

Education and training resources for radiographers

WHO perspective

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Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



The UN Member States made a commitment towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030

All the 17 SDGs have implications on human health and well-being SDG 3: "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages"



Universal Health Coverage

- Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is a high priority for WHO and its Member States
- UHC includes safety and quality of health services
- Ensuring safe and appropriate use of radiation in medicine contributes to achieving UHC



Health Care Quality Dimensions

- Appropriateness
- Accuracy
- Affordability
- Accountability
- Safety
- Timeliness
- Patient centricity

The safe and appropriate use of radiation for diagnosis and treatment of disease and injuries is embedded in the concept of **health care quality**



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Global action plan on patient safety

SEVENTY-SECOND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY Agenda item 12.5 WHA72.6

28 May 2019

Global action on patient safety

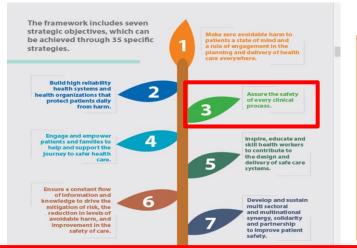


A world in which no patient is harmed in health care, and everyone receives safe and respectful care, every time, everywhere.

Mission

Drive forward policies and actions to minimize, and where possible, eliminate all sources of risk and patient harm in health care based on science, strategic partnerships and patient-centredness.







Achieve the maximum possible reduction in avoidable harm due to unsafe health care globally. <u>https://www.who.int/docs/default</u> -source/patient-safety/1st-draftglobal-patient-safety-actionplan-august-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=9b1552d2_4

Strategic Objective 3: safety of every clinical process (this includes radiological procedures)

Increasing demands on human resources for health

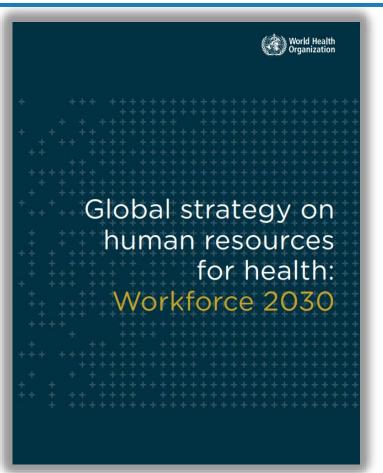
- Lack access to quality health services is due in large part to the huge shortage, imbalanced skill mix, and uneven geographical distribution of health workers. WHO estimates that an additional 4.3 million health workers are needed worldwide.
- The shortage of health workers is compounded by the fact that their skills, competencies, clinical experience, and expectations are often poorly suited to the health needs of the populations they serve.





Global strategy on human resources for health

- The foundation for a strong and effective health workforce, able to respond to the 21st century priorities, requires matching effectively the supply and skills of health workers to population needs, now and in the future.
- Vision: all communities have universal access to health workers by 2030.





Education for enhancing quantity, quality and relevance of the health workforce

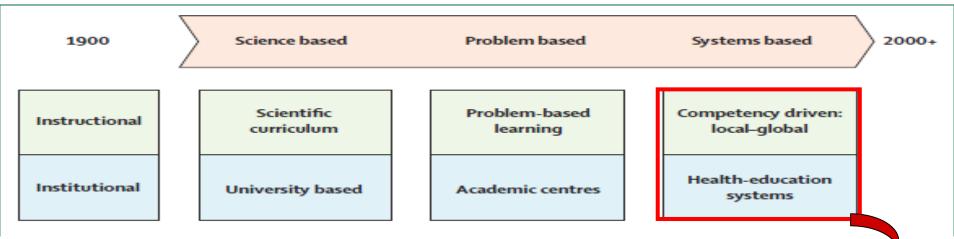




Education and training of health workers

- To close this shortfall, more educational programmes are needed to produce multi-disciplinary service delivery teams, to increase the quantity, and to improve the quality and relevance of health workers to meet the needs of the 21st century and contribute to better population health outcomes.
- As countries aspire to achieve universal health coverage, new demands are placed on human resources for health, new competencies are required as part of a deeper transformation of professional education.
- This is imperative when dealing with continuously advancing health technologies such as radiation technologies.





