



# **EuroSafe Imaging Call for Action**

### **Background**

EuroSafe Imaging is the European Society of Radiology's flagship initiative to promote quality and safety in medical imaging by strengthening medical radiation protection across Europe following a holistic, inclusive approach.

EuroSafe Imaging is committed to supporting the Bonn Call for Action published by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and co-sponsored by the World Health Organisation (WHO) by issuing the **EuroSafe Imaging Call for Action**.



### **Action 1**

Develop a Clinical Decision Support system for imaging referral guidelines in

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 1:

Enhance the implementation of the principle of justification



# **Action 2**

Develop and promote a clinical audit tool for imaging to increase the quality of patient care and improve justification

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 1:

Enhance the implementation of the principle of justification

# **Action 3**

Implement measures to maintain radiation doses within diagnostic reference

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 2: Enhance the implementation of the principle of optimisation of protection and safety



# **Action 4**

Promote the use of up-to-date equipment and provide guidance on how to further reduce doses while maintaining image quality

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 2:

Enhance the implementation of the principle of optimisation of protection and safety



# **Action 5**

Establish a dialogue with industry regarding improvement of radiological equipment, the use of up-to-date equipment and the harmonisation of exposure indicators

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 3:

Strengthen manufacturers' role in contributing to the overall safety regime



Organise radiation protection training courses and develop e-learning material to promote a safety culture and raise awareness of radiation protection

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 4:

Strengthen radiation protection education and training of health professionals



# The following organisations represented on the EuroSafe Imaging Steering Committee endorse the EuroSafe Imaging Call for Action:

- European Society of Radiology
- European Federation of Radiographer Societies
- European Federation of Organisations in Medical Physics
- Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe
- European Society of Paediatric Radiology
- Patient Advisory Group on Medical Imaging
- European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare Industry



### **Action 7**

Collaborate with research platforms and other medical professions to develop a strategic research agenda for medical radiation protection

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 5:

Shape and promote a strategic research agenda for radiation protection in medicine

# **Action 8**

Develop data collection project "Is your imaging EuroSafe?" and educational project on guidelines "Are you imaging appropriately?"

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 6: Increase availability of improved global information on medical exposures and occupational exposures in medicine



# **Action 9**

Develop criteria for imaging procedures that use ionising radiation in specific exams and anatomical regions

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 7:

Improve prevention of medical radiation incidents and accidents and Action 8: Strengthen radiation safety culture in health care



# **Action 10**

Improve communication with health professionals through EuroSafe Imaging Steering Committee, website, newsletters, conferences, training material and social media

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 8: Strengthen radiation safety culture in health care



# **Action 11**

Improve information for and communication with patients regarding radiological procedures and related risks in order to ensure empowerment of patients

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 9:

Foster an improved radiation benefit-risk-dialogue



Engage with other stakeholders and collaboration with related initiatives and regulatory authorities in Europe and beyond to contribute to a global safety culture in medical imaging

Implementing Bonn Call for Action 10:

Strengthen the implementation of safety requirements globally

# **HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

To support EuroSafe Imaging and the Call for Action, join us and become a Friend of EuroSafe **Imaging!** Individuals and organisations are encouraged to sign up at www.eurosafeimaging.org.





