

Status of clinical audit in the EU

27 + 4

Overview of good practices

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Main Survey Q. 2.5

2.5 We would be grateful if details could be provided on the following (please include any relevant links):

- Any clinical audit/guidance directives recently published by your national society/other professional bodies/societies, or by relevant national auditing, accreditation/certification, or governmental agencies.
- Any national clinical audits recently presented or published, with emphasis on re-audit and any changes implemented as a result of audit findings.
- Please also include any further comments you would like to add.

Good practice

- Main survey responses obtained from all 27 EU members + Iceland, Norway, Switzerland & UK

Belgium

- First (WP2) workshop
 - B-QUAADRIL handbook for radiology (Nils Reynders-Frederix)
 - Since Sept. 2019, clinical audits mandatory for all depts. using X-rays
 - Self assessment
 - Internal clinical audit (auditors from other depts. within hospital)
 - External clinical audit (auditors from other institutions)
 - Nuclear medicine (M. Vandercapelle)
 - B-QUANUM manual
 - Self-assessment & internal audit going well
 - External audits not yet started
 - Radiotherapy (A. Vaandering)
 - B-QUATRO
 - All 25 depts, now on rolling audit cycle, audits by trained pool of auditors
 - BELMIP = multidisciplinary & multi-professional collaboration.

Belgium

> [Radiother Oncol.](#) 2020 Mar;144:218-223. doi: 10.1016/j.radonc.2020.01.012. Epub 2020 Feb 7.

Feasibility and impact of national peer reviewed clinical audits in radiotherapy departments

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Croatia

Insight into imaging of children in Croatia - first results

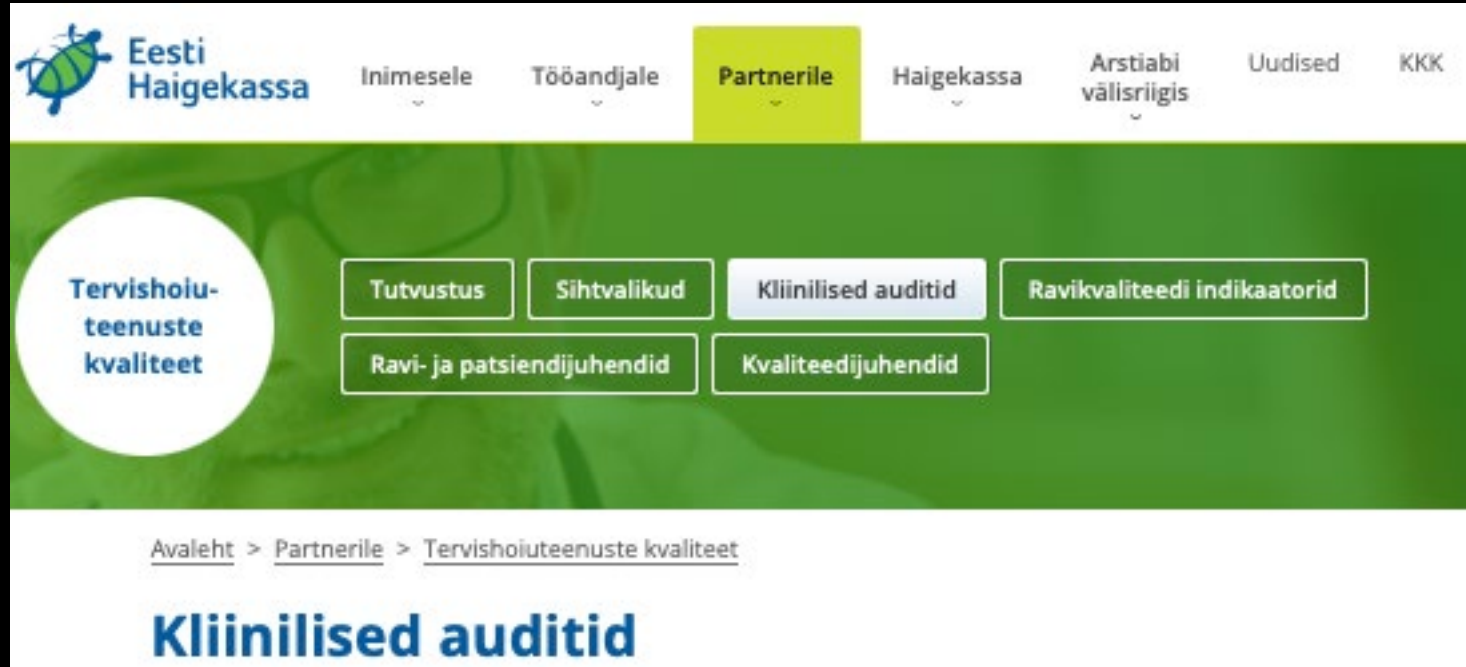
Congress: EuroSafe Imaging 2020

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- Imaging of children often in adult facilities
- Greater attention needed to
 - Child-friendly environment
 - Justification
 - Appropriate protocols
 - Paediatric DRLs

