



BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Course Outline Part A

School of Health Sciences

Program: Medical Radiography

Option:

**MRAD 3308**

**Radiobiology and Radiation Protection**

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Hours/Week:	3	Total Hours:	24	Term/Level:	3
Lecture:		Total Weeks:	8	Credits:	1.5
Lab:					
Other:					

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#### Prerequisites

MRAD 3308 is a Prerequisite for:

Course No.    Course Name

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Anatomy and Physiology; Physics for Medical Radiography

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#### Course Goals

To provide students with a knowledge of radiation biology so that they can provide effective radiation protection of self, patients, personnel and members of the public.

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#### Course Description

The first part of this course deals with the fundamental concepts of Radiobiology through a discussion of radiation interaction with tissue, radiosensitivity, radiation effects at doses greater and within the diagnostic range, effects of radiation on the embryo and fetus as well as low-level radiation effects.

In the second part of the course, Radiation Protection concepts are introduced. First, the principles of radiation protection and the establishment of dose limits are described. This is followed by a discussion of various methods used to minimize radiation dose to both patients and personnel. Finally, the course concludes with equipment specifications and shielding guides for diagnostic x-ray installations.

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#### Evaluation

Final Examination	40%	2 hours
Mid-Term	40%	1 hour
Projects	10%	
Laboratory	10%	<b>You must achieve 60% to pass this course.</b>
TOTAL	100%	

## Course Outcomes and Sub-Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Define the term radiobiology and trace important historical events relating to the injury of humans exposed to radiation.
2. Explain how radiation interacts with tissue with emphasis on photoelectric absorption and Compton effect.
3. Explain two theories of biologic damage by radiation.
4. Define the term "radiosensitivity" and state the law of Bergonie and Tribondeau.
5. Describe radiation effects (stochastic and non-stochastic) for doses higher than the diagnostic range for the lymphoid organs, gonads, eyes, etc.
6. Describe radiation effects for doses within the diagnostic range for lymphoid organs, gonads, eyes, etc.
7. Describe radiation effects on the embryo, fetus and child, based on the stages of development: pre-implantation, major organogenesis and growth stage.
8. Describe stochastic and non-stochastic effects of low level radiation over an extended period of time with specific reference to radiology personnel.
9. Explain the fundamental principles of radiation protection for diagnostic radiology; time, shielding and distance.
10. Describe current radiation protection standards of justification, optimization (ALARA) and dose limitation for diagnostic radiology.
11. State the dose limits for radiation workers and members of the public.
12. Describe various methods for minimizing exposure of both patients and personnel to radiation.
13. Identify equipment specifications for diagnostic radiology and explain how these specifications serve to protect patients and personnel from unnecessary radiation exposure.
14. Explain the concept of radiation risk to the patient according to department radiation protection guidelines.

