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Educating for Safety and Efficiency

Purdue University's Educational Initiative for Radioisotope Manufacturing

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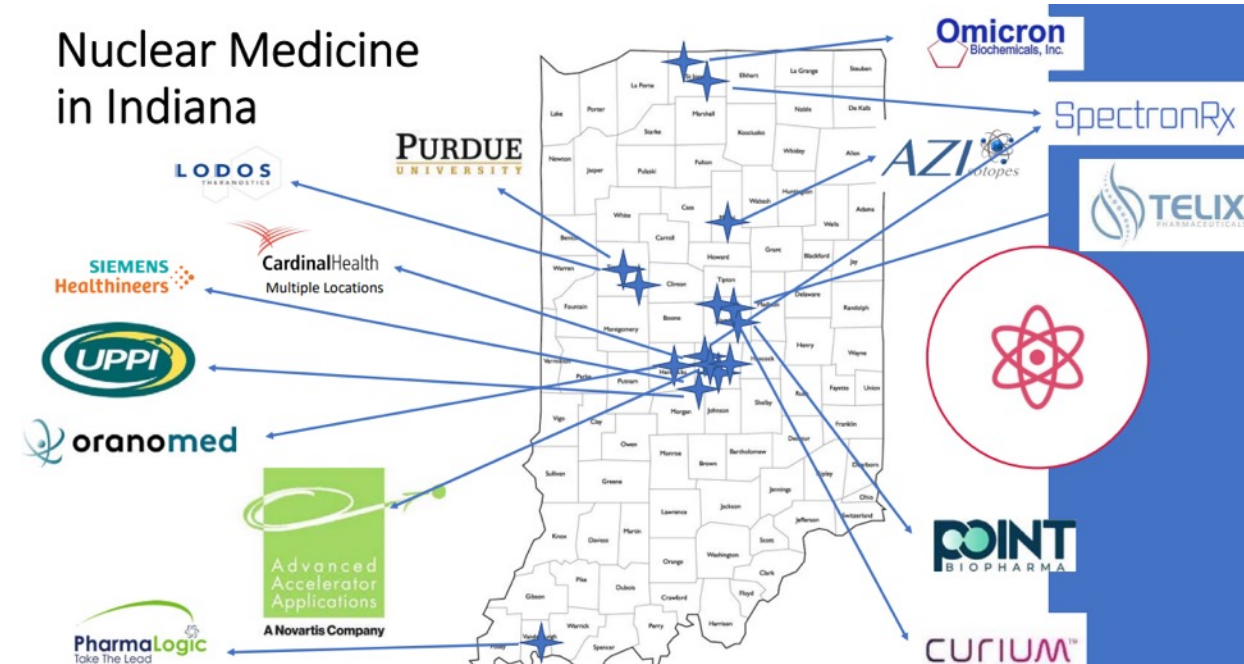
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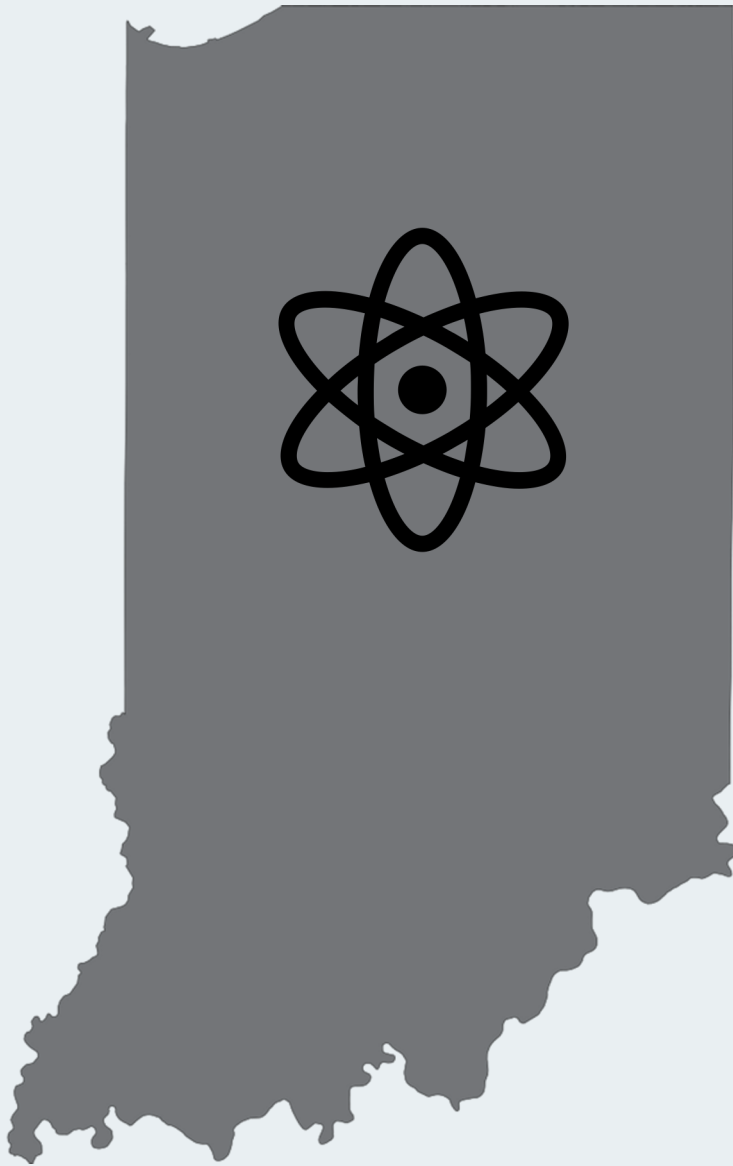
Indiana Radiopharma

