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NUCLEAR MEDICINE INSTRUMENTATION – ROUTINE TESTS –

Part 4: Radionuclide calibrators

1 ~~Scope and object~~

This part of IEC 61948 covers the ROUTINE TESTING of RADIONUCLIDE CALIBRATORS used in nuclear medicine. Such devices utilise ionisation chambers of the well type ~~(directly coupled to an appropriate electronic circuitry (IEC 61145))~~ and a direct readout in units of ACTIVITY. Requirements and specific methods to determine performance parameters are described in IEC 61303 ~~and IEC 61145~~. These methods are primarily designed for ACCEPTANCE TESTING.

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~~IEC 61145:1992, Calibration and usage of ionization chamber systems for assay of radionuclides~~

IEC 61303:1994, *Medical electrical equipment – Radionuclide calibrators – Particular methods for describing performance*

~~IEC 61948-1:2001, Nuclear medicine instrumentation – Routine tests – Part 1: Radiation counting systems~~

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