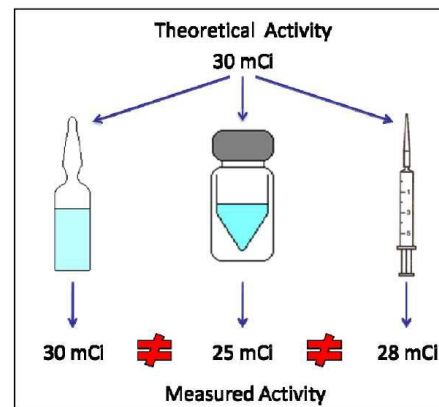
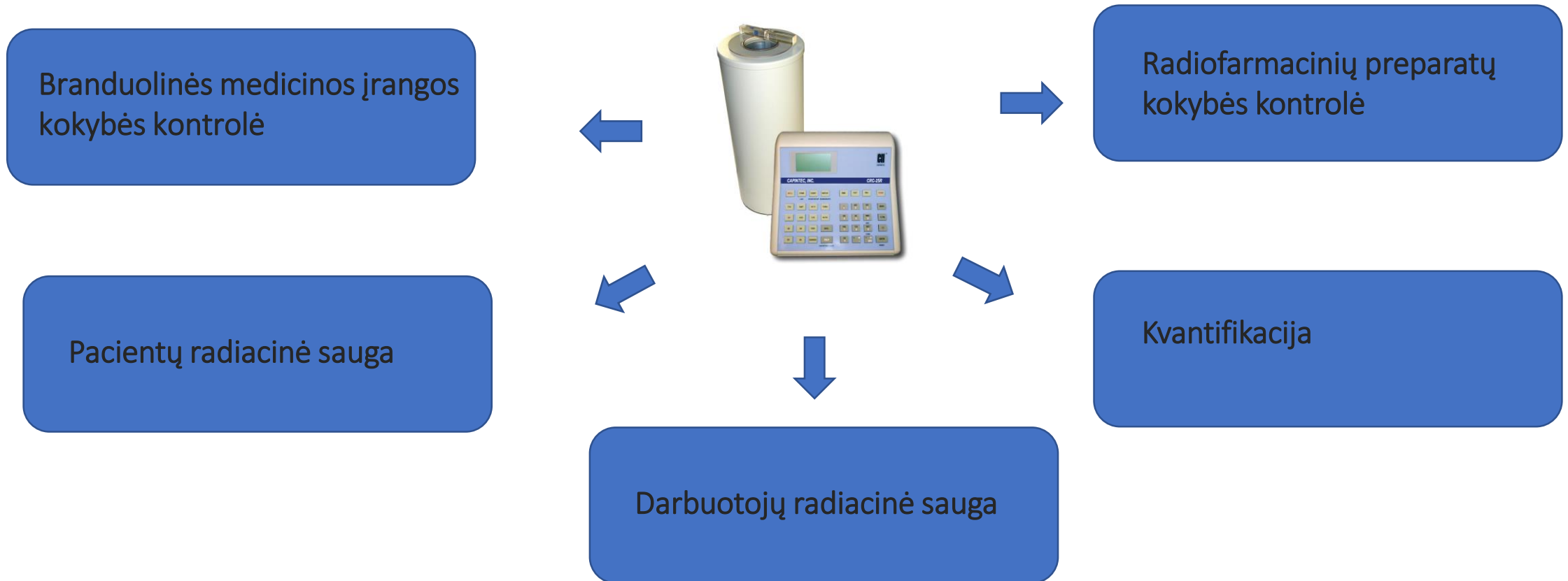