<https://epos.myesr.org/poster/esr/eurosafeimaging2020/ESI-07747>

Estonia



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Eesti Haigekassa

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[Avaleht](#) > [Partnerile](#) > [Tervishoiuteenuste kvaliteet](#)

Kliinilised auditid

Finland


Review of legislative basis and history of clinical audit in radiotherapy, diagnostic radiology & nuclear medicine units

- All radiological practices externally audited at least once every 5 years
 - Different priorities each cycle
 - Each dept. now audited several times
- Stakeholders established organization in 2001 to develop & provide necessary audit services
- Financial support from Ministry of Social Affairs & Health and Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities
- National Steering Committee
- Audits 0.5 - 4 days (typically 1-2)
- Total cost for single audit day (2 auditors) approx. €2500
- Criteria derived from legislative requirements & existing recommendations for good clinical practice
- Average 4 - 7 recommendations to improve practice issued per healthcare unit

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Implementing External Clinical Audits in Radiological Practices: The Experience in Finland

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Kliinisen auditoinnin asiantuntijaryhmä
Finnish advisory committee for clinical audit

Germany

Review of legislative changes arising from implementation of EU-BSS into German law
Review of changes in radiation protection requirements and dose limits

 Bundesministerium
für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit
und Verbraucherschutz

Ministerium Themen Service Presse

➤ Ministerium ➤ Gesetze und Verordnungen ➤ QS durch ärztliche und zahnärztliche Stellen

National Sonstige Vorschriften
Richtlinie zur Röntgenverordnung und zur Strahlenschutzverordnung Richtlinie
Qualitätssicherung durch ärztliche und zahnärztliche Stellen

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DOI: 10.1055/a-1137-0096



<http://dx.doi.org/10.1055/a-1137-0096>
Technique and Medical Physics

The new radiation protection framework since 2019 – Implementation in Germany and comparison of some aspects in seven European countries

 Article in several languages: English | [deutsch](#)

Reinhard Loose, Michael Wucherer, Michael Walz, Ralf Adamus

Ireland

- 2011 – Requirements for Clinical Audit
- 2013 (revised 2017) – Practical guide to Clinical Audit