Indiana Radiopharma (selected events)

- 2018: Novartis acquired Endocyte/Dr. Phil Low (\$2.1B)
 - 2023: Lilly acquired Point Biopharma (\$1.4B),
 - 2024: BMS acquired RayzeBio (\$4.1B)
 - 2024 June: OranoMed invested \$20 M to IN ATLab
 - 2024: Novartis opens production facility
 - 2024 Sep: Novartis Indianapolis site expansion >200M
 - 2025 July: RayzeBio manufacturing facility opens
 - 2026 July: RayzeBio expansion announced (2028)
- **Indiana is a radiopharmaceutical hub:**
 - IN is home to 12+ radiopharmaceutical companies and growing
 - Public-Private collaboration includes BioCrossroads
 - Radiopharma is one of BioCrossroad's "areas of excellence" for the state

Nuclear Medicine in Indiana





What Could Indiana Do to Build on its Strengths and Grow its Leadership?

Distribution capacity and capabilities

Workforce training and education

Supply chain infrastructure

Nuclear Medicine Centers
(Research and Clinical Trials)

Regulatory Processes

Public Education

Radiopharmaceutical Workforce Training



How Do We Train Today?

General Academic Pathway

- *Pharmacy*
- *Physics*
- *Chemistry*
- *Biology*
- *Engineering*

Specialized Academic Training

- *Advanced degrees:
Masters, PhD*
- *Training opportunities:
internships, fellowships,
clerkships*

Pros and Cons: General

PROS

- *General training – strong theoretical baseline*
- *Shorter time to train*
- *Multiple sources of potential employees*

CONS

- *Limited opportunities for specific applications*
- *May not have strong understanding of job potential with basic degrees*
- *How to partner?*

Pros and Cons: Specialized

PROS

- *Specific, focused training in designated area*
- *Generally involves hands-on opportunities*
- *Focus on bigger picture, not just theory*

CONS

- *Limited training sites*
- *Funding*
- *Research vs practical knowledge*
- *TIME*

How Do We Train Today?