Figure 3 Height-dependence of the ionisation chamber response

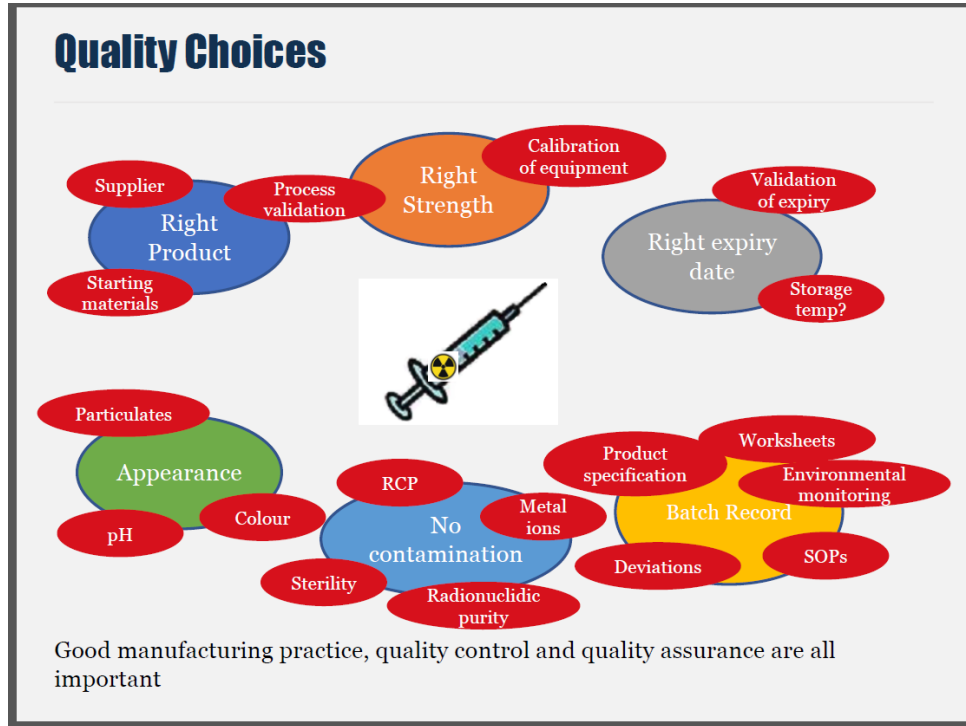


## Jonizacinės kameros erdvinis jautris

# Įrangos parametrai ir kiti veiksniai, priklausantys nuo aktyvumo matuoklio

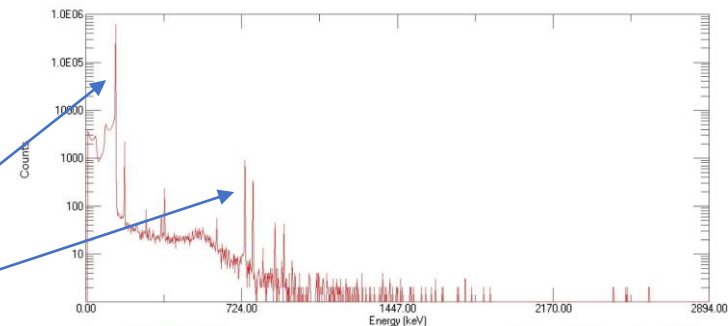
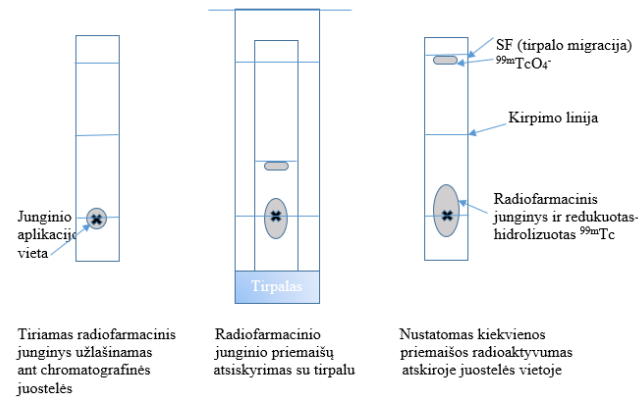


# Radiofarmacinių preparatų kokybės kontrolė



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Popieriaus chromatografijos atlikimas:



