



Australian Government

Australian Radiation Protection  
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# National Conference on Radiation Protection in Medicine

Wednesday 3 October 2007

**Vibe Savoy Hotel,  
630 Little Collins Street,  
Melbourne**

The Radiation Health Committee, established under the ARPANS Act 1998 to advise the CEO of ARPANSA on radiation protection matters, and in particular to develop policies and prepare draft publications for the promotion of uniform national standards of radiation protection, is developing a Code of Practice for Radiation Protection in the Medical Applications of Ionizing Radiation. The Code will cover diagnostic and interventional radiology, radiotherapy and nuclear medicine. It is intended that when completed, the Code will be adopted in all jurisdictions in Australia and form the basis of regulatory requirements for the medical uses of radiation.

The Code will be supported by three Safety Guides - on diagnostic and interventional radiology, radiotherapy, and nuclear medicine. The Safety Guides will provide advice on best practice and on approaches to radiation protection in medicine that will assist practitioners to comply with the Code.

As part of the consultation process in the development of the Code and Safety Guides, ARPANSA is sponsoring a **National Conference on Radiation Protection in Medicine**, to be held in Melbourne on **Wednesday 3 October 2007** at the Vibe Savoy Hotel. A **National Conference** is timely in order that the industry and regulatory agencies are aware of these changes, and have the opportunity to consider the effects that they may have on their operations. This conference will be of particular interest to persons responsible for the management of radiology, radiation oncology or nuclear medicine Departments or practices, radiation safety officers, people who work in the radiology, radiation oncology or nuclear medicine fields, and persons who provide services to or regulate these fields.

The conference will include presentations on international developments in radiation protection in medicine, the Code and the Safety Guides and considerable opportunity for discussion and interaction with speakers.

The Code and Safety Guides will be released for a formal public comment period with a regulatory impact statement before October, so the Conference will provide a significant consultation opportunity during the public comment period for the Code and Safety Guides, which once in place will influence the regulatory approach to the use of radiation in medicine for many years to come.

John Loy PSM, the CEO of ARPANSA, will deliver the keynote address, which will focus on recent international developments in radiation protection in medicine and how they may affect the regulatory approach to radiation protection in medicine in Australia.

Other speakers will include Mr Simon Critchley, Chair of the Radiation Health Committee, which is responsible for developing the Code and Safety Guides, and Ms Sylvia Kidziak AM, Chair of the Radiation Health & Safety Advisory Council.



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## Vibe Savoy Hotel Melbourne

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- \$168 per night in a Standard Room [room only rate]
- \$183 per night in a Standard Room [including breakfast for 1]
- \$198 per night in a Standard Room [including breakfast for 2]

**Vibe Savoy Hotel Melbourne** is the perfect Melbourne hotel to base yourself; you are ideally located to take advantage of the Melbourne's tram and rail network as well as easy access to the Telstra Dome and exciting Southbank precinct as well as the Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre.

09:30 **Formal Opening** Sylvia Kidziak AM, Chair, Radiation Health & Safety Advisory Council

09:45-10:30 **Keynote Address** Dr John Loy, CEO ARPANSA

### Morning Tea

11:00-13:00 **Radiation Regulation in Australia** Chair: Sylvia Kidziak AM

- The NDRP - concept and progress
- Rationale for the Code and main features
- The RIS and process for Code development
- Some key issues

General Discussion

### Lunch

14:00-15:30 **The Safety Guides** Chair: Simon Critchley, Chair, Radiation Health Committee

- The Safety Guides - purpose & main features
- Radiology perspective
- Radiotherapy perspective
- Nuclear Medicine perspective

### Afternoon Tea

16:00 - 17:00 Panel Discussion  
General Discussion

## REGISTRATION

Please complete and return this form by **31 August 2007** to:

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**NO REGISTRATION FEE applies but it is essential that all interested participants return this registration form by 31 August 2007, as places are limited.**

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