

A photograph of a medical professional in a white lab coat and teal sleeves, smiling and talking on a mobile phone. She is standing over a patient lying on a table, covered with a blue drape. The setting is a clinical or radiology room with medical equipment visible in the background.

INTRODUCTION: GONADAL SHIELDING & AAPM CARES

HISTORY OF AAMP CARES

- Formed in April 2019
- Result of AAPM Position Statement PP 32-A
- aka AHPGFS
(Ad Hoc Committee on Education and Implementation Efforts for Discontinuing the Use of Patient Gonadal and Fetal Shielding)
- CARES
(Communicating Advances in Radiation Education for Shielding)



CHARGE

- Coordinate communication
 - Members of other professional societies
 - Patients
 - Parents & caregivers
- Develop
 - Educational materials
 - Consistent messaging
 - Social media strategies



MEMBERSHIP

- AAPM Members – Marsh (Chair), McKenney (Vice Chair)
- Representatives from other organizations
 - Medical/Health Physicists
 - HPS
 - COMP
 - Radiologists
 - ACR
 - RSNA
 - CAR
 - Image Gently
 - Radiologic Technologists & Educators
 - ASRT
 - AEIRS
 - JRCERT
 - Regulators
 - CRCPCD

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- Other collaborators
 - Hospital administrators
 - AHRA
 - Radiologic Technologist Certifying Bodies
 - ARRT

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OUTLINE

1. The Historical vs Current Perspective slides
 2. Challenges & resources for technologist educators
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1. Factors that reduce effectiveness of shielding
 2. Communication with patients
 3. NCRP statement
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1. Implementation in a community hospital
 2. The policy development process, advocates and stakeholders, methods of education