$^{99m}\text{Tc}$  ir  $^{99}\text{Mo}$

## IMPLEMENTATION OF A QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM AND QUALITY CONTROL RESULTS OF RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS

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**Background**  
 In accordance with international guidelines and recommendations, the quality assurance (QA) program should cover all clinical aspects of nuclear medicine related to the smooth operation, including quality control (QC) of radiopharmaceuticals. In order to reduce risk of repeated study, misinterpretation of the images and to protect patient from unnecessary radiation exposure due to poor quality radiopharmaceuticals, QC procedures should always be performed on a daily basis prior to radiopharmaceuticals administration by appropriately trained personnel. The objective of this study was to evaluate quality control results of technetium ( $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ ) based radiopharmaceuticals and determine the molybdenum ( $^{99}\text{Mo}$ ) content in a  $^{99}\text{Mo}/^{99m}\text{Tc}$  generator eluate.

**Methodology**  
 The data was collected from November 2017 till February 2019 in Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos Nuclear medicine department. In this study, two methods of quality control were conducted: radionuclidic and radiochemical purity. For estimating radionuclidic purity of a  $^{99}\text{Mo}/^{99m}\text{Tc}$  generators (manufacturers: POLATOM POLGENTEC and GE Drytec),  $^{99}\text{Mo}$  breakthrough test in a pertechnetate solution of  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$  was done.  $^{99}\text{Mo}$  assay was measured with Veenstra VDC-405 radionuclide activity calibrator. The dose calibrator QA and QC were performed routinely according to local and international recommendations including intercomparison measurements that performed Centre for Physical Sciences and Technology, Ionizing radiation metrology laboratory with secondary standard radionuclide calibrator Capintec CRC-15R. For  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MIBI;  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MAA;  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MDP;  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MAG3;  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -DTPA;  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -DMSA) labelled radiopharmaceuticals, a radiochemical purity Biodex Tec-Control thin-layer chromatography (TLC) system was used. The Sigma-Aldrich Chemie solvents and reagents were used to perform each chromatography test. All the radiopharmaceutical preparations were performed according to manufacturer instructions.

**Results and discussion**  
 $^{99}\text{Mo}$  breakthrough tests of radionuclidic purity (n=19) were 0.0028 ± 0.0011%. According to international guidelines and vendors recommendations the limit allowed is 0.1% for contamination by  $^{99}\text{Mo}$ . Radiochemical purity results for  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MAA was 99.11 ± 1.49% (n=14); for  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MIBI was 90.87 ± 5.01% (n=41); for  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MDP was 98.51 ± 2.55% (n=24); for  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MAG3 was 98.11 ± 1.29% (n=21); for  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -DTPA was 97.46 ± 2.93% (n=19); for  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -DMSA was 95.73 ± 3.85% (n=8), respectively. For most radiopharmaceuticals, the lower limit of radiochemical purity is 95%. In our department, the results of QC for almost all radiopharmaceuticals were at the acceptance level, only for  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MIBI tests the values were slightly lower than European Pharmacopoeia limits (≥94%). In daily practice we use a thin-layer chromatography and radionuclide activity calibrator.

**CONCLUSION**  
 In nuclear medicine, an administration of correct radiopharmaceuticals activity to the patient is strongly dependent on the accuracy of the QC measurements of all equipment. It is important to have a product with acceptable quality control parameters in order to make the study of nuclear medicine effective and to protect the patient from unnecessary radiation exposure. In our daily practice we successfully implement a thin-layer chromatography method for  $^{99m}\text{Tc}$  labelled radiopharmaceuticals and radionuclidic purity in a  $^{99}\text{Mo}/^{99m}\text{Tc}$  generator eluate. In order to improve our QA program:

- we need to start QC procedures with TLC-scan systems;
- environmental monitoring in a Hot lab should be done on routine basis;
- document management system (on going process).