On The Job Training

- *On the job training focuses on* **SPECIFIC JOB TASKS**

Pros and Cons: On The Job

PROS

- *Larger employee base*
- *Can train for specific duty*
- *On-the-job = working*

CONS

- *Employ first then train*
- *Steep learning curve*
- *Potential for workforce disruption*
- *Hands on: How?*

Workforce Development Defined:

a comprehensive, human-centered strategy that aligns education, training and employment services with the needs of the labor market

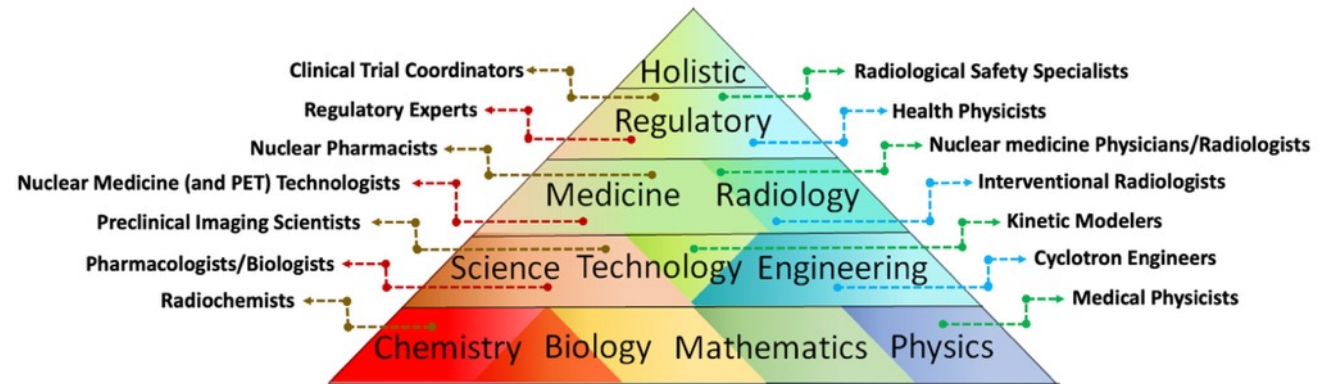


Fig. 1. Proposed framework of subject area divisions for various specialists and professionals working in nuclear medicine and the radiopharmaceutical sciences.

TRAINING

Knowledge



Teaching



Coaching



Experience



Learn



Skills



Development



Target



Radiopharmaceutical Workforce Issues



Workforce Needs

Lancet Oncol. 2024 June ; 25(6): e250–e259. doi:10.1016/S1470-2045(24)00037-8.

Trends in Nuclear Medicine and the Radiopharmaceutical Sciences in Oncology: Workforce Challenges and Training in the Age of Theranostics

The talent pipeline is the industry's next design challenge.

Workforce development was one of the summit's clearest themes: a growing gap between graduates entering the field and the specialized talent companies need. Demand for radiopharma-trained professionals is exceeding the output of current academic programs.

This is a problem SMRT is uniquely positioned to help address. Our work spans both life sciences facility design and higher education, and we understand how those two worlds connect. Research infrastructure, specialized lab environments, and purpose-built academic facilities directly shape an institution's ability to attract faculty, develop rigorous curriculum, and produce graduates ready for industry roles. The facility investment and the workforce outcome are part of the same equation.

STAT+ BIOTECH

'Significant talent shortage' threatens the rise of radiopharmaceuticals

Interest in the new cancer treatments has surged, but expertise in development and delivery is lacking



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Basic Science	
Responsibilities	Specialists
Targetry; accelerator and reactor development	Cyclotron and reactor engineers
Production and isolation of radionuclides	Nuclear chemists
Development of radiosynthetic methods and cGMP processes	Radiochemists and radiopharmacists
Quality control testing and method validation	Radioanalytical chemists
<i>In vitro</i> and <i>in vivo</i> evaluation	Pharmacologists, radiopharmaceutical chemists, radiation biologists, and cancer biologists
Clinical Translation	
Responsibilities	Specialists
Preclinical proof-of-concept studies	Pharmacologists, radiopharmaceutical chemists, radiation biologists, and cancer biologists
Preclinical dosimetry	Medical physicists
Preclinical pharmacology and toxicology studies	Pharmacologists and toxicologists
Generation of clinical protocols and preparation of regulatory filings.	Nuclear medicine physicians, health physicists, medical physicists, radiochemists, radiopharmacists, and regulatory scientists.
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Routine Clinical Use	
Responsibilities	Specialists
Patient referral for imaging and treatment with radiopharmaceuticals	Affiliated physicians (e.g., urologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, and interventional radiologists, often via multidisciplinary tumour boards)
Administration of radiopharmaceutical tracers and supervision of clinical protocols	Nuclear medicine physicians, radiation oncologists, nurses, and technologists
Interpretation of imaging data	Nuclear medicine physicians and radiologists
Human dosimetry	Medical physicists
Helping patients (and their loved ones) navigate the healthcare system	Patient advocates

