

# QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR RT EQUIPMENT

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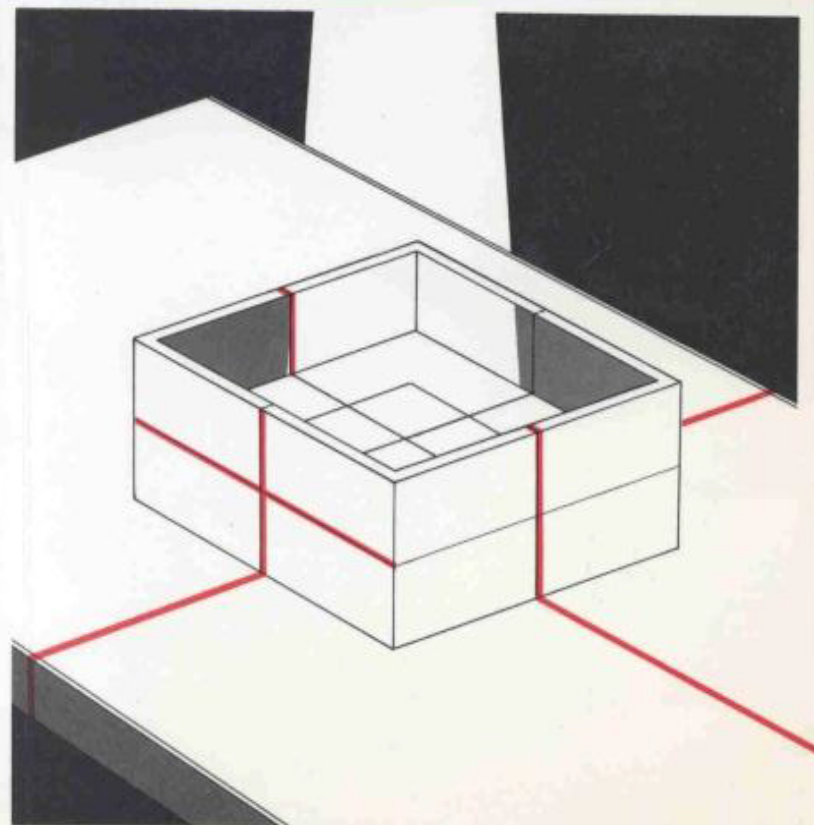
To familiarize the student with the need and the concept of a quality assurance program in radiotherapy as well as with recommended quality procedures and tests.



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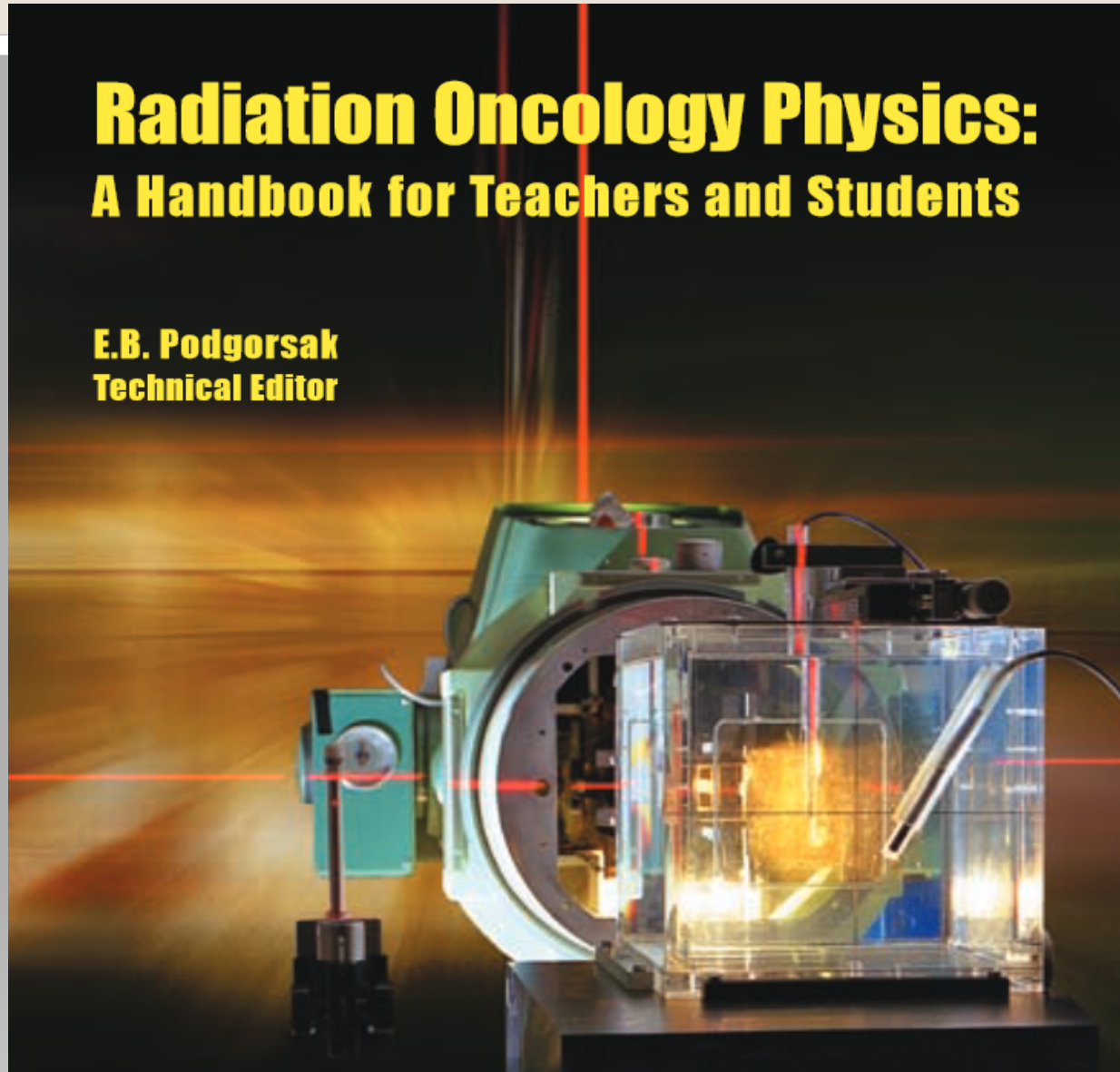
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## **Chapter 12: Quality Assurance of External Beam Radiotherapy**

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## **12.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMME FOR RADIATION TREATMENT EQUIPMENT**

# The Structure of an Equipment QA Program

- (1)** Initial specification, acceptance testing and commissioning
- (2)** Quality control tests
- (3)** Additional quality control tests
- (4)** Planned preventive maintenance program

# The Structure of an Equipment QA Program

## **(1) Initial specification, acceptance testing and commissioning**

- ✓ Specification to meet clinical needs
- ✓ Site visit
- ✓ Acceptance Testing to meet specs
- ✓ Commissioning for clinical use

- In preparation for procurement of equipment, a detailed specification document must be prepared.
- A multidisciplinary team from the department should be involved.
- This should set out the essential aspects of the equipment operation, facilities, performance, service, etc., as required by the department.

## Equipment Specification

- Which patients will be affected by this technology?
- What is the likely number of patients per year?
- Number of procedures or fractions per year?
- Will the new procedure provide cost savings over old techniques?
- Would it be better to refer patients to a specialist institution?
- Is the infrastructure available to handle the technology?
- Will the technology enhance the academic program?
- What is the organizational risk in implementation of this technology?
- What is the cost impact?
- What maintenance is required?

## **Questions Related to Clinical Needs**



- Once this information is compiled, the purchaser is in a good position to clearly develop his own specifications.
- Specification can also be based on:
  - Manufacturer's specification (brochures)
  - Published information
  - Discussions with other users
- Specification data must be expressed in measurable units.
- Decisions on procurement should again be made by a multidisciplinary team.