**Radiochemical purity results**

| Radiopharmaceutical                                    | Method | Limits (%)* | Our results          |
|--|--------|-------------|----------------------|
| $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -methylsulfonylmethylene             | TLC    | ≥95         | 98.11 ± 1.29% (n=21) |
| $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -methylene diphosphonate             | TLC    | ≥95         | 95.73 ± 3.85% (n=8)  |
| $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -micro albumin aggregates            | TLC    | ≥95         | 99.11 ± 1.49% (n=14) |
| $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -methylene diphosphonate             | TLC    | ≥95         | 98.51 ± 2.55% (n=24) |
| $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -diethylenetriamine pentaacetic acid | TLC    | ≥95         | 97.46 ± 2.93% (n=19) |
| $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -diethylenetriamine pentaacetic acid | TLC    | ≥95         | 95.73 ± 3.85% (n=8)  |

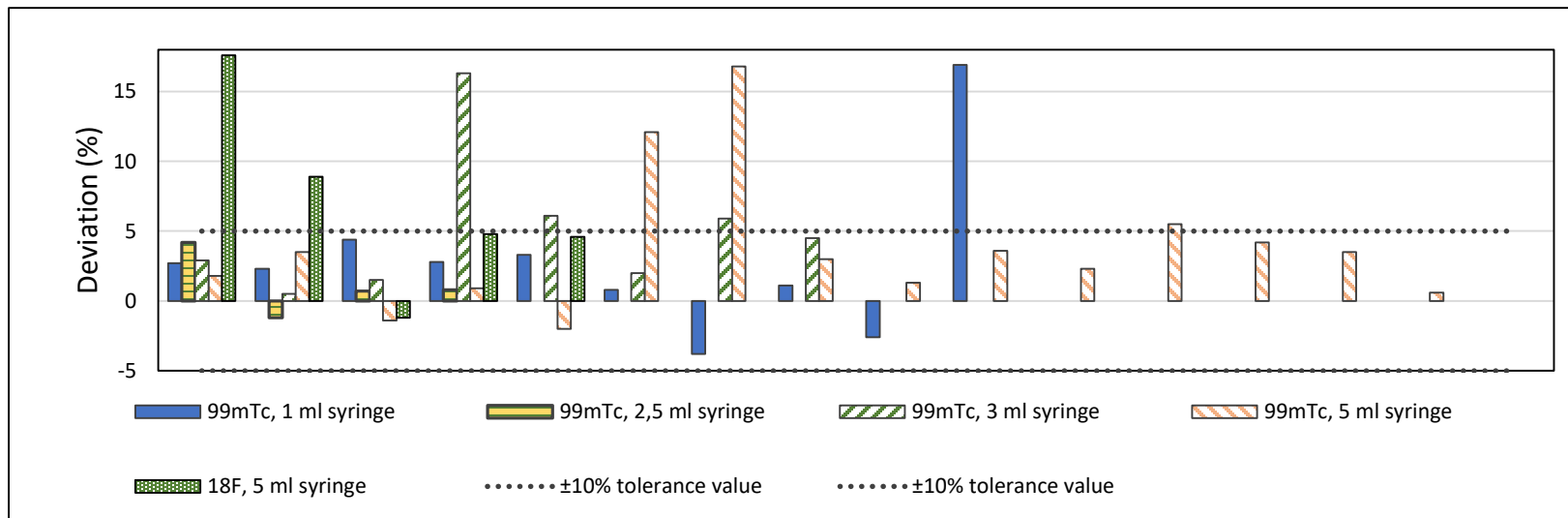
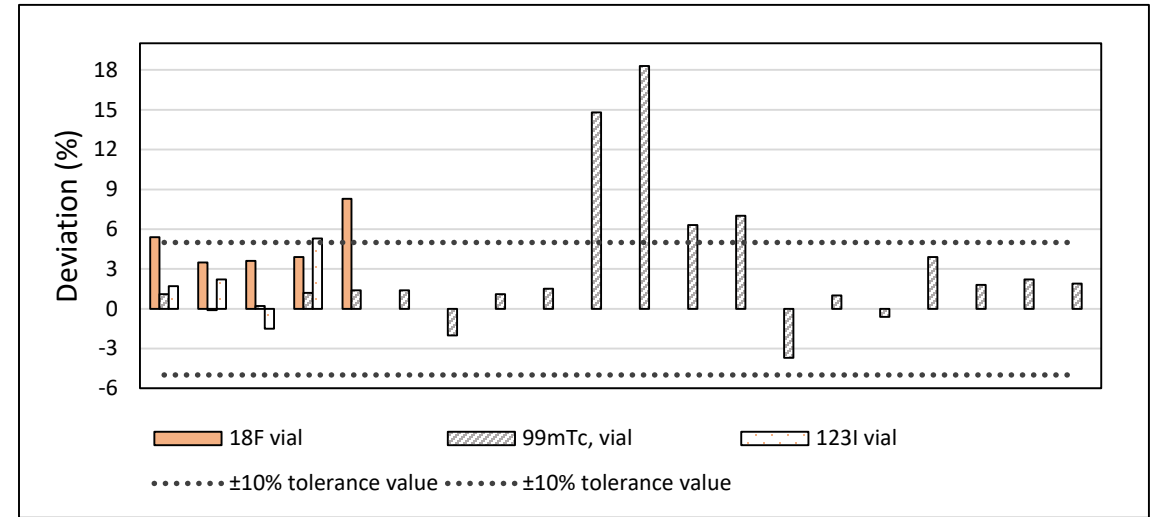
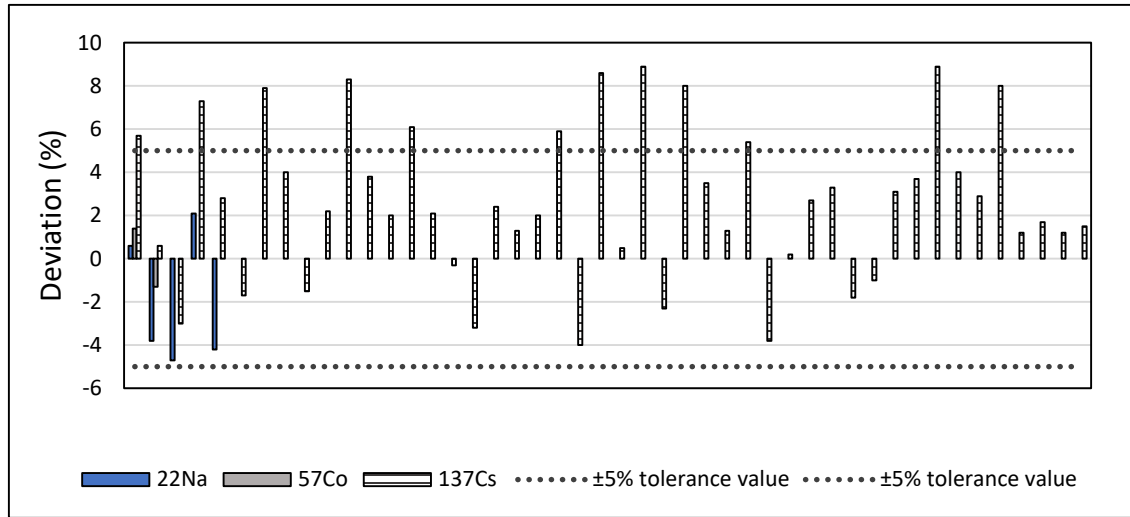
\* according European Pharmacopoeia limits.

Responses of radionuclide calibrators that are used in Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (VUHSK) Nuclear medicine department daily practice were compared with the readings of the secondary standard radionuclide calibrator Capintec CRC-15R (4πy ionization chamber) brought to hospitals by the Ionizing Radiation Metrology Laboratory of the Center for Physical Sciences and Technology that is the National Metrology Institute (NMI) in Lithuania.