Towards an instructional reform

- Adopt competency-driven approaches;
- Promote inter-professional and trans-professional education and enhance collaborative and non-hierarchical relationships in effective teams;
- Exploit information technology for learning and strengthen educational resources;
- Promote a new professionalism that uses competencies as objective criteria for classification of health professionals.



WHA A70/A/CONF./9 item 12 refers to education and training of staff

• "...to promote recommendations that support clinical decision making and referral based on the effective, safe and costeffective use of cancer diagnostic and therapeutic services, such as cancer surgery, radiation and chemotherapy; and to facilitate cross-sectoral cooperation between health professionals, as well as the training of personnel at all levels of health system"



SEVENTIETH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY Agenda item 15.6 A70/A/CONF./9 25 May 2017

Cancer prevention and control in the context of an integrated approach

Draft resolution proposed by Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Russian Federation, Thailand and Zambia

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having considered the report on cancer prevention and control in the context of an integrated approach;¹

PP2 Acknowledging that, in 2012, cancer was the second leading cause of death in the world with 8.2 million cancer-related deaths, the majority of which occurred in low- and middle-income countries;

PP3 Recognizing that cancer is a leading cause of morbidity globally and a growing public health concern, with the annual number of new cancer cases projected to increase from 14.1 million in 2012 to 21.6 million by 2030;

PP4 Aware that certain population groups experience inequalities in risk factor exposure and in access to screening, early diagnosis and timely and appropriate treatment, and that they experience poorer outcomes for cancer; and recognizing that different cancer control strategies are required for specific groups of cancer patients, such as children and adolescents;

PP5 Noting that risk reduction has the potential to prevent around half of all cancers;

PP6 Aware that early diagnosis and prompt and appropriate treatment, including pain relief and palliative care, can reduce mortality and improve the outcomes and quality of life of cancer patients;

PP7 Recognizing with appreciation the introduction of new pharmaceutical products based on investment in innovation for cancer treatment in recent years, and noting with great concern the increasing cost to health systems and patients;



Global efforts for improving radiation protection in medicine

Bonn Call for Action

actions to improve radiation 10 protection in medicine in the next decade

- 1. Enhancing implementation of justification of procedures
- Enhancing implementation of optimization of protection and safety
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- Shaping & promoting a strategic research agenda for RP in medicine
- Improving data collection on radiation exposures of patients and workers
- 7. Improving primary prevention of incidents and adverse events
- 8. Strengthening radiation safety culture in health care
- 9. Fostering an improved radiation benefit-risk-dialogue
- 10. Strengthening the implementation of safety requirements (BSS) globally

http://www.who.int/ionizing_radiation/about/med_exposure/en https://rpop.iaea.org/RPOP/RPoP/Content/News/bonn-call-for-action-joint-position-statement.htm





Action #4

Strengthen radiation protection education and training of health professionals

- Prioritize radiation protection education and training for health professionals globally, targeting professionals using radiation in all medical and dental areas;
- Further develop the use of newer platforms such as specific training applications on the Internet for reaching larger groups for training purposes;
- Integrate radiation protection into the curricula of medical and dental schools, ensuring theestablishment of a core competency in these areas;
- Strengthen collaboration in relation to education and training among education providers in health care settings with limited infrastructure as well as among these providers and international organizations and professional societies;
- Pay particular attention to the training of health professionals in situations of implementing new technology.

RP education and training of health professionals:

- Targeting professionals using radiation in all medical and dental areas;
- Using newer platforms and applications;
- Integrating RP in the curricula;
- Collaborating with education providers, professionals societies and int. org.;
- Particularly considering implementation of new technology.



RP culture: education and training

- Mobilize the responsible institutional players within and across countries (e.g. academic institutions, international societies, health authorities) towards the inclusion of RP contents in the curricula in medical and dental schools.
- Empower health care providers with the required knowledge, skills and attitudes to ensure safe and effective use of radiation in health care.
- Create new opportunities for RP education and training (e.g. train-the-trainers, on-the-job learning through mentoring, coaching and continuing education).





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RP education and training and good medical practice

- Good health services are those which deliver safe and effective health interventions to those that need them, when and where needed, with minimum waste of resources.
- Health service delivery is one of the building blocks of health systems. Good medical practice encompasses radiation safety.
- Health care providers, policy-makers, decision makers, hospital administrators should know that radiation protection education and training contributes to health systems strengthening.