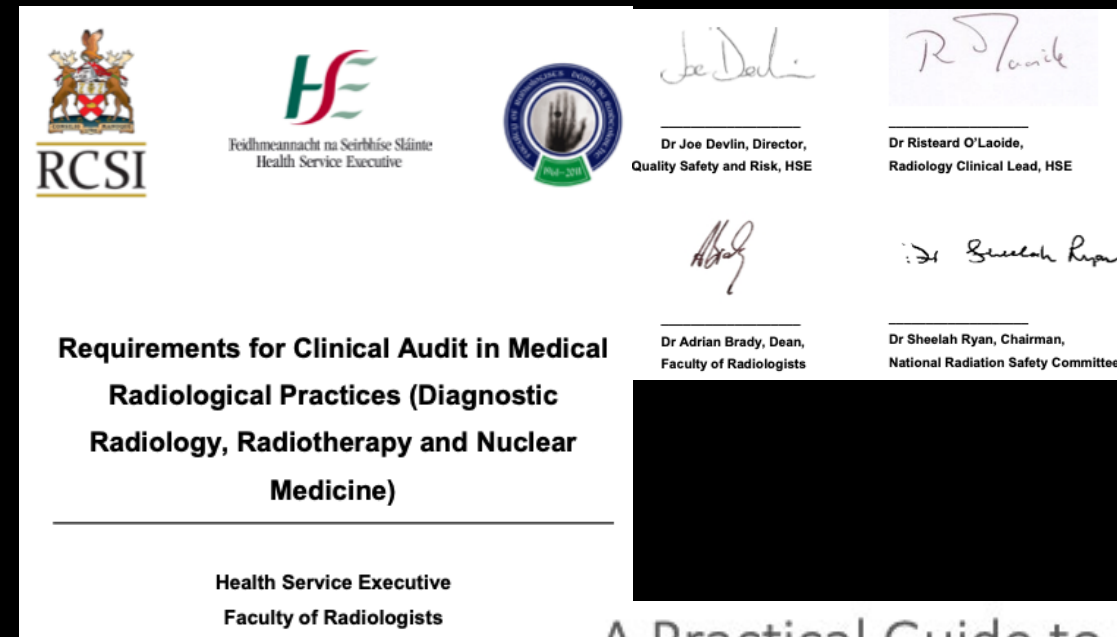


“The HSE should assign appropriate resources to health service provider organisations to enable clinical audit, including a local clinical audit function, protected time for clinical audit, data analysis support, clinical audit templates, software, and training. “

<https://www.radiology.ie/images/uploads/2012/01/Requirements-for-Clinical-Audit-in-Radiology-Jan-2011.pdf>

<https://www.phecit.ie/Images/PHECC/Clinical%20Practice%20Guidelines/CPG%20Approved%20Orgs/STN019%20Practical%20Guide%20to%20Clinical%20Audit.pdf>

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/national-review-of-clinical-audit-report-2019.pdf>



A Practical Guide to Clinical Audit



Luxembourg

- First (WP2) workshop - A. Karoussou-Schreiner
 - Medial Imaging Technical Group – all stakeholders
 - Implementation of new legislation on radiation protection
 - Internal audits once/year
 - External audit information provided to Ministry of Health

Luxembourg

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Insights into Imaging

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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National audit on the appropriateness of CT and MRI examinations in Luxembourg



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- All radiology depts. in Luxembourg
- Key findings
 - 39% of CT requests and 21% of MRI requests inappropriate
 - GP requests less appropriate than those from specialists
 - Spinal CT requests – lowest level of appropriateness
 - CT request appropriateness higher for children than adults
 - CT appropriateness higher if dept. also had MRI unit