The secondary standard radionuclide calibrator Capintec CRC-15R.



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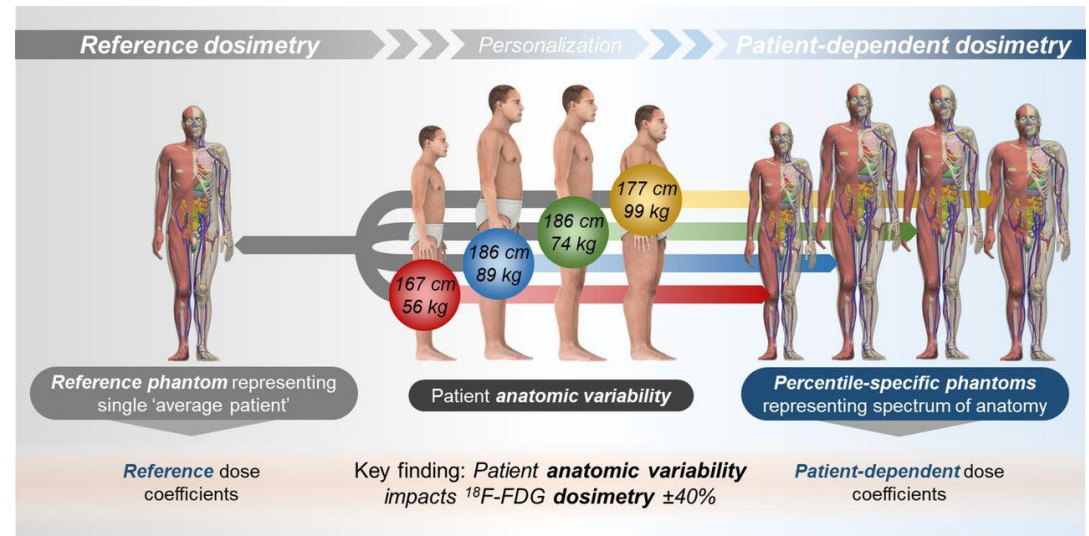
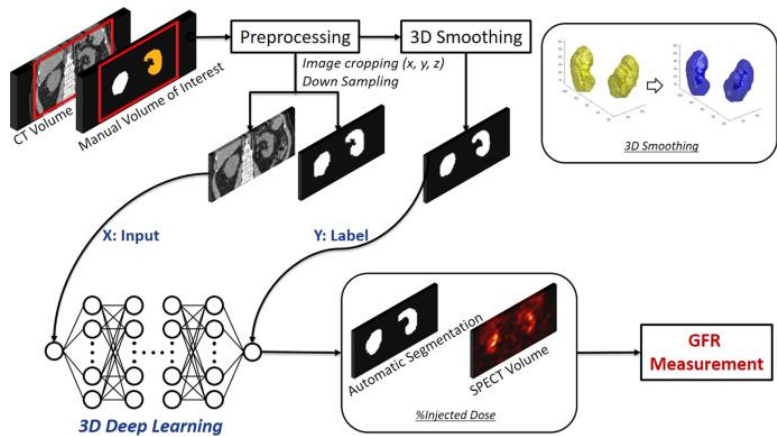
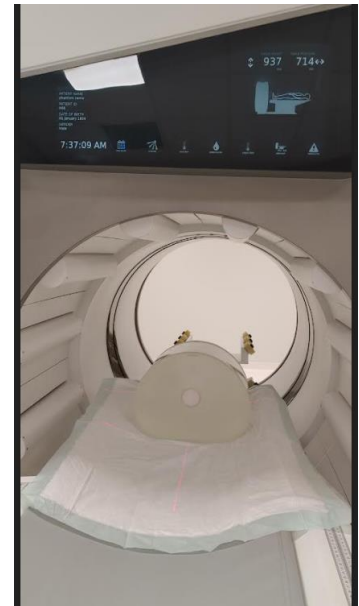


