

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER HANDBOOK OF OPERATING PROCEDURES

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RADIATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

Members

1. Three faculty representatives from the Basic Sciences
 2. Three representatives from the Dental departments
 3. Three faculty representatives from the Medical departments
 4. One faculty representative from Nuclear Medicine
 5. One representative from Radiation Oncology
 6. One faculty representative who is a Radiologist
 7. One representative who is a Veterinarian
 8. One representative from University Health System/Nursing Service
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Ex-Officio (with vote)

1. Representative, University Health System Administration
 2. Radiation Safety Consultant
 3. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
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Ex-Officio (without vote)

1. Safety Officer, Environmental Health and Safety
 2. Radiation Safety Officer, Environmental Health and Safety
 3. PET Consultant, Research Imaging Center
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Chair

The Radiation Safety Committee will recommend to the Vice President for Research a Chair of the Committee. After deliberation on the recommendation, the Vice President for Research will recommend to the President approval or disapproval for the appointment of the proposed Chair.

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Charge

To serve in an advisory and consultative capacity to the President and the Vice President for Research and to advise the Radiation Safety Office; to review all license applications and authorize all licenses, appending special conditions as needed; to act as an avenue of appeal in cases of dispute and exception; and, to be responsible for policies and practices regarding license and use of radioactive materials and sources of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation at the Health Science Center. The implementation of the Radiation Safety Program is delegated to the Radiation Safety Officer. This Committee is mandated by Texas Department of State Health Services Policy. It supports the institution's Human Research Protection Program by reviewing research studies that involve radiation exposure of human participants as part of the research; the Committee notifies the Institutional Review Board (IRB) upon the review and approval of such studies or failure to approve them. Approval of the Radiation Safety Committee is required prior to final IRB approval.

Experience and/or interest in the safe receipt, use, storage and disposal of radioactive material or the use of ionizing radiation is highly desirable. Task Force or subcommittees may meet between full Committee meetings. Tenured or non-tenured faculty are welcome.

Term of Membership

Three years