## Equipment Specification and Clinical Needs Assessment

- Acceptance of equipment is the process in which the supplier demonstrates the baseline performance of the equipment to the satisfaction of the customer.
- After the new equipment is installed, the equipment must be tested in order to ensure, that it meets the specifications and that the environment is free of radiation and electrical hazards to staff and patients.
- Essential performance required and expected from the machine should be agreed upon **before** acceptance of the equipment begins.

## Acceptance Testing

- It is a matter of the professional judgment of the responsible medical physicist to decide whether any aspect of the **agreed** acceptance criteria is to be waived.
- This waiver should be **recorded** along with an agreement from the supplier, for example, to correct the equipment should performance deteriorate further.
- Equipment can only be formally **accepted** to be transferred from the supplier to the customer when the responsible medical physicist either is satisfied that the performance of the machine fulfills all specifications as listed in the contract document or formally accepts any waivers.

## Acceptance Testing

- **Commissioning** is the process of preparing the equipment for clinical service.
- Expressed in a more quantitative way: A full **characterization of its performance** over the whole range of possible operation must be undertaken.
- In this way the **baseline standards of performance** are established to which all future performance and quality control tests will be referred.
- Commissioning includes preparation of procedures, protocols, instructions, data book, etc., on the **clinical use** of the equipment.

## Commissioning

Decay Table for Cobalt A  
(Theratron 780-C SN: 35)

Dose rate to a mini phantom of muscle in air at 80.5 cm, for a 10 cm x 10 cm field at 80 cm  
Source is MDS Nordion SN:S-5605, 5556 Ci (205.6 TBq) on 9/7/2005, installed on 9/17/2005

Date	cGy/min.	Date	cGy/min.	Date	cGy/min.
9/15/05	147.90	1/15/07	124.07	1/15/09	95.32
10/15/05	146.28	2/15/07	122.71	2/15/09	94.28
11/15/05	144.69	3/15/07	121.37	3/15/09	93.25
12/15/05	143.11	4/15/07	120.05	4/15/09	92.23
		5/15/07	118.74	5/15/09	91.23
1/15/06	141.54	6/15/07	117.44	6/15/09	90.23
2/15/06	140.00	7/15/07	116.16	7/15/09	89.25
3/15/06	138.47	8/15/07	114.89	8/15/09	88.27
4/15/06	136.96	9/15/07	113.63	9/15/09	87.31
5/15/06	135.46	10/15/07	112.39	10/15/09	86.35
6/15/06	133.98	11/15/07	111.17	11/15/09	85.41
7/15/06	132.52	12/15/07	109.95	12/15/09	84.48
8/15/06	131.07				
9/15/06	129.64	1/15/08	108.75	1/15/10	83.55
10/15/06	128.22	2/15/08	107.56	2/15/10	82.64
11/15/06	126.82	3/15/08	106.39	3/15/10	81.74
12/15/06	125.44	4/15/08	105.23	4/15/10	80.85
		5/15/08	104.08	5/15/10	79.96
		6/15/08	102.94	6/15/10	79.09
		7/15/08	101.82	7/15/10	78.23
		8/15/08	100.70	8/15/10	77.37
		9/15/08	99.60	9/15/10	76.53
		10/15/08	98.52	10/15/10	75.69
		11/15/08	97.44	11/15/10	74.87
		12/15/08	96.38	12/15/10	74.05

This decay table is based on a half-life of 5.26 years for Co-60 source.  
The dose rate was calibrated according to TG-51 protocol on 9/19/2005

Timer Correction = - 0.011 minute

Time Set for treatment = (Reference Dose/Reference dose rate) - 0.011 min

# Commissioning Report for Versa2 (Elekta VersaHD) S/N: 3142

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### RESULTS OF OSLD CHECK OF PHOTON BEAM OUTPUT

v 3.0.2

Institution: M D Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX  
RTF Number: 1744  
Person irradiating dosimeters: Pei-Fong Wong, Ph.D.  
Radiation Machine: Versa HD Serial 3142 (Versa 2)  
Radiation Quality: 6 MV X-rays  
Distance from source to reference point: 101.6 cm

#### OUTPUT VERIFICATION:

Date of Irradiation	IROC Houston measured dose at d <sub>max</sub> *	Institution reported dose at d <sub>max</sub> *	Ratio of absorbed dose determined by IROC Houston to that stated by institution: OSLD/INST
08-Apr-2014	99.2 cGy to water	99.7 cGy to water	0.99

Agreement within 5% is considered a satisfactory check.

#### RESULT HISTORY FOR THIS BEAM



THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE USED ONLY AS A CHECK OF MACHINE OPERATION AND NOT AS A MACHINE CALIBRATION, nor as an alternative to frequent calibration by a qualified physicist.

The OSLD dose was evaluated using the AAPM TG-51 Dosimetry Calibration Protocol.

OSLD read on: 25-Apr-2014  
OSLD read by: Sonia Gonzalez  
Checked by: Jessica Lowenstein, M.S.

\*The variance of the dose determined by a single OSLD is less than 3%. The OSLD sample, therefore, has an uncertainty of 5% at a confidence level in excess of 90%. This analysis did not include uncertainties in the institutions' irradiation technique.

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# The Structure of an Equipment QA Program

## **(2) Quality control tests**

- ✓ Establish QC program
- ✓ Establish QC tests
- ✓ Set up baselines
- ✓ Determine acceptable/action level

- Equipment quality control program should specify the following:
  - Parameters to be tested and the tests to be performed
  - Specific equipment to be used
  - Geometry of the tests
  - Frequency of the tests
  - Staff group or individual performing the tests
  - The individual supervising and responsible for the standards of the tests and for actions that may be necessary if problems are identified.

## Quality Control Program

- **Daily/Weekly Checks:**

- Usually done by **RTTs**, including the machine warm up procedures, simple output and mechanical checks, plus safety checks.
- Results verified by physics

- **Monthly Checks:**

- Usually done by **physics staff**, standardized dosimetry and mechanical tests

- **Annual Calibration:**

- Usually done by **QMP**, including the absolute dose calibration for every beams.

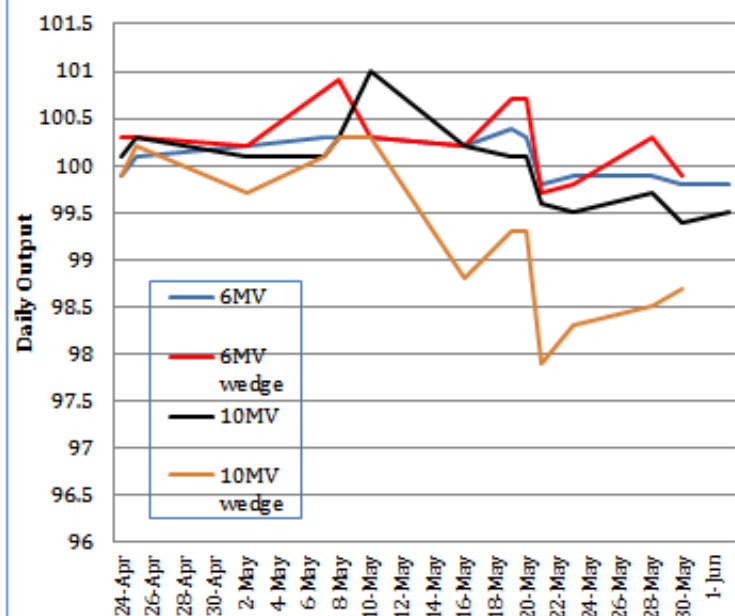
## **Quality Control Program**

- **Consistency Check:** It is essential that the performance of treatment equipment remain consistent within accepted tolerances throughout its clinical life
- **Prior to Clinical Use:** Ongoing quality control program of regular performance checks must begin immediately after acceptance/commissioning
- **Monitor the Change:** If these quality control measurements identify departures from expected performance, corrective actions are required.