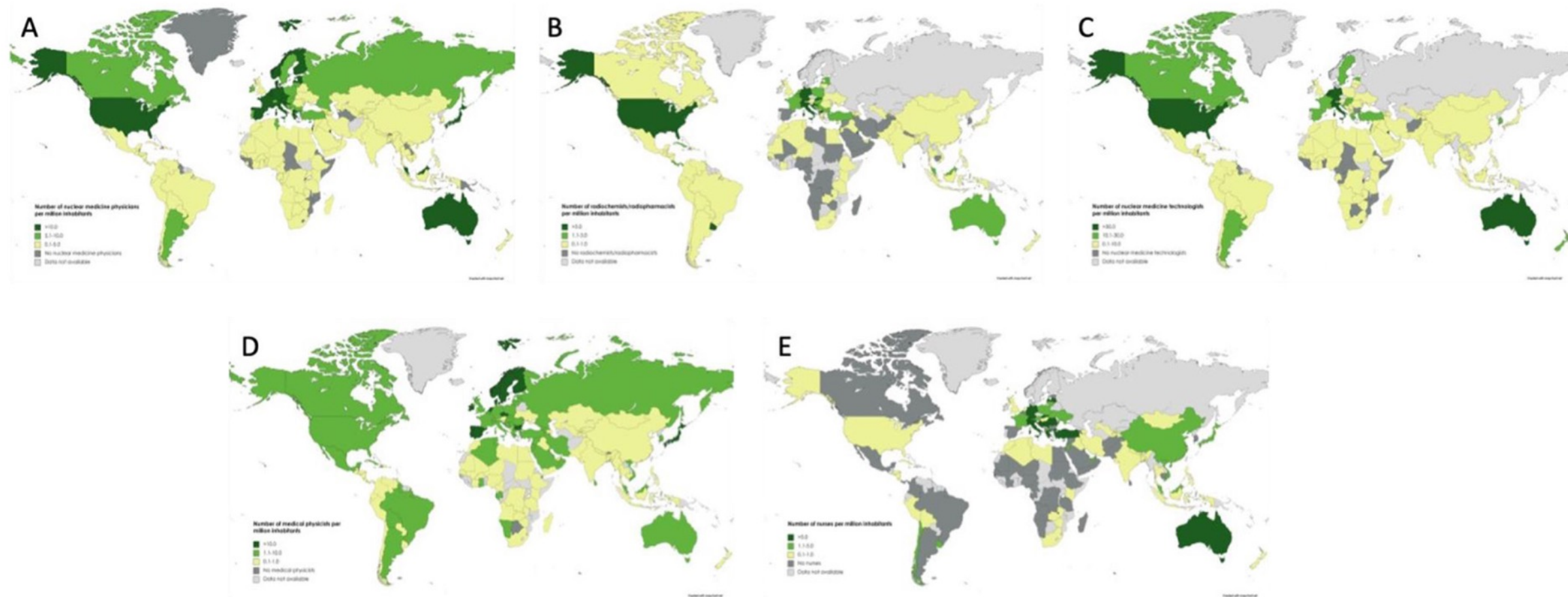


Figure 1:

(A) Nuclear medicine physicians per million people; **(B)** Radiochemists and Radiopharmacists per million people; **(C)** Nuclear medicine technologists per million people; **(D)** Medical physicists per million people; **(E)** Nurses in nuclear medicine per million inhabitants

