P32: Radiographer's best practices for image quality assurance in diagnostic pediatric pelvic radiopraphs

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Introduction: In pediatric diagnostic imaging, the image quality must be a constant concern to radiographers and orientated to the particular clinical problem. Pelvic radiographs are a common examination in children requiring specific preparation to be achieved.

Objectives: Our study aim to demonstrate the relevance of best practices when performing pediatric pelvic radiographs to improve diagnostic quality.

Materials and Methods: Through the retrospective analysis of 101 radiographs performed in children, image quality criteria were checked using the software MicroDicom. A visual grading scale of 8 points-scored regarding the technical aspects when performing a pelvic x-ray in children was also performed.

Results and Discussion: The most common errors of image quality criteria are the pelvic tilt (52.45%) and the central ray location of the x-ray beam (55.45%). The gonadal protective shields were absent in 42.57% (n = 101) of the patients.

Conclusion: The application of the current European Guidelines concerning the quality criteria when performing pediatric pelvic radiographs must be assessed and followed as far as possible.

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