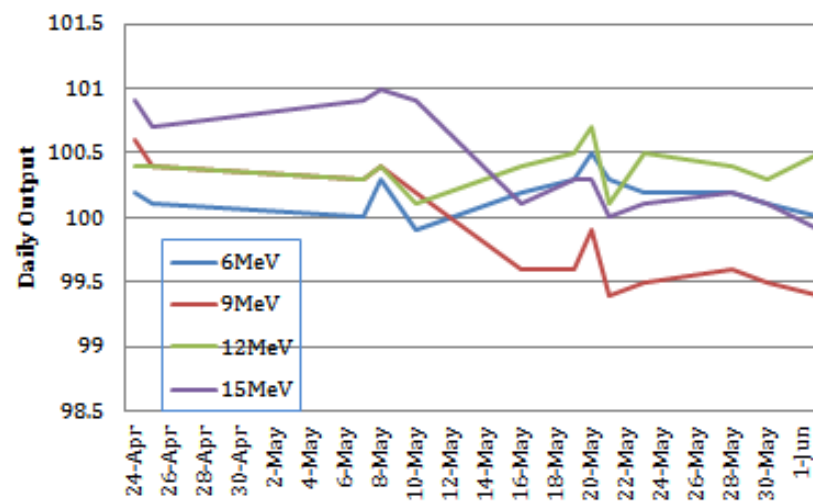
## Quality Control Program



### Consistency of Photon Output



### Consistency of Electron Output



**Consistency Output Check  
Versa2 Prior to Clinical Use**

- Equipment quality control program should specify the following:
  - Expected results
  - Tolerance and action levels
  - Actions required when the tolerance levels are exceeded
- Actions required must be based on a systematic analysis of the uncertainties involved and on well defined tolerance and action levels.

## Quality Control Program

## **Role of Uncertainty:**

- When reporting the result, it is obligatory that some quantitative indication of the quality of the result be given.
- Otherwise whoever receives this QC report cannot really assess its reliability.
- Concept of measurement uncertainty has been introduced.
- In 1993, ISO has published a "Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement"

## **Corrective Actions**

## Role of Tolerance Level:

- Within the tolerance level, the performance of an equipment gives **acceptable** accuracy in any situation.
- **Tolerance values should be set** with the aim of achieving the overall uncertainties desired.
- However, if the measurement uncertainty is greater than the tolerance level set, then random variations in the measurement will lead to unnecessary intervention
- Therefore, it is practical to set a **tolerance level** at the measurement uncertainty **at the 95% confidence level**

## Corrective Actions

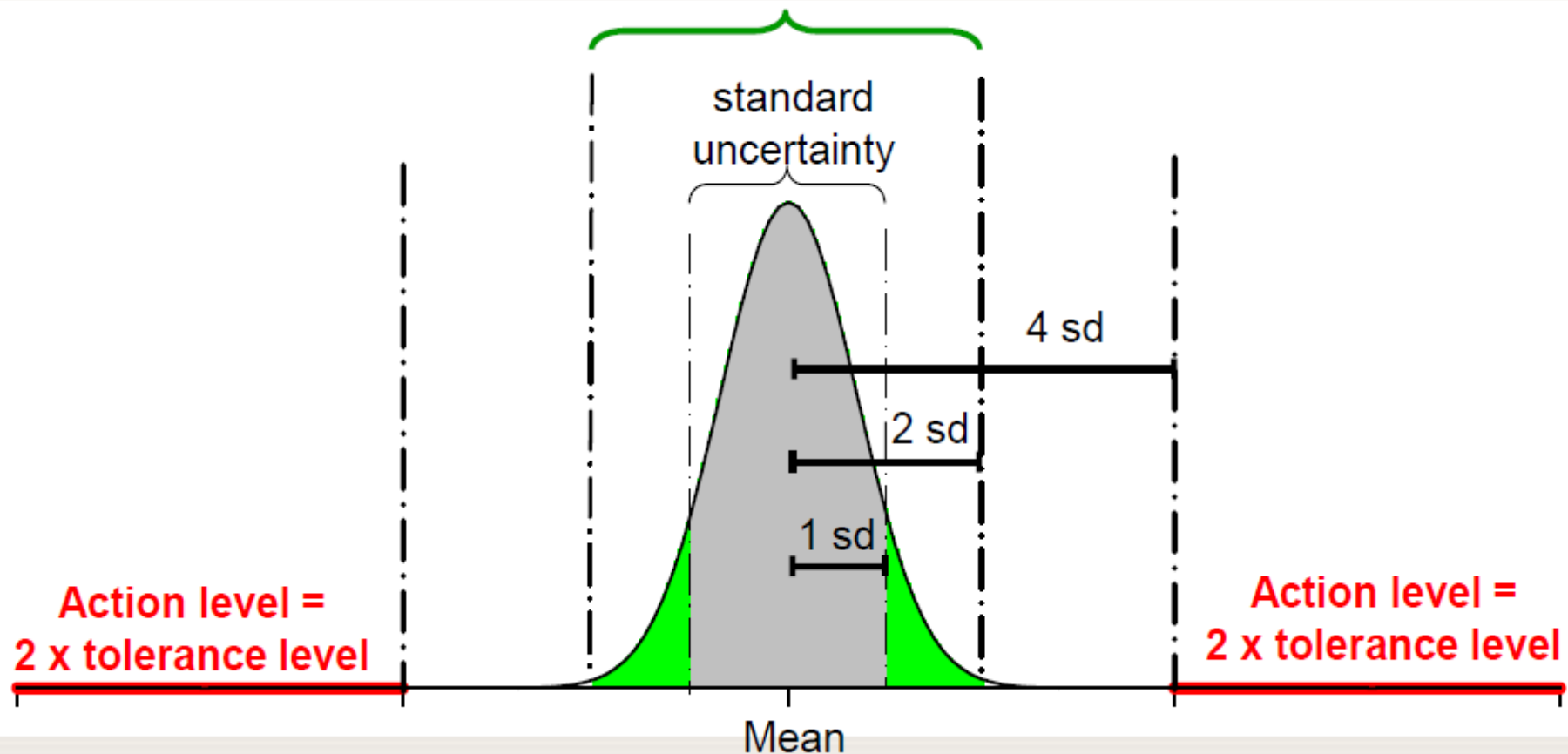
## Role of Action Level:

- Performance outside the action level is considered **unacceptable** and **demand action** to remedy the situation.
- It is useful to set action levels higher than tolerance levels thus providing flexibility in monitoring and adjustment.
- Action levels are often set at approximately twice the tolerance level.
- However, some critical parameters may require tolerance and action levels to be set much closer to each other or even at the same value.

## Corrective Actions

## Illustration of a possible relation between uncertainty, tolerance level and action level

Tolerance level  
equivalent to  
95% confidence interval of uncertainty





- If a measurement result is within the tolerance level, no action is required.
- If the measurement result exceeds the action level, immediate action is necessary and the equipment must not be clinically used until the problem is corrected
- If the measurement falls between tolerance and action levels, this may be considered as currently acceptable. But, the physicist review and repeated measurements are required.

## **System of Actions**

Please Turn Unit OFF  
after the unit has been  
used.

