Role of Filipino Women Professionals in Safe and Effective Nuclear Health Care

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Outline of Presentation

- National legal framework for women empowerment
- Nuclear health care in the Philippines
- Nuclear regulatory body in ensuring safety
- Professional scientific societies ensuring effective nuclear health care
- Concluding remarks
Legal Framework
Institutionalizing Women Empowerment

- 1975
  Law creating the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW)

- 1987
  Integration of principle of gender equality in Philippine Constitution and recognizing the role of women in nation building

- 2009
  Magna Carta of Women providing better protection of women and renaming NCRFW to Philippine Commission of Women
Women Meet Atoms for Peace in Health Care

Major applications of nuclear energy in health care:

- Nuclear medicine where radiopharmaceuticals are used to diagnose functions/disorders of body organs, including cancer
- Radiotherapy where RAMs and electrically generated ionizing radiation are used in the treatment and management of cancer
Facilities in Nuclear Health Care

○ 50 nuclear medicine centers
○ 07 Co-60 teletherapy units
○ 10 brachytherapy units
○ 24 medical linear accelerators
○ 02 medical cyclotrons
○ 12 radioimmunoassay laboratories
○ 01 Tc-99m Generator production facility
Map
Medical Nuclear and Radiation Facilities in the Philippines
Major Classifications of Women Professionals in Nuclear Health Care

- Nuclear regulators
  Nuclear specialists in PNRI and the Department of Health who ensure the safety of the application of radioactive materials and electrically-generated ionizing radiation in health care

- Licensed users
  Medical doctors, medical technologists, medical physicists, radiation technologists who ensure the effectiveness of nuclear procedure, and

- Members of professional societies
  Experts who assist the above in education and training and render expert advice as needed
Professional Societies in Nuclear S&T

- Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine
- Philippine Radiation Oncology Society
- Philippine Association of Radiation Protection
- Philippine Organization of Medical Physicists
- Radioisotope Society of the Philippines
Safety

The PNRI plays a critical role as the nuclear regulatory body with the implementation of the following Codes of PNRI Regulations (CPR):

- Part 12 Licenses for Medical Use in Teletherapy
- Part 13 Licenses for Medical Use of Unsealed Sources
- Part 14 Licenses for Medical Use of Radioactive Sources in Brachytherapy
- Part 20 Licenses for the Manufacture and Dispensing of Radiopharmaceuticals
- Part 21 Licensing and Safety Requirements of Particle Accelerator Facilities for the Production of Radioisotopes
SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN Nuclear Medicine

- 3-year residency /training program of PSNM
- Participation in the QUANUM program and NM-related projects of the IAEA and RCA
- Conduct of seminars/training courses by the PSNM and the PNRI
- Regulatory conferences on new regulations or on amending present regulations by the PNRI
SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN Radiotherapy

- Long-term training program taken locally or abroad
- Participation in the QUATRO program and relevant regional projects of the IAEA and the RCA
- Conduct of training courses/seminars/conferences by the PROS and PNRI
- Conduct and participation in regulatory conferences organized by the PNRI
Concluding Remarks
THANK YOU!

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