

National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements – Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging and the Society for Nuclear Medicine kicks off their "Go With the Guidelines" Campaign!

Help to ensure use of the new North American Guidelines for Nuclear Medicine Radiopharmaceutical Dose in children.

Dear Member:

We ask that you visit the new Image Gently[®] website to learn how to – **Go With the Guidelines** (see the attached article) – the next phase of the Image Gently[®] campaign dedicated to radiation protection for children during nuclear medicine procedures. Please download the poster and follow the weight based guidelines for administering radiopharmaceuticals for children for nuclear medicine tests.

We know that children are more sensitive than adults to radiation. To help ensure that imaging providers account for these factors, NCRP is an active participant and collaborator in the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging.

We are delighted to share the next Image Gently[®] message: **Go With the Guidelines** and invite you to the visit the Image Gently[®] website (<u>http://www.imagegently.org</u>) to review new educational content for this new campaign:

Alliance member organizations urge that when performing imaging exams on children, health care professionals should note the following:

Nuclear medicine procedures help us save kids' lives!
But, when we image patients, radiation matters!
Children are more sensitive to radiation.
What we do now lasts their lifetimes.
Image kids with care:
Follow the new North American Consensus Guidelines for Pediatric Radiopharmaceutical Administered Doses.
Create high-quality images with low radiation dose.
Determine the appropriate radiopharmaceutical dose by body weight.

<u>Click here</u> to visit the Image Gently[®] website today and <u>pledge</u> to do your part to "childsize" the radiation dose used in children's imaging. Your active participation is appreciated.

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