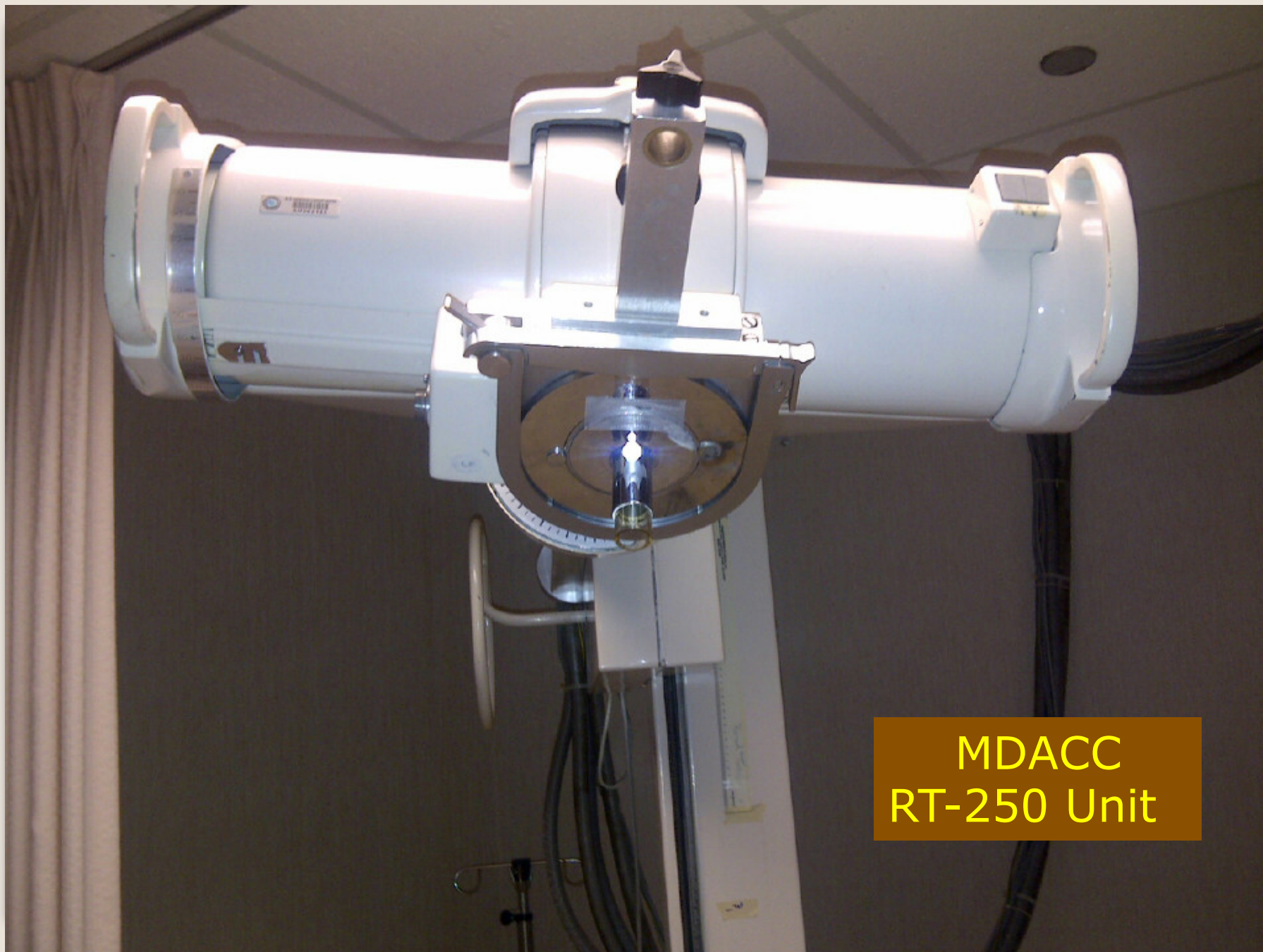
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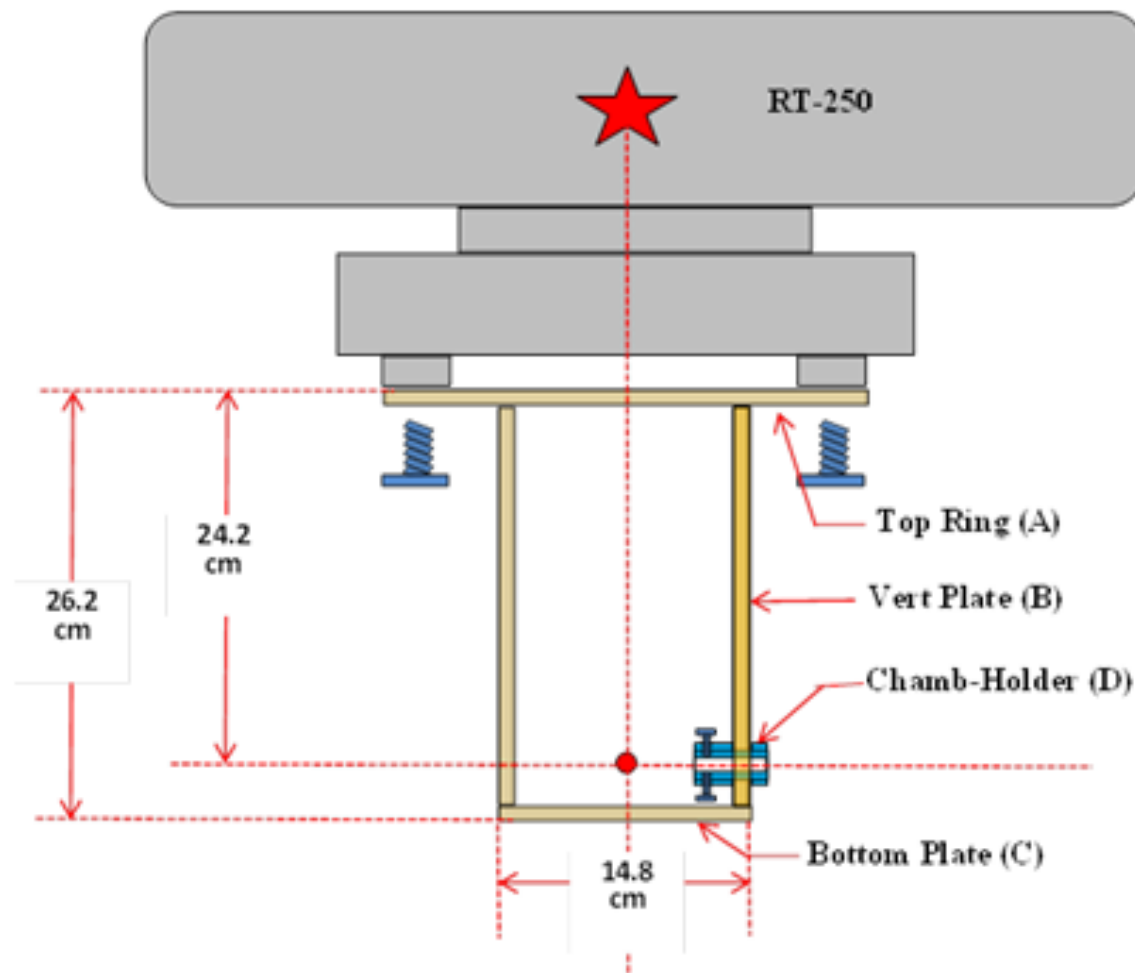
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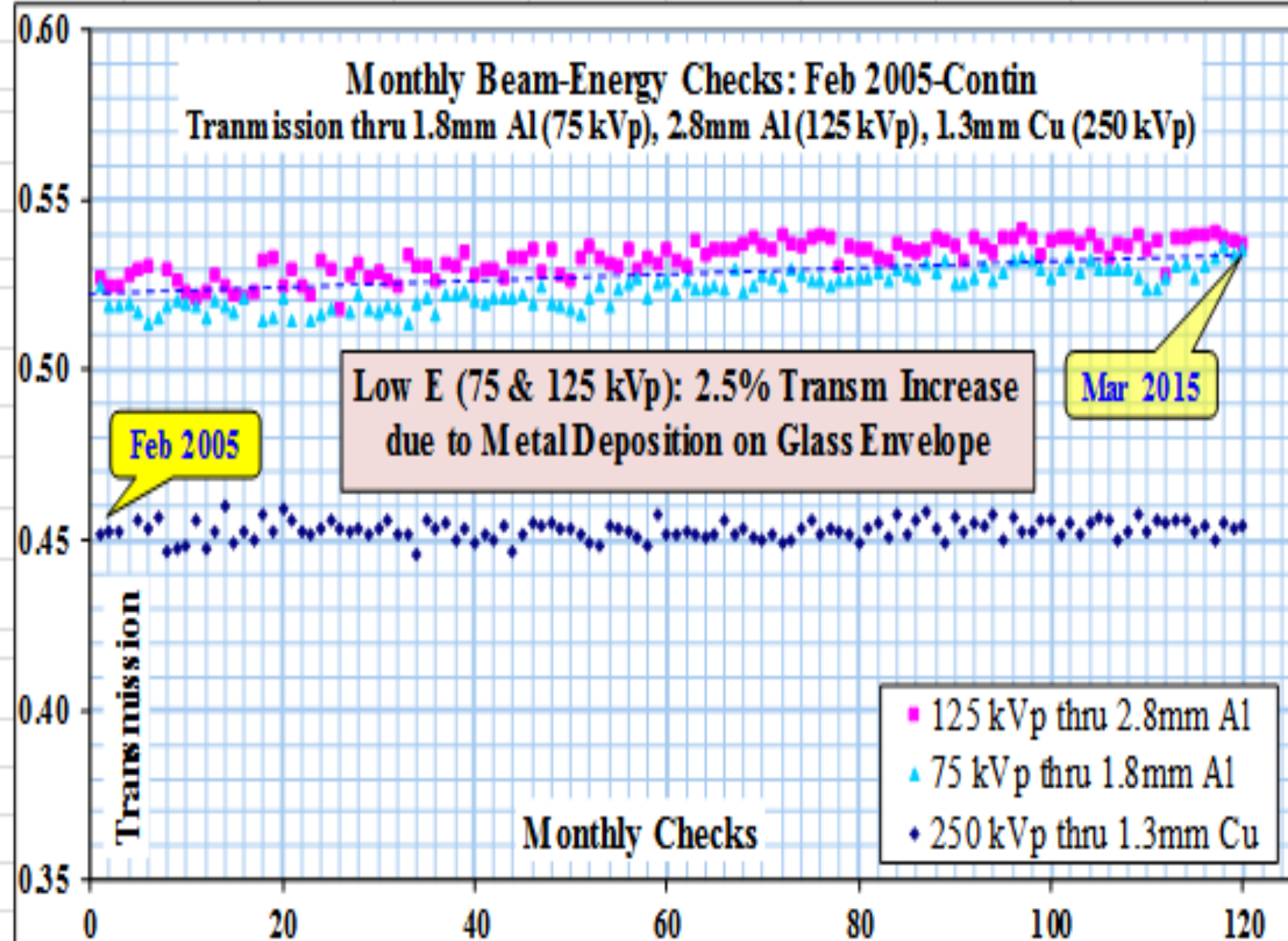