*Scott et al.
Lancet
Oncology. June
2024.*

Nuclear medicine workforce per million people by country income group

Index/ Worker	Nuclear Medicine Physicians	Medical Physicists	Nuclear Medicine Technologists	Radiochemists and Radiopharmacists	Nurses	Other staff
High-income						
Range	0.0-54.5	0.0-40.9	0.0-86.3	0.0-18.8	0.0-18.8	0.0-129.0
Mean (SD)	10.5 (10.9)	4.9 (9.9)	30.4 (18.8)	1.8 (3.5)	2.1 (4.5)	35.8 (30.0)
Median (IQR)	7.0 (1.6-11.6)	1.9 (0.0-5.2)	6.7 (0.0-15.5)	1.0 (0.4-2.6)	2.1 (0.0-5.5)	15.1 (7.2-27.0)
Upper-middle-income						
Range	0.0-14.9	0.0-12.2	0.0-17.2	0.0-3.9	0.0-16.5	0.0-28.1
Mean (SD)	4.1 (3.6)	1.0 (2.1)	2.9 (3.5)	0.3 (0.9)	1.4 (3.6)	4.0 (7.1)
Median (IQR)	1.2 (0.0-3.4)	0.7 (0.0-2.1)	0.9 (0.0-2.5)	0.4 (0.2-1.2)	0.5 (0.0-1.9)	2.9 (1.6-9.0)
Lower-middle-income						
Range	0.0-5.7	0.0-3.5	0.0-10.2	0.0-0.9	0.0-4.6	0.0-12.9
Mean (SD)	0.6 (1.0)	0.4 (0.8)	0.8 (1.7)	0.1 (0.2)	0.3 (0.9)	1.2 (2.8)
Median (IQR)	0.2 (0.0-0.9)	0.1 (0.0-0.5)	0.1 (0.0-0.7)	0.1 (0.0-0.2)	0.1 (0.0-0.5)	0.8 (0.2-2.1)
Low-income						
Range	0.0-0.5	0.0-1.2	0.0-0.5	0.0-0.2	0.0-0.1	0.0-0.4
Mean (SD)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.2)	0.1 (0.1)	0.0 (0.1)	0.0 (0.0)	0.1 (0.2)
Median (IQR)	0.0 (0.0-0.1)	0.0 (0.0-0.0)	0.0 (0.0-0.1)	0.0 (0.0-0.0)	0.0 (0.0-0.0)	0.1 (0.0-0.1)

Radiopharmaceutical Workforce – Our Approach

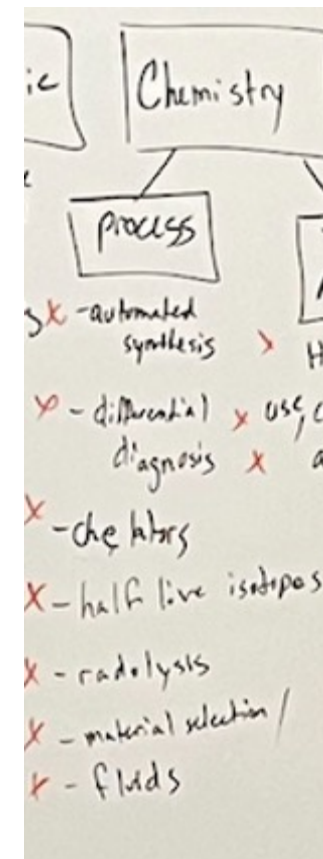
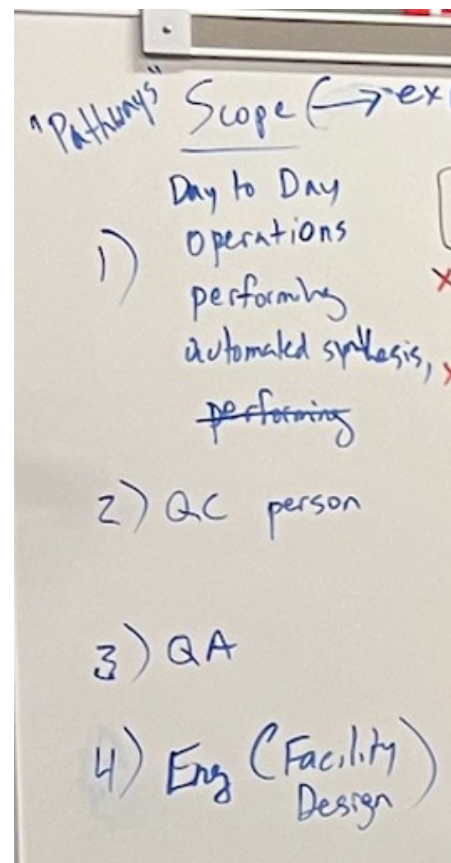
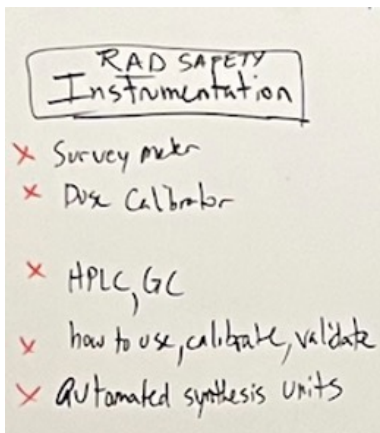


