Introduction to health physics.

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Abstract : It is seldom possible to combine in one title for a subject the mer euphony and accuracy, and health physics is no exception. Health certainly more than the avoidance of radiation damage and physics surely has some make to other aspects of it. It is, however, rather late in the day to complain well-established name, so one must hope that the subject will expand to fit To exercise this particular hobby horse is not, however, to criticize this com and well written textbook concerned with the limited applications of physics avoidance of the damaging effects of radiation. It assumes a knowledge of p mathematics probably up to that of the first or second year at a university.

principles of atomic and nuclear structure are dealt with in some detail and p
useful feature for those of us whose knowledge is a little rusty on some po
the subject is dealt with *ab initio*, it would probably be rather difficult to follo
some previous knowledge of the subject. In some places too much detail is
is scarcely necessary to devote nearly three pages to the derivation of the
formula for kinetic energy which most of us are quite prepared to take on tr
After the first five chapters on fundamental physics one chapter is devoted
dosi-metry and this is followed by one on the biological effects of radiation.
difficult subject for physicists to cope with and the reviewer feels that this c
profitably have been extended so that those without specialized biological k
could follow it more easily. Terms like "hemopoietic syndrome" and "ataxia"
been defined in simple terms.
The chapter on radiation protection guides starts with the basic recommen
International Commission on Radiation Protection and gives some selected
the application of these to derive maximum permissible body burdens and
A detailed review is given of instruments used in radiation detection and me
and of their limitations. The principles of external radiation protection are di
many examples given of their practical application. It is a pity that the graphs
beam absorption of X and gamma radiation by various materials are not mo
readable.
The chapter on internal radiation protection deals with contamination of sur
the atmosphere and with waste disposal. Again, several detailed examples
calculations designed to assess the hazards involved in particular circumsta
taken up again in a later chapter on the evaluation of protection measures w
discusses medical surveillance, routine personnel monitoring and the contr
activity. Some details of the methods available for the removal of surface co
could profitably have been included.
One chapter is devoted to the conditions required for an uncontrolled chain
reaction to start in a mass of fissionable material, a situation fraught with ve
consequences. This study of "criticality" is of course a specialized subject in
the heading of reactor control, and is perhaps only of general interest to th
health physicist.
In compiling a book of this kind, in what has now become so wide a field, a c
choice must be exercised, and what is emphasized, mentioned or regretfull
to some extent be a matter of personal opinion and interest. It is always eas
this choice but, in general, this book provides a good general coverage of th
includes many references for further reading.
Of particular usefulness is the provision of a large number of "problems" se
student, which are interesting, practical and within the scope of the materia

Anyone who has tried it knows how difficult is the combination of these thre
and how important if we are really to become doers of the word. *J. C. Jones*.

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