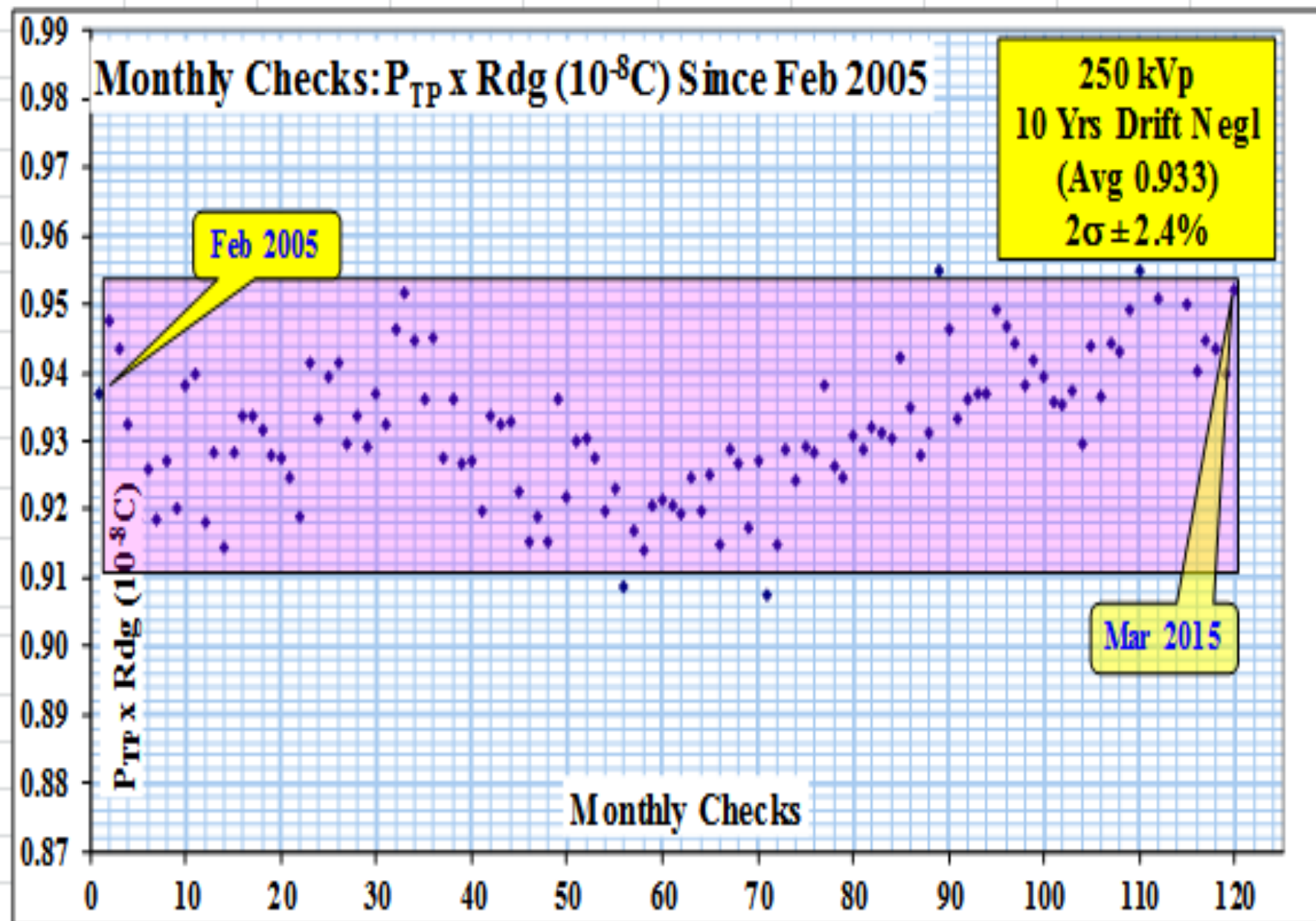


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RT-250 Unit

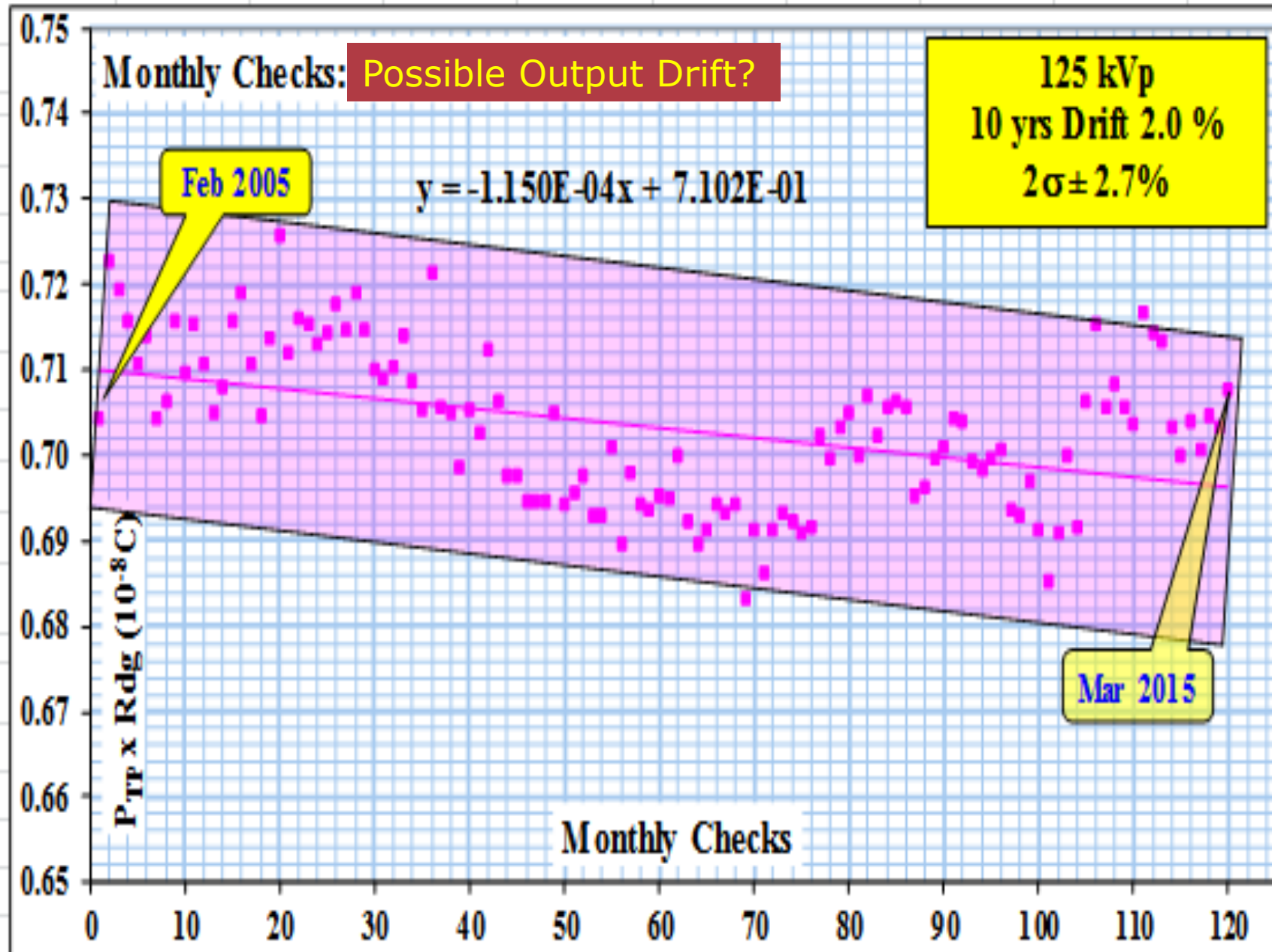


**New Jig for RT-250 Monthly**











MDACC  
Co-A Control



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CoA Weekly Output Checks for Year 2007/2008

Machine: Cobalt-A

Exposure: 1 minute, 2 readings

QA: 2103 Backup/CNMC

Setup: 80 cm SSD, field size 10 cm x 10 cm

\* If it is not acceptable, please call H&N physicists prior to patient treatment

Date mm/dd/yy	RTT Initials	Reading 1	Reading 2	Average Reading	Acceptable? Yes/No*	Physicist/ Comments

\* Acceptable readings for each month ( $\pm 3\%$  from monthly standard):

Oct, 07: 115.2 – 122.4

Nov, 07: 114.0 – 121.1

Dec, 07: 112.7 – 119.8

Jan, 08: 111.5 – 118.4

Feb, 08: 110.2 – 117.1

Mar, 08: 109.0 – 115.9

Apr, 08: 107.8 – 114.6

May, 08: 106.6 – 113.3

Jun, 08: 105.5 – 112.1

July, 08: 104.3 – 110.8

Aug, 08: 103.2 – 109.6

Sep, 08: 102.0 – 108.4

Monthly QA For Cobalt A Unit					By: <u>Sam Tung</u>
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<b>A. Mechanical and Safety Checks</b>					
<b>Item Description</b>		<b>Criteria</b>	<b>OK?</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
1. Warning Light		Functional	Y		
2. Door Interlock		Functional	Y		
3. Radiation Monitor		Functional	Y		
4. Beam Off		Functional	Y		
5. Audio/Video		Functional	Y		
6. Laser Alignment		2 mm	Y		
7. Cross-Hair Alignment		2 mm	Y		
8. ODI @ 65 cm to 80 cm		3 mm	Y	2 mm	
9. Distance Sticks		1 mm	Y		
10. Light field 5/10/20 cm		3 mm	Y	<2 mm	
11. Output Check		2.0%	Y	See measurement below	
12. Timer Error		0.5%	y	See measurement below	