Radiation Protection Education and Training of Health Professionals

"Half of what you'll learn in medical school will be shown to be either dead, wrong or out of date within five years of your graduation; the trouble is that nobody can tell you which half..."

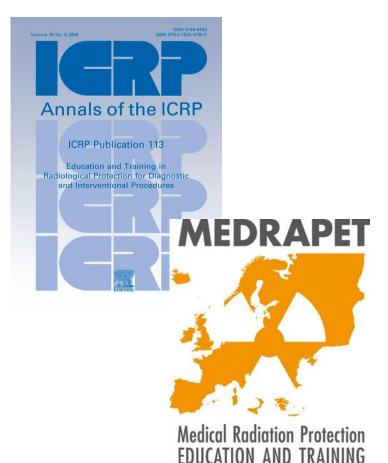


Speech to students from Dave Sackett, father of evidence based medicine



Use existing guidance on RP education and training of health workers

- ICRP report 113 "Education and Training in Radiological Protection for Diagnostic and Interventional Procedures"
- EC Radiation Protection N° 175 Guidelines on RP education and training of medical professionals in the EU http://ec.europa.eu/energy/nuclear/radiati on_protection/doc/publication/175.pdf



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Education and training in the EU BSS

- The revised Euratom BSS Directive states that Member States shall ensure that practitioners and the individuals involved in the practical aspects of medical radiological procedures have adequate education, information and theoretical and practical training for the purposes of medical radiological practices, as well as relevant competence in radiation protection.
 - appropriate curricula is established, with recognition of corresponding diplomas, certificates or formal qualifications.
 - continuing education and training after qualification is provided
 - special case of clinical use of new technique: training provided on the techniques and the relevant radiation protection (RP) requirements
 - RP included in the basic curriculum of medical and dental schools



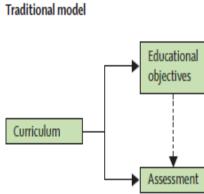
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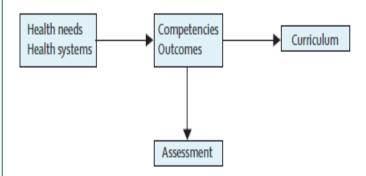
- To engage leaders at all levels—local, national, and global- coming from academic and professional communities.
 - backed by relevant competent authorities (health, education, radiation protection).
 - a global body can strengthen leadership and professional identity (e.g. World Federation of Medical Education /WFPR; International Society of Radiografers and Radiation Technologists/ISRRT).

Collaboration on an overall strategy

- Global commonalities and local needs (diversity)
- Core competences (e.g. patient-centred care, evidence-based practice, RP culture, ...)



Competency-based education model







Radiographers and radiation technologists

- Health professionals responsible for safely and accurately performing radiological medical procedures in the field of diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine and radiotherapy.
- Accountable for patients' health (WHO definition) prior, during and following the procedure
- Interface between patient and radiation technology, gatekeepers of radiation safety for both patients and staff
- Key players in radiation safety culture in health care



