



COMP Endorses AAPM Position on Patient Gonadal and Fetal Shielding

In April 2019, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) released a [position statement](#) endorsing evidence-based recommendations for more limited use of patient gonadal and fetal shielding. The Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists (COMP) officially endorsed the AAPM Position Statement on the Use of Patient Gonadal and Fetal Shielding at its Board meeting on June 25, 2019, and has communicated its support to the AAPM.

Patient gonadal and fetal shielding is strongly ingrained into daily practices around the world. COMP acknowledges that adopting these changes in Canada will take time and COMP is actively participating in the ad hoc committee created by the AAPM to facilitate a better understanding and communication of these new recommendations. The Ad Hoc committee also includes liaisons from the American College of Radiology (ACR), American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), Health Physics Society (HPS), Image Gently Alliance, the National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements (NCRP), Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), and Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR). The Ad Hoc committee is tasked with creating educational materials for patients, their caregivers and relevant medical imaging professionals.

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