**CoA Monthly Check Summary**

## B. Output Check and Timer Error

Electrometer: Keithley 604 X, Chamber S/N:1158 X, Bias: -300V, Leakage:  $< 5 \times 10^{-14}$  A

Setup: 10x10 cm @ 80 cm SSD to top of CoA jig,

Temp (oC):

25.0

Pres (mm):

758.4

Readings (nC)	Standard:	120.00 cGy/min
2 minute	4.044	4.044
4x0.5 min	1.027	2.054
		3.081
		4.108

Ctp =	1.0123
Average R1 =	4.044
R4 =	4.108
Ratio	

Output =  $(R1/2.011) \times Ctp \times Ce \times Nd,w \times Njig \times Ndecay =$

119.90

cGy/min

0.999

\* Note Start using new calibration factor for the new source

Timer Error =  $2 \times (R4 - R1) / (4 \times R1 - R4) =$

0.0106 min.

0.0 %error =  $(1+e)/1.011$

Use CNMC electrometer from 6EX fro this month only!!

# CoA Monthly Output Check

Procedure or item to be tested	Action level
Output constancy	2 %
Field size dependence of output constancy	2 %
Central axis dosimetry parameter constancy	2 %
Transmission factor constancy for all standard accessories	2 %
Wedge transmission factor constancy	2 %
Timer linearity and error	1 %
Output constancy versus gantry angle	2 %

## Co Unit Annual Tests

Procedure or item to be tested	Action level
Beam uniformity with gantry angle	3 %
Safety interlocks: Follow procedures of manufacturer	Functional
Collimator rotation isocenter	2 mm diameter
Gantry rotation isocenter	2 mm diameter
Table rotation isocenter	2 mm diameter
Coincidence of collimator, gantry and table axis with the isocenter	2 mm diameter

## Co Unit Annual Tests

Procedure or item to be tested

Action level

Coincidence of radiation and mechanical  
isocentre

2 mm diameter

Table top sag

2 mm

Vertical travel of table

2 mm

Field light intensity

Functional

**Co Unit Annual Tests**

# AAPM Task Group 142

TABLE I. Daily.