The Beginning

Workshop Participants

- Point Biopharma
- RayzeBio
- Perspective Therapeutics
- PharmaLogic
- Nucleus Radiopharma
- SOFIE
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute (Harvard)
- Isotopia USA
- Evergreen Theranostics
- Cardinal
- Telix
- Curium
- PETNet
- OranoMed
- SpectronRX

October 2023: Kick-off workshop



Outcomes

**Dream employee is a
ninja: strong
foundation in aseptic
and radiation handling,
is agile, flexible,
competent, and
capable in a variety of
working scenarios**



Outcomes

**Dream employee is to
some extent a unicorn:
where do we find these
people and how many
do we need?**



RADIATE

Radiopharmaceutical Alliance for
Discovery, Innovation and Training Excellence

Designing the Future: Industry Consortium

Industry-led, academically supported initiatives that bring value to the community

*RADIATE
was created
to help raise
the voice of
INDUSTRY*



Radiopharmaceutical Manufacturing Consortium



Established: 2023 with formal consortium enrollment 2025/2026

- RP manufacturers
- PET manufacturers
- Nuclear pharmacy (distribution)
- Isotope production
- Contract development/manufacturing

Bi-annual workshops: develop and drive programs of value

Initial Major Focus – Employee Pipeline and Development: develop a pipeline of trained and prepared employees across multiple disciplines ready to enter radiopharmaceutical manufacturing job opportunities

Foundational Support: Radiopharmaceutical Manufacturing

How do we continue to advance radiopharma?

Support and Promotion

Regulatory issues
Supply chain issues
Transportation issues
Enhancing clinical use
Supporting clinical trials

Student Recruitment

How do we get students across all levels interested in radiopharma?

Workforce Development

How do we prepare current and future members of the workforce?

Research and Innovation

How do we support partnerships between corporate and academic partners to further the growth of this area?

Radiopharmaceutical Workforce – Our Approach



Purdue University Master's in Radiopharmaceutical Manufacturing

- 32 credits
- Online
 - Local students have option for hands-on laboratory work courses if desired
 - All students complete a 6-week capstone project with radiopharmaceutical partner
- Requirements: BS degree in sciences or related fields
- Concentrations
 - 9 credit hours focused toward a particular subject area

Master's in RP Manufacturing Concentration List

Radiochemistry

Regulatory oversight

Clinical trials

Facility design and operation

Sterility assurance

Project management

TBD

WHY A MASTER'S DEGREE?

Master's Degree
Content



Undergraduates (Junior /Senior) can take Master's Level courses as part of an undergraduate degree

Content can be restructured to create certificates / short courses / microcredentials for given areas of practice

WHY A MASTER'S DEGREE?

Master's Degree
Educators



Current practitioners in the field
(and Purdue faculty oversight)



Master's offers a mixture of lecture / knowledge courses along with seminar-based courses which place with a heavy emphasis on real world scenarios and problem solving



What's Missing?