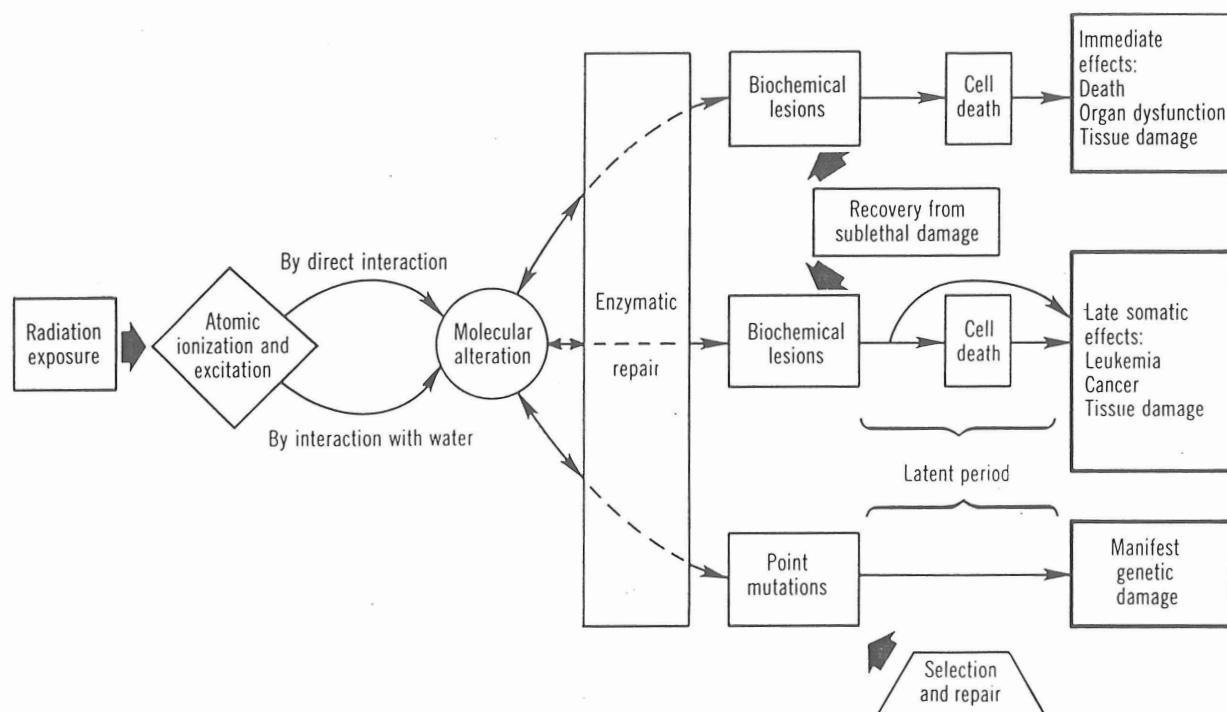
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## Course Record

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**Fig. 30-1.** Sequence of events following radiation exposure of humans can lead to several radiation responses. At nearly every step, mechanisms for recovery and repair are available.



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Course Outline Part B

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### Effective Date

January, 1996

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### Instructor(s)

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### Text(s) and Equipment

Required:

1. Primer of Medical Radiobiology by Elizabeth Travis, 2nd Edition, Year Book Medical Publishers, 1989.
2. Safety Code - 20A: X-Ray Equipment in Medical Diagnosis, Part A, Health and Welfare Canada, 1990

Recommended:

1. Current CAMRT Curriculum Guide.
2. Medical Radiation Biology by Pizzarello and Witcofski, 2nd Edition, Lea and Febiger, 1982.
3. Christensen's Physics of Diagnostic Radiology, 4th Edition, Lea and Febiger, 1990.
4. Radiologic Science for Technologists by Bushong, 5th Edition, C.V. Mosby, 1993.

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### Course Notes (Policies and Procedures)

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### Assignment Details



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Schedule

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Week Lecture or Lab Number	Outcome/Material Covered	Reference
AC		BD
Jan. 8	• Introduction	Jan. 22
Jan. 15	• Radiation Interaction with Tissue • Sensitivity of Various Organs of the Body • Bioeffects at Doses Higher than the Diagnostic Range	Jan. 29
Feb. 5	• Bioeffects at Doses within the Diagnostic Range	Feb. 19
Feb. 12	• Effects of Radiation on Embryo, Fetus and Child • Low Level Radiation Effects • Principles of Radiation Protection	Feb. 26
Feb. 16	<b>MID TERM EXAMINATION</b>	Mar. 1
Mar. 4	• Dose Limits • Minimizing Dose to Patients	Mar. 25
Mar. 11	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	Mar. 11
Mar. 18	• Minimizing Dose to Personnel • Equipment Specifications	Apr. 1
Apr. 8	• Shielding Guides for Diagnostic X-ray Installation	Apr. 15
Apr. 22	<b>FINAL EXAMINATION</b>	Apr. 22