Procedure	Machine-type tolerance		
	Non-IMRT	IMRT	SRS/SBRT
<b>Dosimetry</b>			
X-ray output constancy (all energies)			
Electron output constancy (weekly, except for machines with unique e-monitoring requiring daily)		3%	
<b>Mechanical</b>			
Laser localization	2 mm	1.5 mm	1 mm
Distance indicator (ODI) @ iso	2 mm	2 mm	2 mm
Collimator size indicator	2 mm	2 mm	1 mm
<b>Safety</b>			
Door interlock (beam off)		Functional	
Door closing safety		Functional	
Audiovisual monitor(s)		Functional	
Stereotactic interlocks (lockout)	NA	NA	Functional
Radiation area monitor (if used)		Functional	
Beam on indicator		Functional	

## LINAC Daily Tests (RTT)

## AAPM Task Group 142

TABLE II. Monthly.

Procedure	Machine-type tolerance		
	Non-IMRT	IMRT	SRS/SBRT
<b>Dosimetry</b>			
X-ray output constancy			
Electron output constancy		2%	
Backup monitor chamber constancy			
Typical dose rate <sup>a</sup> output constancy	NA	2% (@ IMRT dose rate)	2% (@ stereo dose rate, MU)
Photon beam profile constancy		1%	
Electron beam profile constancy		1%	
Electron beam energy constancy		2%/2 mm	

# LINAC Monthly Tests (Physics)



## AAPM Task Group 142

### Mechanical

Light/radiation field coincidence <sup>b</sup>		2 mm or 1% on a side	
Light/radiation field coincidence <sup>b</sup> (asymmetric)		1 mm or 1% on a side	
Distance check device for lasers compared with front pointer		1mm	
Gantry/collimator angle indicators (@ cardinal angles) (digital only)		1.0°	
Accessory trays (i.e., port film graticle tray)		2 mm	
Jaw position indicators (symmetric) <sup>c</sup>		2 mm	
Jaw position indicators (asymmetric) <sup>d</sup>		1 mm	
Cross-hair centering (walkout)		1 mm	
Treatment couch position indicators <sup>e</sup>	2 mm/1°	2 mm/1°	1 mm/0.5°
Wedge placement accuracy		2 mm	
Compensator placement accuracy <sup>f</sup>		1 mm	
Latching of wedges, blocking tray <sup>g</sup>		Functional	
Localizing lasers	±2 mm	±1 mm	< ±1 mm

## LINAC Monthly Tests (Physics)

## AAPM Task Group 142

### Safety

Laser guard-interlock test

Functional

### Respiratory gating

Beam output constancy

2%

Phase, amplitude beam control

Functional

In-room respiratory monitoring system

Functional

Gating interlock

Functional

<sup>a</sup>Dose monitoring as a function of dose rate.

<sup>b</sup>Light/radiation field coincidence need only be checked monthly if light field is used for clinical setups.

<sup>c</sup>Tolerance is summation of total for each width or length.


<sup>d</sup>Asymmetric jaws should be checked at settings of 0.0 and 10.0.

<sup>e</sup>Lateral, longitudinal, and rotational.

<sup>f</sup>Compensator based IMRT (solid compensators) require a quantitative value for tray position (wedge or blocking tray slot) set at a maximum deviation mm from the center of the compensator tray mount and the cross hairs.

<sup>g</sup>Check at collimator/gantry angle combination that places the latch toward the floor.

# LINAC Monthly Tests (Physics)

Mechanical Checks		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Indicates Pass			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Indicates Fail : See Comments Below	
	Gantry Readout 0°	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ODI 90 cm	<input type="checkbox"/>	ODI 110cm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ODI 100 cm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Horizontal laser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vertical laser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sagittal laser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ceiling laser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Asym: X1=-2 cm(1.9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Asym: X2=-2 cm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Asym: Y1=-2 cm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Asym: Y1=-10 cm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Asym: Y2=-2 cm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Asym: Y2=-10 cm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6x6 cm Field	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20x20 cm Field	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	10x10 cm Field	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Door Beam On Light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cosole Beam Off	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area Radiation Monitor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Door Interlock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TV Monitor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intercom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	X Hair Alignment/Graticule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Flatness and Symmetry\*

3/24/2015

DL

MLC QA\*

MC/DL 3/23/2015 and

Setup: 100 MU, 20x20cm<sup>2</sup>, coll 0, 100cm at top of profiler, SNO: 5499724

Picket fence, tol 0.4mm

Energy	Additional BUILDUP	In plane (Y)		Cross plane (X)	
		Flatness %	Sym %	Flatness	Sym
18x/profiler2	2cm	1.5	0.5	1.6	-0.8
18x/film					
6x/profiler2	2cm	1.3	0.5	1.5	-0.5
6x/film					
6e	-	1.0	-0.1	0.8	-0.2
9e	-	0.8	0.0	0.5	-0.1
12e	-	1.0	-0.1	0.4	-0.3
16e	--	0.5	-0.3	1.2	-0.5
20e	-	1.0	-0.3	0.8	-0.2

Gantry	Failure (%)
0	0.00
90	0.00
180	0.00
270	0.00
VMAT	0.00

Gantry, MLC speed, Dose rate

Test	Max deviation
GS/DR	0.984±0.004
MLC speed	1.008±0.004

\*Complete results in MLC folder

\*Complete results on profiler laptop 2100 folder

# MDACC LINAC QC Form

<b>2109 - Varian Clinac 2100EX SN 2365</b>		Chamber		Electrometer		Initials Physicist(s)		<b>MC/DL</b>	
Monthly Calibration		PTW N30001 #0282		CNMC 206 #3659206		Date		<b>3/23/2015</b>	
		$N_d^w = 5.319 \times 10^7 \text{ Gy/C}$		$N_e = 1.001 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C/Rdg}$		Calib. Date:		9/8/2014	

Setup	Output Checks		Energy Check		Energy Check	
	Photons / Electrons		Photons		Electrons	
200 MU, 10x10cm <sup>2</sup> , 600 MU/Min						
Buildup	⇒		⇒	FGL	⇒	
SSD=100 cm to top of	⇒	A	⇒	A	⇒	A, F, G, L
		Base Block B		Base Block B		Base Block B

Output Checks		2/20/2015		T °C =		23.0		P mmHg =		759.0		C <sub>TP</sub>		1.0047	
Energy	Buildup Added	Rdg nC x 10 <sup>-8</sup> per 200 MU			Avg Rdg	Rdg <sub>Corrected</sub>	STD	RATIO	Accept ?						
	BUILDUP	Rdg1	Rdg2	Rdg3	nC x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	Avg Rdg * C <sub>TP</sub>	10 <sup>-8</sup> C			(Within 2%)					
6x	E	35.09	35.07		35.08	35.25	34.97	1.008	PASS						
6x DW 60°	E	23.26	23.05		23.16	23.26	23.03	1.010	PASS						
18x	E	39.14	39.15		39.15	39.33	39.29	1.001	PASS						
18x DW 60°	E	28.49	28.67		28.58	28.71	28.65	1.002	PASS						
6e-	--	39.33	39.39		39.36	39.55	40.00	0.989	PASS						
20 e-	--	43.02	42.96		42.99	43.19	43.60	0.991	PASS						
9 e-	C	40.14	40.20		40.17	40.36	40.85	0.988	PASS						
12e-	D	41.49	41.54		41.52	41.71	42.21	0.988	PASS						
16e-	D	42.37	42.41		42.39	42.59	42.99	0.991	PASS						

E	Total BUILDUP*	H <sub>2</sub> O*	Rdg 200MU C x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	Calib Rdg	Rdg Cal Rdg	Acceptable Range	Accept ?
6x	A, F, G, L (8.0 cm)	9.0 cm	30.74	35.080	0.876	0.856 - 0.891	Yes
18x	A, F, G, L (8.0 cm)	9.0 cm	36.30	39.145	0.927	0.907 - 0.945	Yes
20e	A, F, G, L (8.0 cm)	9.0 cm	16.48	42.990	0.383	0.334 - 0.404	Yes
	A, G, J (5.8 cm)	6.5 cm	34.50		0.803	0.776 - 0.836	Yes
16e	A, G, J (5.8 cm)	6.5 cm	21.19	42.390	0.500	0.415 - 0.524	Yes
	A, J (4.8 cm)	5.4 cm	32.93		0.777	0.711 - 0.817	Yes
12e	A, E (4.4 cm)	4.8 cm	23.50	41.515	0.566	0.539 - 0.645	Yes
	A, G, F, C (3.4 cm)	3.8 cm	34.73		0.837	0.780 - 0.886	Yes
9e	A, G, F, C (3.4 cm)	3.8 cm	21.37	40.170	0.532	0.416 - 0.614	Yes
	A, G, F (3.0 cm)	3.4 cm	29.16		0.726	0.614 - 0.812	Yes
6e	A, G (2.5 cm)	2.8 cm	16.36	39.360	0.416	0.277 - 0.509	Yes
	A, F (2.0 cm)	2.2 cm	29.55		0.751	0.624 - 0.856	Yes

**NOTE:**

- \* Added to the top of base block "B".
- + Equivalent depth in water using a scaling factor of 1.12 and accounting for 1.5 cm of acrylic from block "A".