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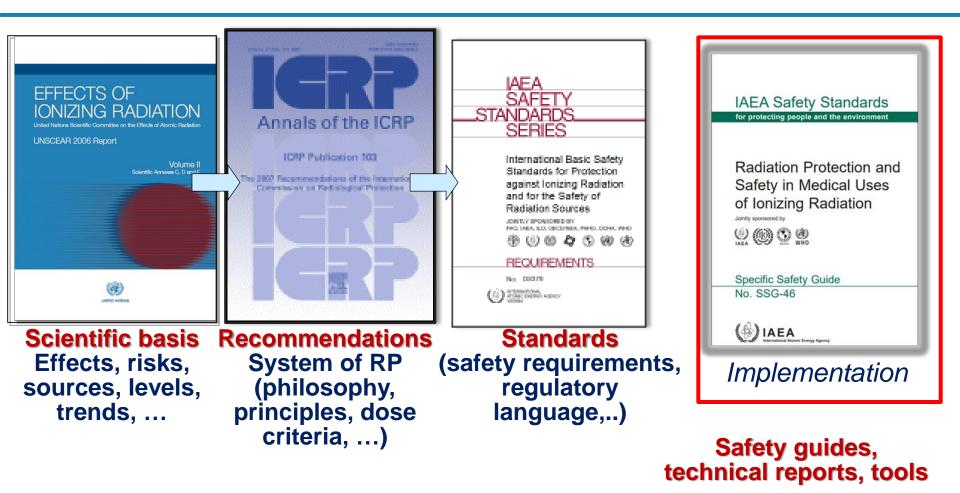
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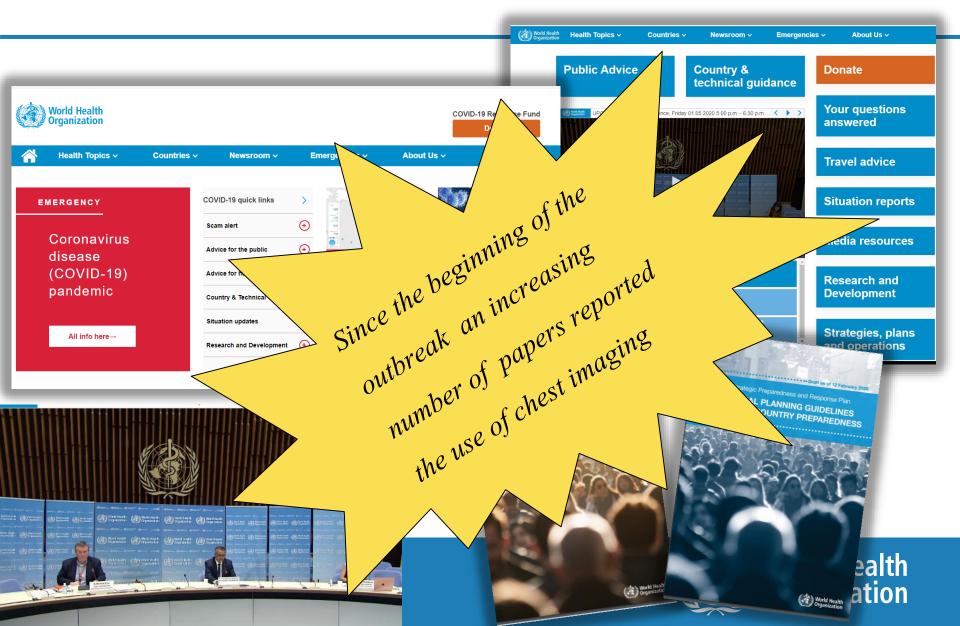
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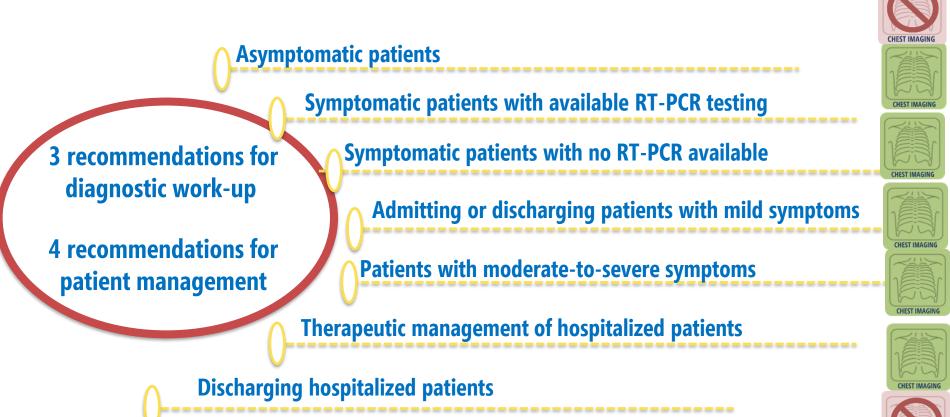


The **safety guide SSG-46** support BSS implementation and provides a basis for E&T of radiographers and other health professionals

