Energy Dependence Study of Pen Dosimeters

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Abstract— After the calibration of fifteen direct reading dosimeters (pen dosimeters) with gamma radiation (⁶⁰Co), they were tested with another gamma radiation source (¹³⁷Cs) and with beta radiation (⁹⁰Sr+⁹⁰Y). The objective of this work was to study the gamma energy dependence and the difference in relation to the radiation type of these instruments. The results show that there is a very low energy dependence for ¹³⁷Cs and ⁶⁰Co beams. However, when the responses of the direct reading dosimeters for gamma (⁶⁰Co) and beta (⁹⁰Sr+⁹⁰Y) radiations were compared, high radiation type correction factors were obtained.