Energy Check Setup: Photons, SSD setup is 100 cm to top of block "A". Electrons, reset SSD to be 100 cm to top of A, F, G, L.

Action Level

Varian 2109  
Serial No: 2365  
OBI TESTS  
Patient: ZZA2109 2011 Cube

Physicist Initial  
Date MC/DL  
3/30/2015

#### 1 Safety checks

Test	Pass (y/n)
Pressure plate safety switches (KV, MV PANELS, SIDES TUBE)	y
Is x-ray generator interlocked if door open	y
Warning lights on during X-ray	y
Warning Sound on during X-ray	y

#### 2 Leeds test

Leeds phantom on OBI detector, copper filter on source (scan parameters : 75kV, 200mA, 50ms)

	Acceptance	Actual	
No of circles observed (Specs > 12)	12	17	Pass
No of Line pairs/mm detected (Specs > 9)	10	13	Pass

#### 3 CBCT tests

Place CAT phan on box by lining the dots with laser

Protocol: Low Dose Head Full Fan

CT Number Linearity ( $\pm 40$  HU)

Fan Type	Materials	Standard	Measured	Pass/Fail
full	Air	-1000	-996	Pass
	PMP	-200	-204	Pass
	LDPE	-100	-104	Pass
	Polystyrene	-35	-54	Pass
	Acrylic	120	114	Pass
	Delrin	340	344	Pass
	Teflon	990	997	Pass

Image Uniformity (Specs  $\pm 40$  HU)

Fan Type	Center	Top	Bottom	RT	LT	Pass/Fail	AVG
full	11	-20.4	-5	-4.5	1.3	Pass	-3.52

Low contrast resolution (Specs > 1, Acceptance 8)

full	Measured	5	na
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High Contrast Resolution (Specs > 6)

full	Measured	8	Pass
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Spatial Linearity ( $50 \pm 0.5$  mm)

full	Horizntl1	49.9	Pass
	Horizntl2	50.1	Pass
	Vertical1	50.1	Pass
	Vertical2	50.1	Pass

#### 4 Las Vegas test

Las Vegas phantom at 100cm SSD, deliver 2MU

Measurement Specs

6MV			18MV		
Specs	Acceptance	Actual	Specs	Acceptance	Actual
4	5	5	4	4	
4	5	5	4	4	
4	5	5	3	4	
3	5	5	3	3	
3	3	4	-	-	-

#### 5 Iso check cube\*

kV (with correction file)

S Angle	Vert. Distance, mm	Horiz. Distance mm	Radial	Pass ?
270	0.2	0	0.2	Pass
0	0.4	0	0.4	Pass
90	0.3	0	0.3	Pass
180	0.3	0	0.3	Pass

MV

G Angle	Vert. Distance, mm	Horiz. Distance mm	Radial	Pass ?
270	0	0	0.0	Pass
0	0.4	0.2	0.4	Pass
90	0	0	0.0	Pass
180	0.3	0.1	0.3	Pass

\*positive number means above or right of graticule

#### 6 Isocal\*

Maximum change to previous calibration (MV):	
Maximum change to previous calibration (kV):	
Isocenter calibration	

\*Complete results in isocal folder

# OBI Monthly Tests (Partial List)

# The Structure of an Equipment QA Program

## **(3) Additional quality control tests**

- ✓ After significant repair
- ✓ After major parts replacement
- ✓ After significant adjustment
- ✓ After adding new procedures
- ✓ Indication of a change of performance

**TOTAL SKIN ELECTRON IRRADIATION**  
**Daily Pre-Treatment Record – 2108** (Revised 02/01/2013)

Record Data					Calculations		Results in Range?		Initials	
Date	MU	$R_{113^\circ}$	$R_{90^\circ}$	$R_{67^\circ}$	$(R_{113^\circ} + R_{67^\circ})$	$\frac{R_{113^\circ} + R_{67^\circ}}{R_{90^\circ}}$	Yes	No	RTT	Phys
	250						<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Phys		
	250						<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Phys		
	250						<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Phys		
	250						<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Phys		
	250						<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Phys		
	250						<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to treat	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Phys		
<b>Acceptable Data Range:</b>					15.18–16.11	0.960–1.020				

- Take readings at 67°, 90°, and 113°, 250 MU. Use CNMC 206 SN 3659204 (1.002 C<sub>E</sub>)
- Calculate sum and ratio.
- If the values are within the limits at the bottom of the table, write your initials in the last column and proceed with treatment.
- If any of the calculated values are outside of the range of acceptable values, **do not** treat. Call the physicist responsible for TSEB immediately.



# The Structure of an Equipment QA Program

## **(4) Planned preventive maintenance program**

- ✓ To prevent from major problem
- ✓ Quarterly PM is reasonable
- ✓ In accordance with the manufacture's recommendations
- ✓ Regulatory Requirements



**MDACC Radiation Physics Department**  
**Cobalt-A Unit Physics Service Year: 2007**

Month	Therapist Weekly QA	Physics Monthly QA	Unescorted User Update	RSO Source Inventory	RSO Source Leak Test	Annual Calibration	Chamber Calibration	5-Year Inspection
Jan	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
Feb	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
Mar	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
Apr	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
May	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
June	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
July	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
Aug	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
Sep	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							Due Sep 2010
Oct	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
Nov	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							
Dec	wk 1 wk 2 wk 3 wk 4							

## Summary: The Structure of an Equipment QA Program

- (1)** Initial specification, acceptance testing and commissioning
- (2)** Quality control tests
- (3)** Additional quality control tests
- (4)** Planned preventive maintenance program

- It is recommended that a departmental **QA team** be formed to support all the QA activities and draft necessary policies and procedures. The policy should establish the roles and responsibilities of involved QA personnel.

**Summary: Task Group 142**

- The first step is to establish institution-specific baseline and absolute reference values for all QA measurements. The results should be reviewed regularly to
  - Ensure the consistency of machine performance
  - Determine any significant trend of dose deviations from the base line.

**Summary: Task Group 142**

- A **QMP** should lead the QA team.
- In general, the **daily QA** tasks may be carried out by a radiation therapist using a cross-calibrated dosimetry system.
- **Monthly QA** tasks should be performed by a QMP or by individuals directly supervised by a QMP.
- The **annual QA** items in the report represent the most extensive tests on the machine performance. it is recommended that the annual measurements be performed by a QMP with involvement of other QA team members.

**Summary: Task Group 142**

- An **end-to-end system check** is recommended to ensure the fidelity of overall system delivery whenever a new or revised procedure is introduced
- During the **annual QA review**, absolute machine output should be calibrated as per the TG51 calibration protocol using ionization chamber with a NIST traceable calibration

**Summary: Task Group 142**