COVID-19, WHO response and chest imaging



Use of Chest Imaging in COVID-19: scenarios considered

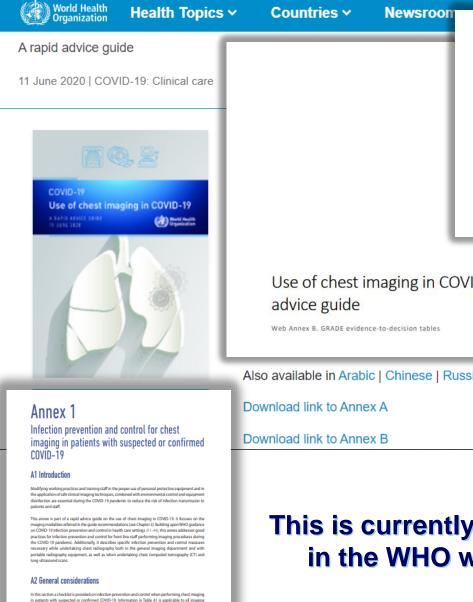


NEW: updated literature reviews, qualitative study on contextual factors and consider use of chest imaging after hospital discharge



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Staff undertaking imaging procedures are on the front line of the health care service and therefore must follow existing local guidance/protocols¹ In general, the chest imaging procedures recommended in this guide require following droplet and contact precautions?. Airborne precautions are served for aerosol-generating procedures (e.g. bronchoscopy, tracheotomy cardiopulmonary resuscitation, non-invasive ventilation, tracheal intubation, nual ventilation before intubation, nebulization, open suction) (45). Below is a list of additional infection prevention and control considerations and best actices (A1, A6, A7).

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Use of chest imaging in COVID-19: a rapid advice guide

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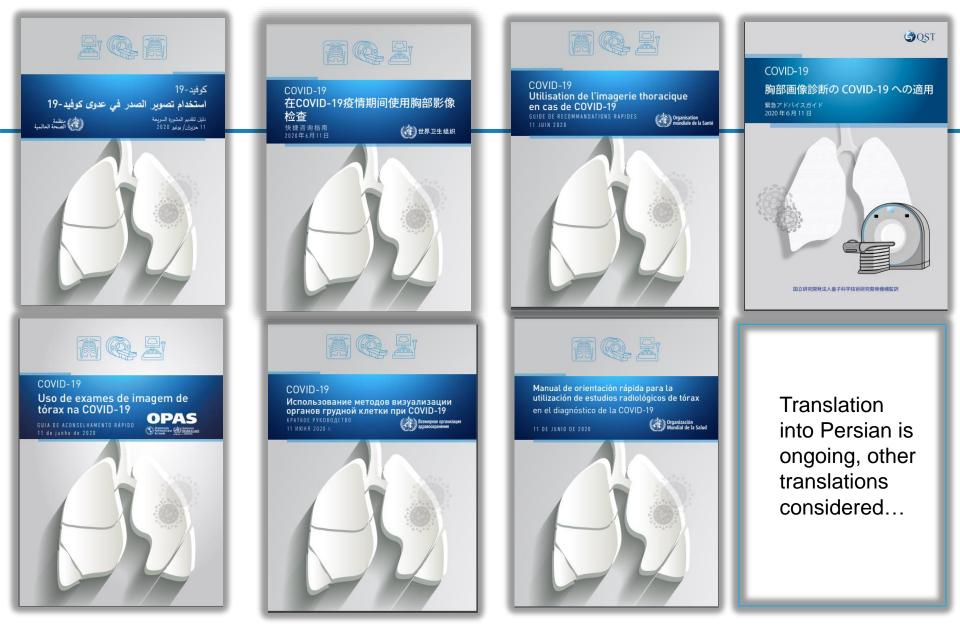
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Working Group on Lung Ultrasound in COVID-19 (LUS WG)

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Use of Chest Imaging in the Diagnosis and Management of COVID-19: A WHO Rapid Advice Guide

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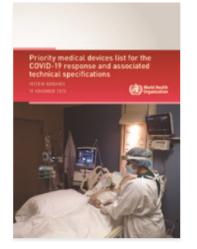
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Priority medical devices list for the COVID-19 response and associated technical specifications

20 November 2020 | COVID-19: Essential resource planning



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Overview

This document describes the medical devices required for the clinical mana. COVID-19, selected and prioritized according to the latest available evidenc guidelines. This includes: oxygen therapy, pulse oximeters, patient monitors infusion and suction pumps, X-ray, ultrasound and CT scanners as well as protective equipment. In order to facilitate access to quality assured priority devices, the document also includes technical and performance characteris standards, accessories and consumables. It is intended for policy-makers a officers in Ministries of Health, procurement and regulatory agencies, intergi international agencies as well as the medical device industry.

