

# Paediatric interventional radiology and cardiology in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPRIPALC project). An international effort in optimization.

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# **OPRIPALC** (Paediatric interventional radiology and cardiology in Latin America and the Caribbean)

- When interventional radiology and interventional cardiology procedures are performed in children, radiation doses may be relatively high.
- For some complex cases, it might result in tissue reactions such as skin injuries if
  - The X-ray systems are not under strict quality control programs;
  - The operational protocols are not properly supervised, and
  - Operators are not trained in radiation protection.
- An additional problem with some of the procedures in paediatric procedures is the re-intervention rate due to the reappearance of the disease.

# Important clinical benefits but higher cancer risk for children

- •For a given radiation dose, children are generally at more risk of cancer induction than adults. According to UNSCEAR reports, the lifetime cancer risk for children might be a factor of 2 to 3 times higher than the estimates for an average population.
- •The International Basic Safety Standards (BSS) and the Bonn Call for Action pay special attention to paediatric patients and the justification and optimization.

## Optimization in pediatrics and ICRP recommendations

- The ICRP has issued new recommendations on Diagnostic Reference Levels (DRLs) including advice for paediatric interventions.
- The new technology in X-ray systems and post-processing of the images should be implemented with the appropriate training (including the radiation protection aspects) and a regular audit of patient doses and image quality.



# Radiation risk communication in paediatric imaging

 The radiation risk communication is a relevant aspect in paediatric imaging and especially in interventional procedures and it should be integrated in the training programs.

# COMMUNICATING RADIATION RISKS IN PAEDIATRIC IMAGING Information to support healthcare discussions about benefit and risk



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## **OPRIPALC** objectives



- 1) To promote radiation safety culture in paediatric IR (including training actions).
- 2) To improve radiation safety and quality of care in the participant centres.
- 3) To define optimization strategies based on a collection of patient doses from a sample of representative hospitals in different Latin American and the Caribbean Countries for setting DRLs.
- 4) To produce a regional consensus document on these issues.

# Initial steps of the OPRIPALC project

- Selection of 36 paediatric hospitals from 10 different countries;
- Selection of 3 frequent procedures for interventional radiology and 3 for interventional cardiology
- Preparation of training material on radiation protection and a common basic quality control protocol for the X-ray systems.

## **Summary of the initial OPRIPALC data**

18 centres (53%) have patient dose values available

29 centres (85%) have interventional radiologists

27 centres (79%) have interventional cardiologists

13 centres (38%) have the support of a medical physicist

10 Countries and 36 hospitals:

Argentina

Brasil

Chile

Colombia

Costa Rica

Cuba

Ecuador

México

Perú

Uruguay

8 centres (23%) have the support of thecnologists



## **OPRIPALC Project**

#### **SELECTED CARDIAC INTERVENTIONS**

- Patent ductus arteriosus closure
- Angioplasty of pulmonary arteries
- Cardiac diagnostic catheterisation

#### **SELECTED RADIOLOGY (NON CARDIAC) INTERVENTIONS**

- Cerebral angiography (diagnostic and therapeutic parts)
  - Arteriography (systemic)
    - Esophageal dilation

### Summary of the present OPRIPALC data

#### Web page



#### Respuesta:

4. Indique cuales han sido los incidentes o inconvenientes derivados del COVID-19 para realizar los procedimientos de cardiología intervencionista pediátrica en el

#### Respuesta:

5. Cuántos especialistas médicos en cardiología intervencionista pediátrica trabajan

#### Respuesta:

6. Disponen del soporte de algún físico médico o tecnólogo para ayudarles en la optimización de los procedimientos de cardiología intervencionista pediátrica trabaian en el centro.

#### Respuesta:



#### ¿Qué es OPRIPALC?

INTERVENCIONISTA PEDIÁTRICA EN AMERICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE", la cual se

#### OPTIMIZACIÓN DE LA PROTECCIÓN EN RADIOLOGÍA INTERVENCIONISTA PEDIÁTRICA EN AMERICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE (OPRIPALC) Cuestionario 2

El objetivo del presente cuestionario es avanzar en una segunda etapa del programa, destinada esencialmente a la recolección preliminar de algunos datos dosimétricos de los procedimientos con pacientes.

Requerimos por favor pueda completar los datos de al menos 5 procedimientos intervencionistas pediátricos de tipo diagnóstico y/o terapéutico. La situación ideal sería que complete el fichero Excel adjunto "Planilla recolección de datos OPRIPALC", si maneja todas las variables requeridas, o en su defecto la tabla que hemos agregado al final de este documento.

Adicionalmente, solicitamos por favor nos envíe una fotografía de la pantalla en la cual su equipo muestra los valores de dosis durante sus procedimientos o donde muestra el reporte de dosis al final del procedimiento. Para facilitar su trabajo, pueden enviar la fotografia al número de whatsapp +56998627668.

Finalmente, indique el número de fisicos médicos o tecnólogos que colaboren con Uds., en la gestión de las dosis y la optimización de los procedimientos intervencionistas pediátricos.

#### MUCHAS GRACIAS

#### 10 Countries and 21 hospitals:

Argentina

Brasil

Chile

Colombia

Costa Rica

Ecuador

Mexico

Peru

Uruguay

Venezuela

## Next steps for OPRIPALC project

- •The project expects to enhance optimization of protection in paediatric interventional procedures, collecting patient dose data and identifying the main problems and proposing solutions.
- •The progress of the OPRIPALC is focused on identifying the difficulties for the dosimetric collection of data and improving the collaboration of the manufacturers to help with this issue.

# Thank You