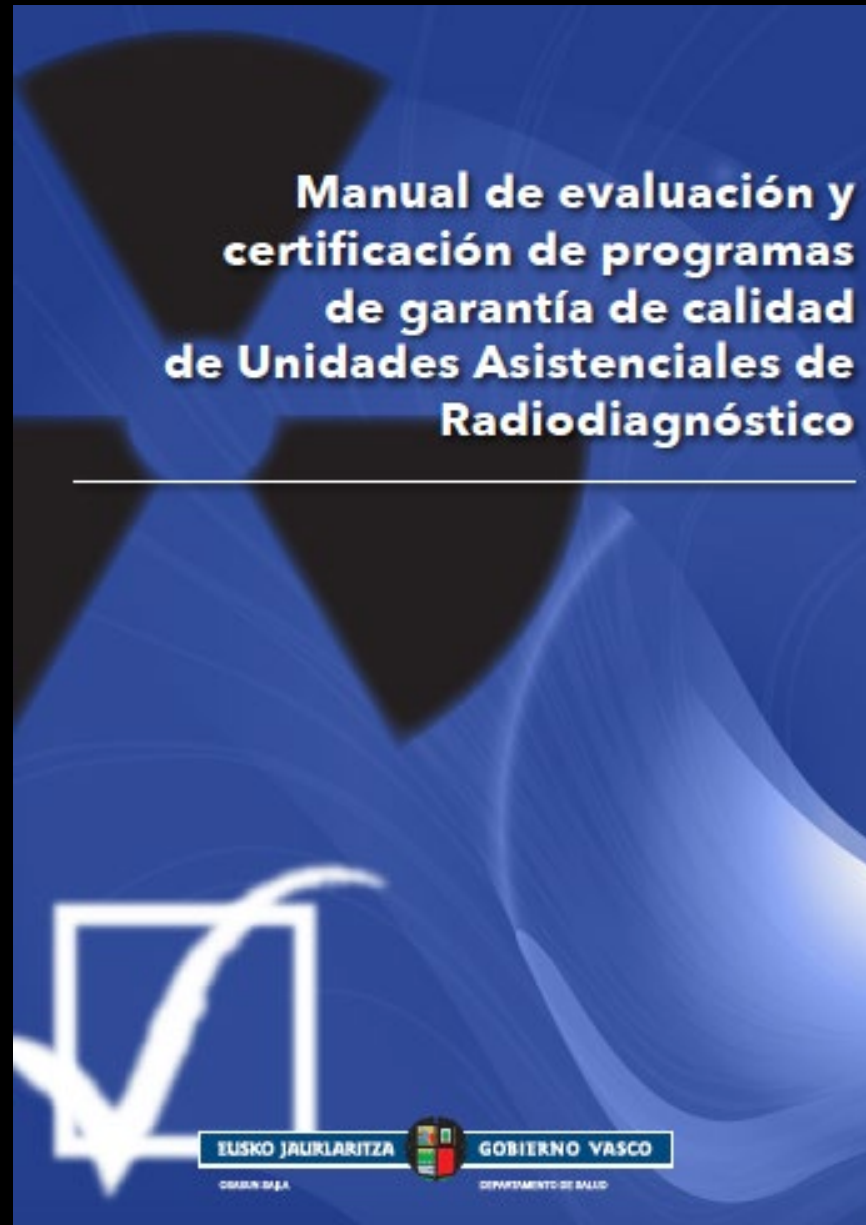
Norway

- First (WP2) workshop - I. B. Heikkilä
 - National Radiotherapy QA programme since 2000, incl. clinical audits
 - Funded by national budget
 - Dedicated time made available
 - External peer-review site-visit audits (9 sites, local and national reports)

Slovakia

- First (WP2) workshop - M Horvathova and D Nikodemova
 - 2018 audit of screening mammography units – defined standards and identified centres meeting them , to qualify for mammography screening network
 - Based on this, Ministry of Health has established permanent working group to take responsibility for national clinical audit

Spain



Switzerland

- First (WP2) workshop – Carine Galli Marxer
 - Process began 2008
 - Third-party audit every 5 years
 - Self evaluation once per year
 - Mandatory audits scheduled to begin 2020/01, postponed by 1 year due to COVID



The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Clinical audits' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Clinical audits, Facilities, Auditors, Background, Organisation, FAQ, and Documents. Below the navigation bar is a large heading: 'Clinical audits in radiation protection – ensuring high-quality care'. Underneath this heading is a sub-heading: 'A collaboration with stakeholders'. A paragraph follows: 'The clinical audit project is a collaboration between the FOPH and the main stakeholders below:'. Below this paragraph are eight logos of the participating organizations, arranged in two rows of four. The logos include: the Swiss Confederation (Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft, Confédération suisse, Confederazione Svizzera, Confederaziun svizra); the Swiss Society for Radiation Protection (SGSMP, SSRPM, SSRFM); the Swiss Society for Radiation Oncology (SGRO, SSMN); the Swiss Society for Radiation Oncology (SRO); the Swiss Society for Radiation Oncology (SGRM, SSR); the Swiss Society for Radiation Oncology (SGNM, SSMN); the Swiss Society for Radiation Oncology (SRO); and the Swiss Society for Radiation Oncology (SGRM, SSR).

www.clinicalaudits.ch

UK

- First (WP2) workshop - R. Greenhalgh & D. Keenan
 - Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) = independent national organization that manages a national clinical audit programme
 - Manages > 30 national audits for NHS England
 - Local hospitals receive benchmarked reports of compliance and performance
 - National Quality Improvement and Clinical Audit Network (NQICAN)
 - 15 regional clinical audit networks in England
 - Practical guidance & assistance in implementing national audits
 - RCR Clinical Radiology Audit & Quality Improvement Committee (CRAQIC) – dedicated to development and support of national clinical audit of radiological practices & procedures
 - Provides open-access audit templates & examples – Auditlive
 - Supports local audit through local audit leads & online resources
 - Supports national audits with other Colleges & Societies
 - Aim for up to 4 national audits/year
 - Osteoporotic fragility fractures on CT (collaboration with Royal Osteoporosis Society) – new guidelines published, for re-audit
 - Imaging provision in severely injured patients
 - Radiology practice in cancer multidisciplinary teams (MDTs)
 - Annual Audit Forum – local & national audits presented
 - Network of >200 Clinical Audit leads in all UK departments

UK

- Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) UK (2020) Best Practice in Clinical Audit
- National Institute for Clinical Excellence, NICE, UK.2021. Audit and Service Improvement, Into Practice.
- The Royal College of Radiologists, UK. Auditlive. - Templates

<https://www.hqip.org.uk/resource/best-practice-in-clinical-audit/>
<https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/into-practice/audit-and-service-improvement>
<http://www.rcr.ac.uk/clinicalradiology/audit-and-qi/auditlive>



NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence



UK



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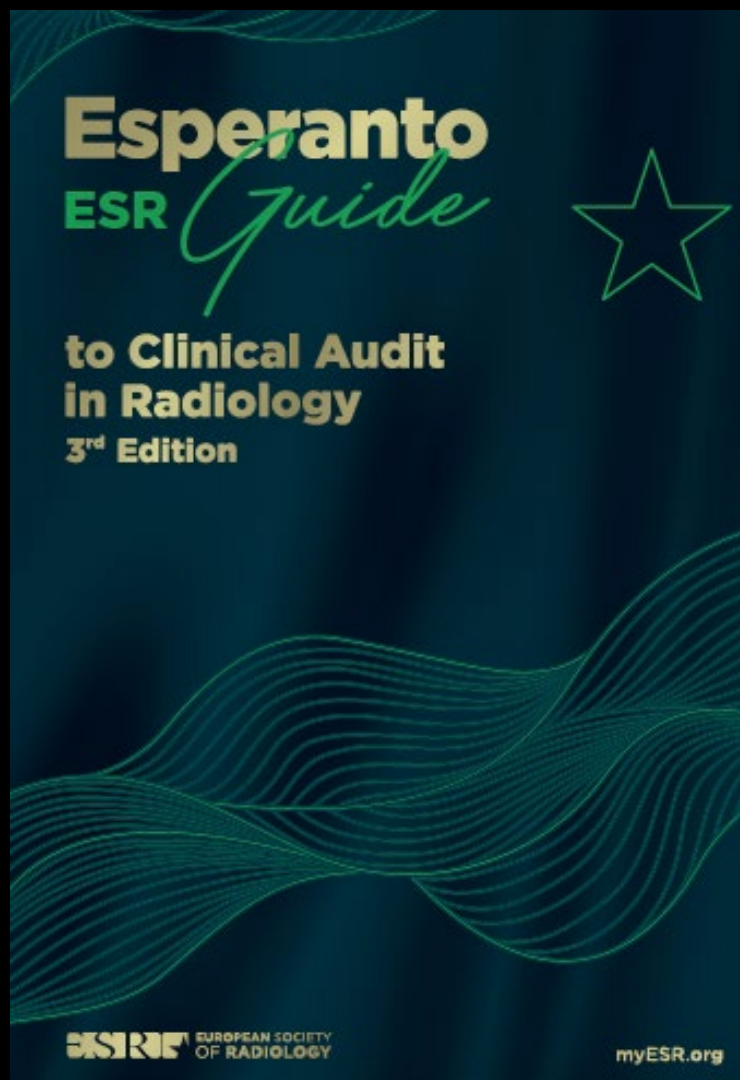
The accuracy of interpretation of emergency abdominal CT in adult patients who present with non-traumatic abdominal pain: results of a UK national audit



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- 4931 patients
- Major discrepancies
 - Trainees 4.6%
 - On-site Consultants 3.1%
 - Consultant addendum 2.9%
 - Off-site reporters 8.7% (12.7% in surgical patients)

European society of radiology (ESR)



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Appendix 2, Clinical Audit Topics

(Relating to Clinical Practice, to Clinical Audit in Support of BSSD Compliance and also Incorporating Service Provision)

Appendix 3, Regulatory Audit Topics

(Relating to Regulation of Medical Exposures Using Ionising Radiation)

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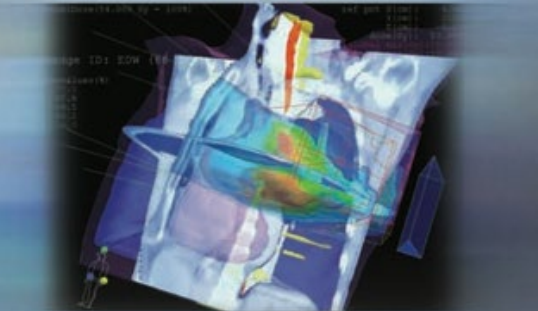
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IAEA

Comprehensive Audits of Radiotherapy Practices: A Tool for Quality Improvement

Quality Assurance Team for Radiation Oncology (QUATRO)



2007



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No. 4

Comprehensive Clinical Audits of Diagnostic Radiology Practices: A Tool for Quality Improvement

Quality Assurance Audit for Diagnostic Radiology
Improvement and Learning (QUAADRIL)



2010



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Quality Management Audits in Nuclear Medicine Practices Second Edition



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