This document is an update to the List of priority medical devices for COV/Final management and Technical specifications for invasive and non-invasive ventilators for COVID-19.

8. Technical specifications for imaging equipment

In June 2020, WHO published a rapid advice guide on the use of medical imaging in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.¹ The guide makes recommendations for the use of chest imaging in the acute care of adult patients with suspected, probable or confirmed COVID-19, based on available evidence. The imaging modalities considered are ultrasound, radiography and computed tomography (CT), for use within the care pathway.

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This document complements the Technical specifications of personal protective equipment for COVID-19.

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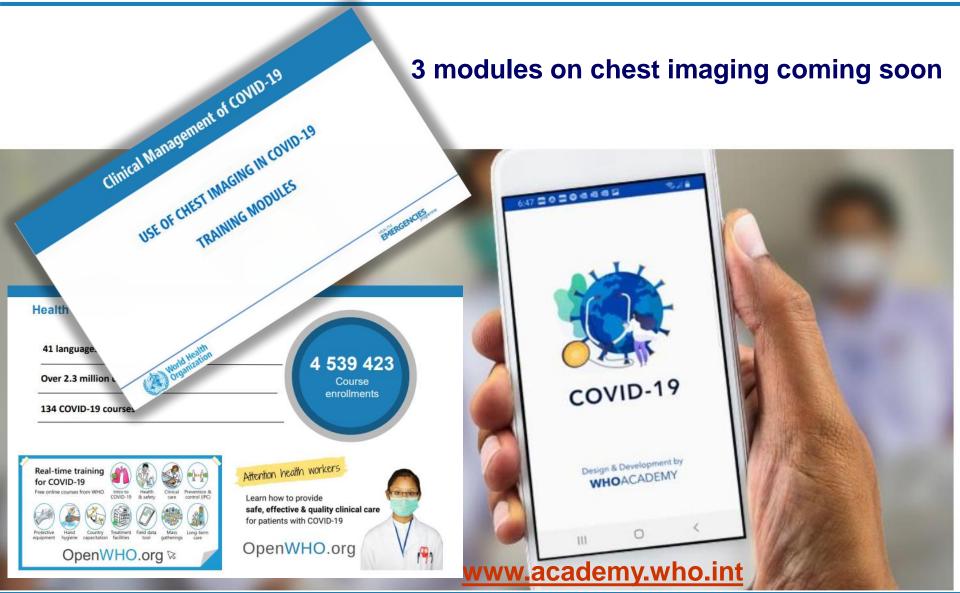
Education and training in COVID-19 times

- Health workers face the challenge of keeping up with constantly evolving information. COVID-19 science is now doubling every 20 days and new guidance is being published daily by WHO and other organizations and professional societies.
- Need for solutions to deliver a wide range of knowledge resources at the point of care:
 - user-friendly apps easily accessed in almost any area with mobile phone service and tablets;
 - up-to-the-minute guidance, tools, training, and virtual workshops to support health workers in caring for patients and in protecting themselves as they do their critical work.



WHO Academy learning app

WHO free app available in seven languages – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish- in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store



Infection prevention and control (IPC) for chest imaging in COVID-19

- **Why?** To reduce risk of infection transmission to patients and staff.
- **How?** By modifying working practices and training staff.

What?

- Availability of appropriate **personal protective equipment** (**PPE**).
- **Training** on proper use of PPE (including donning/doffing and hygiene before and after all patient contact).
- Adapted standard operating procedures (SOP) and imaging techniques.
- Cleaning and disinfection (working environment and equipment/devices).