# Ateitis

## SPECT

Nauji detektoriai

Medicininį rentgeno ir branduolinės diagnostikos procedūrų optimizavimas naudojant antropomorfinius fantomus ir pasitelkiant dirbtinį intelektą



# PET/MRT SPECT/MRT personalo dozimetrijai tinkami prietaisai

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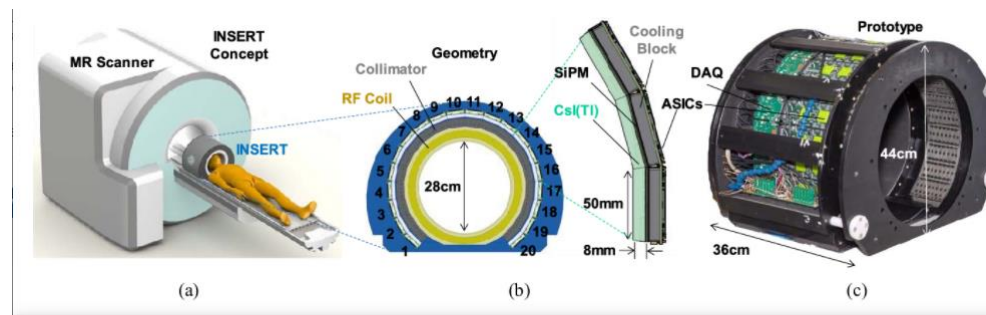


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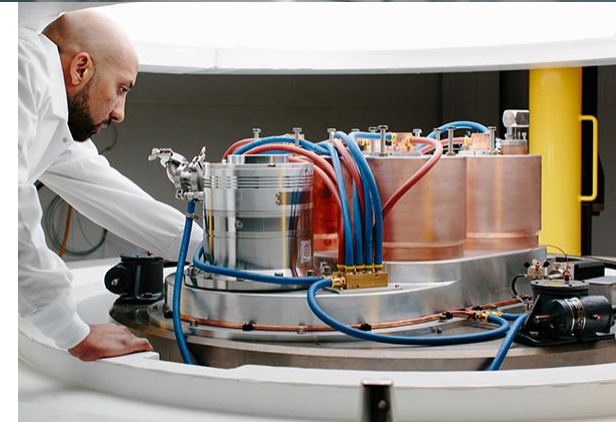
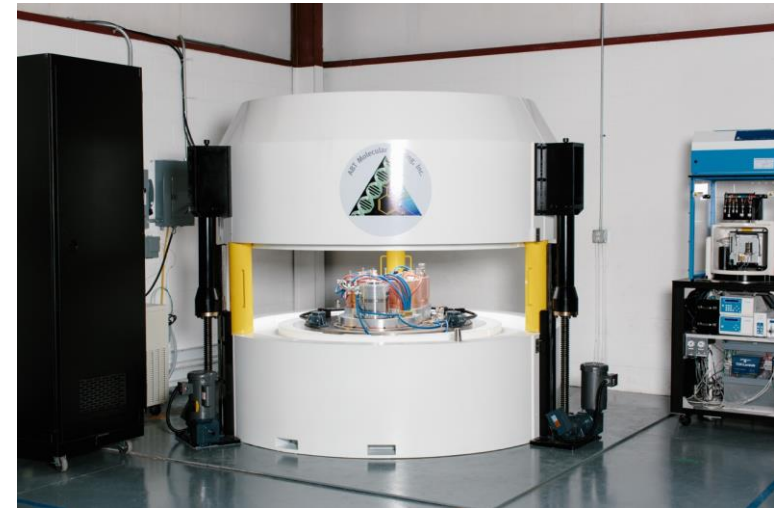
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# Kompaktinių ciklotronų gamyba



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# Radiofarmacija

- Ciklotronas Lietuvoje (radionuklidų gamybai)
- Nauji junginiai

Ateities perspektyvos TAT terapija: (Targeted-Alpha-Therapy)

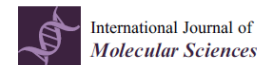
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