

## **Medical Dosimetry Prep Course Outline**

### Course fee:

- \$1,200
- A non-refundable fee of \$500 is required
- Remaining balance due two weeks before the class starts
  - Use PayPal or send check to:  
Advanced Radiation Physics Inc.  
2888 NW 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Boca Raton, FL 33434
- Send registration form email to [registration@thearpi.com](mailto:registration@thearpi.com)

### Course fee will include:

- Two days course review : 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
- Binder, CD, or electronic file with the course material
- Continental breakfast, and lunch, on both days

### Course location:

- Florida Atlantic University  
College of Science  
Building 43 (behind the Fitness building)  
Department of Physics  
First Floor Room 101  
777 Glades Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33431

### Day 1

1. General Physics
  - a. Radioactivity
  - b. Production of x-rays
  - c. Radiation units
2. Radiation in matter
  - a. Absorption
  - b. Dose and depth dose
  - c. Output factors
3. Radiation measurements
  - a. Absorbed dose and kerma

- b. Direct and relative measurements
- d. Measurement instruments
- 5. Dose calculation methods
  - a. Basic beam calculation
  - b. Irregular fields
  - c. Tissue inhomogeneities
  - d. Electrons
- 7. Treatment planning
  - a. Treatment planning systems
    - i. Algorithms
    - ii. Inhomogeneity corrections
    - iii. Beam modeling
  - b. Site specific techniques
  - c. Radiobiological planning
  - d. Photons
    - i. SSD/SAD planning/treating
    - ii. Isodose curves
    - iii. Total body irradiation
    - iv. SRS, SRT, SBRT
  - e. Electrons
    - i. Energies and depth doses
    - ii. Isodose curves
    - iii. Prescription techniques
    - iv. Field matching
    - v. Inhomogeneities and dose absorption

## Day 2

- 9. Imaging
  - a. Acquisition of patient data
  - b. CT simulators and simulators
  - c. OBI, tumor localization
- 10. Brachytherapy
  - a. Isotopes
  - b. HDR and LDR procedures
  - c. Dose calculations
  - d. Sources localization
- 11. Radiobiological effects
- 12. Radiation safety

- a. Beams quality
  - b. DOH regulations
  - c. Radiation monitoring
13. Quality assurance
- a. Equipment verifications
  - b. Treatment planning system QA
14. **Mock dosimetry test**

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