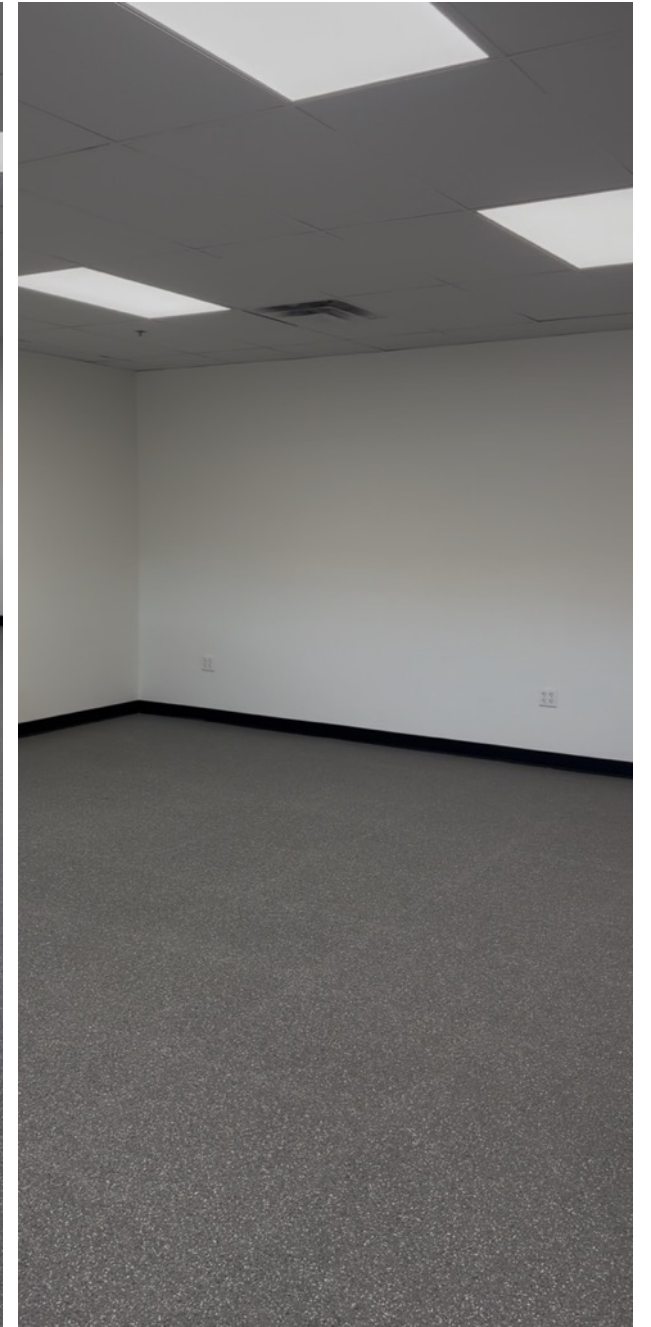
LEARNING BY DOING



Purdue Radiopharmaceutical Manufacturing Training Center Indianapolis



- 1800 square feet
- Entry vestibule and office space
- Quality control lab
- Quarantine area
- Mock clean room
 - Isotope prep
 - Sterility prep & evaluation
 - Hot cell with manipulator arms
 - Isolator



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A Very Special Thank You.



Purdue Simulation Training

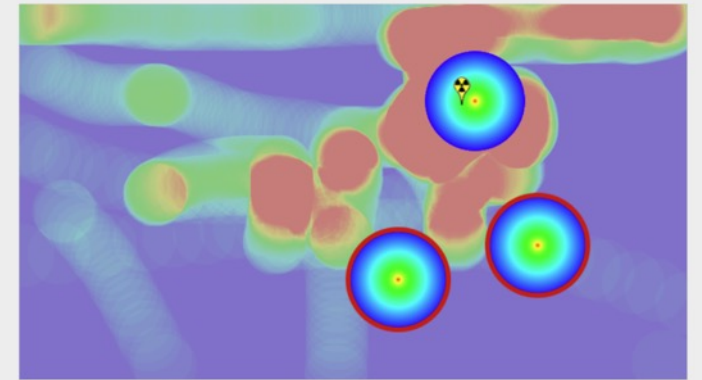




Find the 3 sources of radioactivity

Hold the center button to turn on the meter then scan the entire surface to identify the three areas of highest contamination.