Personal protective equipment (PPE) for chest imaging in COVID-19

- In general, health care workers performing chest imaging should be protected by droplet and contact precautions.
 - medical masks, long-sleeved gowns, gloves, eye/facial protection (personal eyeglasses do not provide adequate eye protection).
- If aerosol-generating procedures are also performed, airborne precautions are required.
 - respirator (N95 or FFP2 or FFP3 standard, or equivalent)





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Contact / non-contact technique (working in pairs)

- **Chest radiography**: one radiographer positions the patient, the detector, and the anatomic marker and the other radiographer positions the X-ray tube and makes the image acquisition/exposure.
- **Chest CT:** the positioning radiographer works in the CT scanning room and the operating radiographer stays in the "clean" console control area.



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Key messages for radiographers performing chest imaging

Radiation protection considerations:

- Radiation-induced cancer risk is higher at younger ages;
- Radiation protection principles (justification and optimization) and radiation safety standards should be applied to protect patients and health workers with considerations for <u>children and pregnancy</u>.

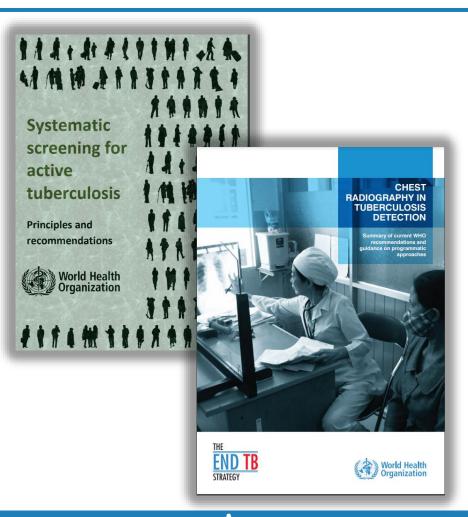
❑ Infection prevention and control (IPC):

Remember 4 IPC key areas where working procedures for chest imaging should be focused: (i) <u>availability of appropriate PPE</u>, (ii) <u>training</u> on their proper use, (ii) <u>adaptation of standard operating procedures and imaging</u> <u>techniques</u> and (iV) implementation of <u>cleaning and disinfection protocols</u>; if possible work in pairs using contact/non-contact technique.



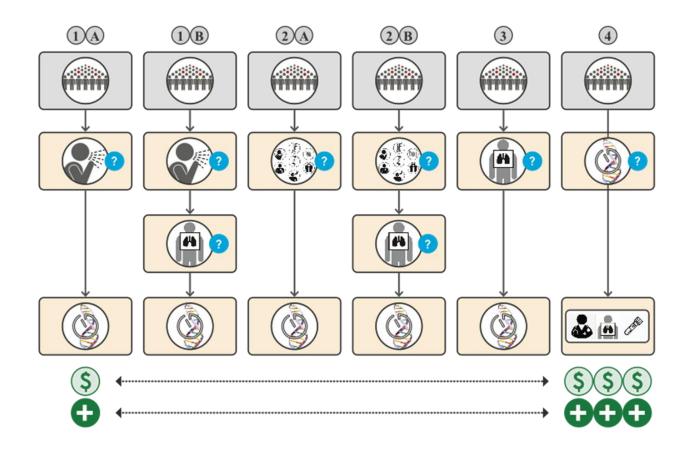
Update of WHO guidance on TB screening

- Groups: general population, contacts (household, close contacts) and prisoners;
- Screening tools to be used for each population:
 - Symptom screening
 - Molecular rapid diagnostic tests
 - Chest radiography and computer-aided detection (CAD) software





Implementation guidance: Algorithms for screening





Recommendations for TB screening: Guideline update timeline

Guideline Development Group virtual meetings Recommendations consolidated, reviewed Draft under review by External Review Group Rapid communication release on major updates

June – October 2020

October – November 2020

November – December 2020

December 2020

Planned release (TBC) World TB Day, March 24 2021

In preparation for that:
1) Guidance on technical specifications for procurement of equipment including mobile and portable radiography units and CAD software
2) Need for information, E&T (chest radiography practice and use of CAD)
3) Radiation protection and safety (consider all scenarios)





On-line courses on radiation risk communication planned for 2021

WHO Scholar Programme

| WHO Scholar Level 1 pilot course on communicating | | | | | | | | | |
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Build capacity based on existing guidance and support implementation of Action 9 of the Bonn Call for Action



Many thanks !!!

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