

# Use of Certification Programs in the Radiological Protection of the Patient

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## Abstract

One of the main recommendations of the Congress of Malaga on Radiological Protection of the Patient is “the qualification and training of the staff ”.

This goal cannot be reached in a country, in complete and systematic form, without the help of existing national programs who allow designing a program of continuous development of the professional capacities.

This program must be able to adapt in permanent form to the needs of the Program of Radiological Protection of the Patient that change and evolve in constant form.

In case of the Argentina it was adapted to these needs the “National Program of Certification and Re-certification of medical professionals in Radiology and Radio-Diagnosis ”.

On the base of the existing program, general requirements were established for the Radiological Protection of the Patient and in addition, special requirements for four specialties:

- General and pediatrics Radiology ·
- Computed Tomography ·
- interventional Radiology
- Radiotherapy

The National Program of Certification was established in 1997 with a “Top Permanent Council” formed by the National Minister of Health advised by a scientific council. It was also creates the “National Council of Certification and professional Re-certification” integrated by the Minister of Education, the National Academy of Medicine, the Faculties of Medicine of the whole country, the medical Federations, the trade-union Associations and the Argentine Medical Association.

The process of certification can be delegated to academic or university entities, medical colleges and medical chambers that have been recognized path and ethical conduct.

The certification is voluntary but it becomes obligatory to be recognized as an specialist.

The certification has duration of 5 years and is renewable on the basis of a system of credits that considers different elements of the developed activities and the written theoretical and practical evaluations. It is a transparent process where the ethical conduct is one of the elements that are evaluated.

Anyway, the achievement of the targets of training in Radiological Protection of the Patient will be achieved only in a term bigger than 5 years reason for which there are in use several tools of diffusion of the topic so that the medical community is as soon as possible due informed.

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