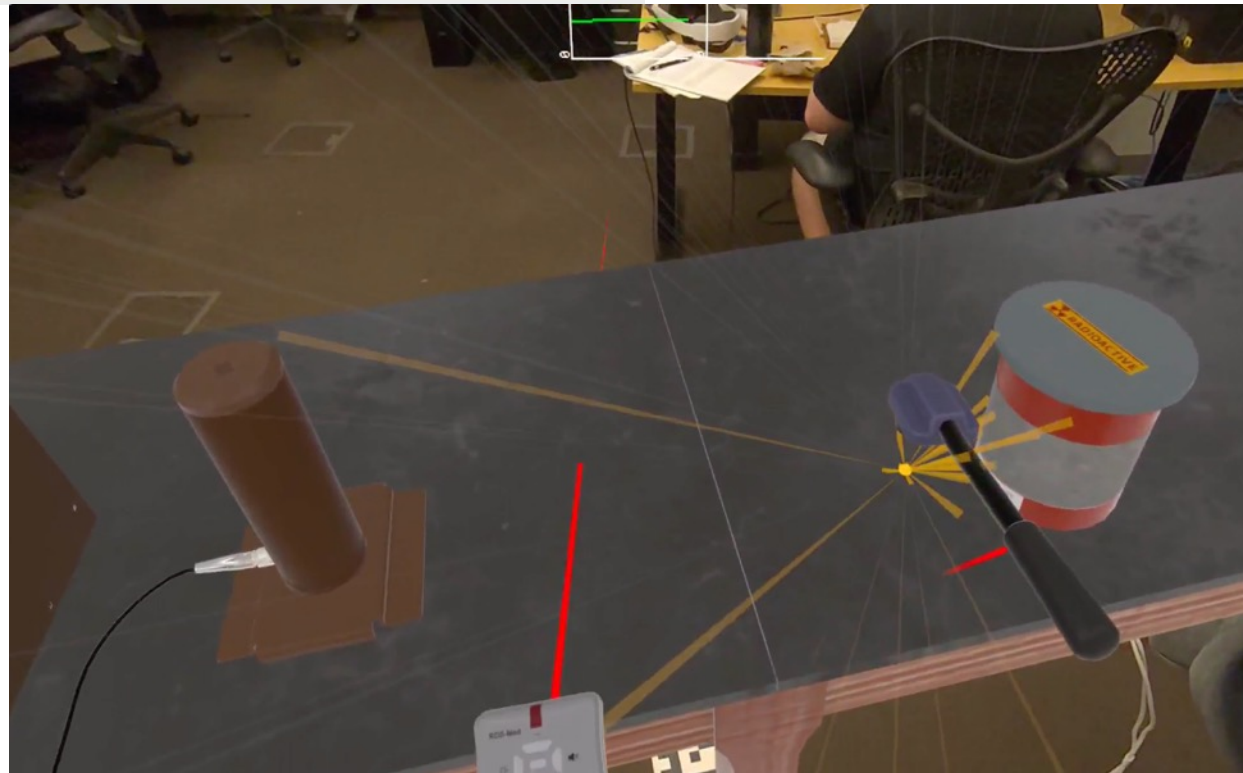
Score Exercise



How did you do?

You found 1 out of 3 targets.
You were exactly on target with 1. Great job!
You missed 2 (red outlines). Be sure to scan using a pattern and overlap scans slightly so you don't miss any of the surface area.
You scanned 64% of the surface area. Be sure to use a pattern to scan thoroughly. You left 36% of the surface unscanned.

Score Scale



What's Missing?



Workplace Experience



Work experience



Internship



Apprenticeship



networking



prospect



professional



Career management

Passing on to the next generation.....

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