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in Radiotherapy

# Infrastructure checklists

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# Infrastructure

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# Department information

Country	
Name of the hospital	
Contact information of the department	
	Head of the department
	Head physicist (MPE)
	Head RTT
	Quality manager
	Other
Dates of the audit	
BQUATRO team	RO
	MPE
	RTT
	QM
Associated satellite sites (N/A if none):	
To be completed if the department has a satellite site	

**SATELITE?**



Items to be reviewed by the auditor	Department's self-assessment		Auditors' assessment	
	Evaluation	Comments	Evaluation	Comments
Are simulation procedures carried out in the satellite site?				
Is/are the satellite site(s) connected to the main department within the same network environment and using a common data server?				
Is there a separate TPS in the satellite site? ( <i>is it interconnected with the main site? Same TPS and version from the main site?</i> )				
Is there a separate record and verify system? ( <i>is it interconnected with the main site? Same system and version from the main site?</i> )				
Does the personnel working in the satellite site(s) have the same working conditions as those working in the primary site?				
Is there systematic rotation of staff for ROs?				
Is there systematic rotation of staff for the MPEs?				
Is there systematic rotation of staff for the MPAs?				
Is there systematic rotation of staff for the RTTs?				
Are common staff meetings organized on a daily basis (new patients, TP review)?				
Are the used treatment techniques harmonized between the different departments?				
Are the clinical procedures identical between the satellite department(s) and the main department?				
Is there a single quality management system covering all sites?				





# 3.1 Patient demographic

*Data to be provided based on one year*

Number of new cancer cases (if available)	
Number of patients undergoing RT	
Number of new courses of treatment in RT	
Number of stereotactic treatments	
Types of cancer (primary sites and number)	
Primary site	Number
palliative treatment:	
Number of treatments with curative intent	
Number of treatment with palliative intent	
Total number of treatments	
Total % of curative treatment courses	#DIV/0!
Total % of palliative treatments courses	#DIV/0!





# 3.1 Patient demographic TERMINOLOGY

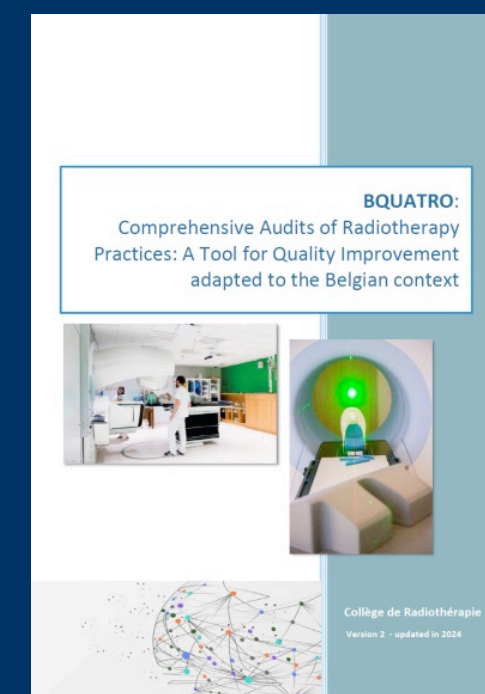
## Workload related terminology

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# 3.2.1 Personnel

Personnel										
Radiation Oncologists										
Number of radiation oncologists										
Number of radiation oncologists, adjusted for FTE										
Minimum number of ROs during treatment hours										
Comments										
Is there a programme for teaching junior medical staff (residents) and students?										
How many residents?										
How many medical students?										
Comments										
Medical Physics (MPE +MPA)										
Number of medical physicists (MPE) in radiotherapy										
Number of Medical Physicist (MPE), adjusted for FTE										
Number of dosimetrist (MPA) in radiotherapy										
Number of dosimetrist (MPA), adjusted for FTE										
Proportion of MPA/MPE (%)				#DIV/0!						
Number of interns/students										
Minimum number of MPEs during treatment hours										
Comments				Free text field						
Radiation therapists (RTT)										
Number of radiation therapists (RTT):										
Number of radiation therapists, adjusted for FTE										
Minimum number of RTTs per each major item of equipment										
Comments				Free text field						





Quality manager (QM)	
Number of QMs	
Number of QMs, adjusted for FTE	
Please comment	Free text field
Other specialities	
Presence of other staff such as nurses, dieticians, social workers, ...within the radiotherapy department?	
Please comment	
Presence of ICT/technicians/engineers...?	
Please comment	Free text field
Is teaching part of routine activity?	
Comments	Free text field



Overall Score (auditors' assessment)	
Comments	
Are staff allocated to clinical activities? (number of staff + FTE)	Overall Score
Comments	Compliant
General comments	Partially compliant
Commendations/Recommendations	Non-compliant





# 3.2.2 Departmental operations

## 3.2.3 Premises

Departmental operation							
Working hours (within the department) of the radiation oncologists:		From		Until:			
medical physicists:		From		Until:			
RTTs:		From		Until:			
Treatment hours of the department:		From		Until:			
Days per week of operation:							
Are emergency radiation services provided after hours?							
General comments on department operation							
Premises							
Location of the radiotherapy department relative to the main hospital:							
		<i>Please specify if other</i>					
<i>Please comment on the different elements below</i>							
Elements		Observations					
Treatment rooms		Free text field					
Control rooms		Free text field					
Changing rooms/toilets		Free text field					
Consultation rooms		Free text field					
Waiting room		Free text field					
Dosimetry and physics room		Free text field					
Storage facilities		Free text field					
Administrative area		Free text field					







