Our Contribution to the EuroSafe Imaging Call of Action
Sociedad Española de Radiología Médica

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Clinical audit
SERAM has developed clinical audit tools such as the Spanish protocol for quality control in diagnostic radiology. Also, SERAM has published several guidelines for medical imaging, i.e. the standards in vascular and interventional radiology aiming to create a new reference for the different procedures and techniques in interventional radiology. We have also updated the number of the informed consent forms adding some new techniques and procedures, as a way to guarantee standard information for our patients. This update included guidelines to add information regarding the risks derived from the use of ionising radiation. These later guidelines were developed jointly with the Spanish society of Radiation Protection.

Our paediatric radiology section has also contributed with several technical recommendations regarding the use of protection shields in radiological explorations in paediatric population.

Collaboration with research
SERAM has supported and even funded projects to rationalise the use of radiation in medical imaging.

Up-to-date equipment
The appropriate use and purchasing of up-to-date equipment has been promoted by publishing statements like ‘Purchasing of products and services in radiology’ or ‘Technological profile in Spanish hospitals’ in collaboration with the main association of healthcare companies FENIM.

Website & newsletters
Our websites, www.seram.es and inforadiologia.org are up and running, improving information for healthcare professionals and communication with patients. Members receive updates monthly. We are also present on social media (Twitter & Facebook) for professional communication and education.

Inforadiología, our patient information website, is in compliance with the code of conduct HON code for online health information and is the main and most reliable source of information on radiology in the Spanish language.

Courses
SERAM organises yearly radiation protection training courses in collaboration with the SEPR (Spanish Radiation Protection Society) and has developed e-learning material available on its website. Also, our National Congress has programmed several sessions focused on topics related to radioprotection and management in radiology.

Cooperation
SERAM has worked with all the stakeholders in Spanish radiology for a global quality and safety culture in imaging. With this aim we have partnered with healthcare companies, other scientific societies (like SEPR) and patient associations. On the International Day of Radiology we hold a main event in which the associations of patients have an important role in it.