

**Medical Council Obligations under S.I. No. 478/2002 [Secondary Legislation implementation of EU Directive - European Communities (Medical Ionising Radiation Protection) Regulations 2002.]**

7.3	Medical radiological procedures which, in the opinion of the Medical Councils, involve exposing a patient to unusually high doses of radiation may only be authorised by, and be performed under the clinical responsibility of, a practitioner who has completed such additional training as the Medical Council may from time to time prescribe.
7.7 (a)	All practices involving medical exposure which, in the opinion of the Medical Council are new shall be subject to the approval of the Medical Council and shall be conducted in accordance with such guidelines as they may direct.
7.9	A practitioner may not authorise the use of a practice which has been considered by the Medical Councils and which has not been approved by them.
9	Medical exposures for occupational health surveillance shall not be permitted, save where, in the opinion of the Medical Council and in consultation with a medical officer of the Health and Safety Authority, there are special circumstances pertaining to a particular employment or category of employment which warrant such exposures, exposures may be undertaken in accordance with such standards as shall be directed by the Medical Council.
10.1	Medical exposure for biomedical and medical research shall not be permitted save in accordance with such criteria as may be directed by the Medical Council and approved by the local medical ethics committee.
11.1	The Medical Council shall promote the establishment and the use of standard diagnostic reference levels for radio diagnostic examinations as referred to in sub paragraphs 4.1 (a), (b), (c) and (e).
11.2	Written protocols for every type of standard radiological practice shall be established by the Medical Council in respect of each type of equipment
12.1 (a)	The Medical Council shall establish the dose constraint for exposure of those individuals knowingly and willingly helping (other than as part of their occupation) in the support and comfort of patients undergoing medical diagnosis or treatment where appropriate.
12.1 (b)	12.1(b) The Medical Council shall establish guidelines in respect of medical exposure of individuals covered under regulation 4.2.
13.1	The practical aspects for any medical radiological procedure or part thereof may be delegated by the practitioner to one or more individuals entitled to act in this respect in a recognised field of medical specialisation provided that individual has successfully completed such a course or courses in radiation safety as the Medical Councils may specify.
15.1	The Medical Council shall, within two years of the making of these regulations and in consultation with the Faculty of Radiologists of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland (RCSI) adopt criteria for clinical audit.
18.2	The use of fluoroscopic devices which do not have a device to control the dose rate shall be limited to circumstances as the Medical Council may determine
20.4	Procedures to be conducted on pregnant or breast feeding females shall be done in accordance with procedures approved by the Medical Council