Other (ex "additional room" for items such as preparing patient immobilisation device, training for DIBH, or small technical tasks such as repairs, 3D-printing, individualised electron inserts)		Free text field									
Comments on the layout of the department (if any)		Free text field									
Is there an associated ward?											
Number of beds:	male										
	female										
	paediatric										
	total	0									
Department's proximity to other facilities (including teaching facilities)		Free text field									
Is there ease of access to scientific resources(library, medical journals, publications, ...)?											
General comments on premises		Free text field									

<b>Overall Score (auditors' assessment)</b>																			
<b>Are the department's premises adequate in the context of the department's objectives and operations?</b>		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Overall Score</td> <td>Compliant</td> <td>Partially compliant</td> <td>Non-compliant</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>										Overall Score	Compliant	Partially compliant	Non-compliant				
Overall Score	Compliant	Partially compliant	Non-compliant																
<b>Commendations/Recommendations</b>		Free text field																	





# 3.2.4 Equipment

Radiation therapy equipment			
EBRT equipment			
Equipment	Type	Commissioning date	Detail and comment on function and location
BT equipment			
Equipment	Type	Commissioning date	Detail and comment on function and location
Imaging equipment			
Equipment	Type	Commissioning date	Detail and comment on function and location





Treatment planning equipment			
Equipment	Type	Commissioning date	Detail and comment on function and location
Other equipment/facilities			
Equipment	Observations (Detail and comment on function and location)		
Dosimetry equipment			
Radiotherapy management system (OIS/R&V system)			
Computerized networked imaging			
Patient alignment equipment (IGRT equipment, lasers, SGRT systems...)			

Equipment	Overall Score (auditors' assessment)			
Immobilisation equipment				
Does the institution have an equipment replacement program?	Is the department's equipment adequate in the context of the department's objectives and operations?		Overall Score	Compliant
Does the department have a calendar of preventative maintenance?			Partially compliant	Non-compliant
Comments	Commendations/Recommendations			





# Workload

Name of equipment
Sessions (=fractions) per year/machine
Number of patients per machine annually:
Average treatment time, min
Sessions per patient
Number of shifts per working day:
Number of RTTs in shift I
Number of RTTs in shift II
Number of RTTs in shift II
Minimum number of RTTs per shift on machine:
Average number of RTTs per shift on machine:
Comment on complexity of treatments (stereotactic treatment, gating, ...)



External radiotherapy									
Machine 6	Machine 7	Machine 8	Machine 9	Machine 10	Machine 11	Machine 12	Machine 13	Machine 14	
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No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data

Type of the unit
Make & model
Number of patients treated annually
Number of applications given annually
Maximum number of applications in any one day:
1st most frequent application
2nd most frequent application
3rd most frequent application
Number of shifts
Number of RTTs per shift
Total patients



Brachytherapy	
Machine 6	Machine 7
LR	LDR

Number of radiation therapy cases (courses) treated per annum (data encoded in "Patient demographics")	
Number of sessions (=fractions) treated per year	
Number of External beam radiotherapy machines in the department	
Name of equipment	
Sessions (=fractions) per year/machine	
Number of patients per machine annually:	
Average treatment time, min	
Sessions per patient	
Number of shifts per working day:	
Number of RTTs in shift I	
Number of RTTs in shift II	
Number of RTTs in shift II	
Minimum number of RTTs per shift on machine:	No Data
Average number of RTTs per shift on machine:	No Data
Comment on complexity of treatments (stereotactic treatment, gating, ...)	
EBRT summary	
Sessions per year	0
Number of patients on all machines per year	
Average sessions per patient	
Average treatment time, min	
Average number of RTTs per shift	
Number of brachytherapy machines in the department	
Type of the unit	
Make & model	
Number of patients treated annually	
Number of applications given annually	
Maximum number of applications in any one day:	
1st most frequent application	
2nd most frequent application	
3rd most frequent application	
Number of shifts	
Number of RTTs per shift	
Total patients	
Brachytherapy summary	
Applications per year	0
Number of patients on all machines per year	0
Average applications per patient	#DIV/0!



Annual total of CT and MR only scans performed for planning purposes:  
Annual total of simulations performed:  
Annual number of approved treatment plans generated by computer treatment planning:

**Imaging and planning**

Annual total of CT and MR only scans performed for planning purposes:										
Annual total of simulations performed:										
Annual number of approved treatment plans generated by computer treatment planning:										

	Number of new RT patients per radiation oncologist (annually)									
	Number of courses of treatment per radiation oncologist (annually)									
Number of new RT patients per radiation oncologist (annually)	Number of courses of treatment per physicist (MPE) annually									
Number of courses of treatment per radiation oncologist (annually)	Number of courses of treatment per physicist (MPE) and dosimetrist (MPA) annually									
Number of courses of treatment per physicist (MPE) annually	Number of treatment plans per MPE									
Number of courses of treatment per physicist (MPE) and dosimetrist (MPA) annually	Number of treatment plans per MPE and MPA									
Number of treatment plans per MPE	Number of courses of treatment per RTT annually									
Number of treatment plans per MPE and MPA	Number of treatment sessions/fractions per RTT (annually) :									
Number of courses of treatment per RTT annually										
Number of treatment sessions/fractions per RTT (annually) :										



Overall Score (auditors' assessment)										
Is the department's workload in accordance with current recommendations?	Overall Score	Compliant	Partially compliant	Non-compliant						
Commendations/Recommendations										





# Infrastructure

- Infrastructure is relatively easy to assess
- Infrastructure may need interpretation
- Pre-course questionnaire should be filled in by all professions
- The auditor should have a good idea about the infrastructure **prior to the site visit**
- Therefore, the pre-audit questionnaire aims to elicit some of this information





