

Central European Users Meeting

**A Toolkit for Good Medical
Practice in Brachytherapy**

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Programme and abstracts

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With delight we present you the agenda for the Nucletron Central Europe Users Meeting, which will be held on 15-17 October 2009 in Budapest, Hungary. We have aimed for an inspiring programme that looks at brachytherapy from both a scientific and a practical perspective.

A Toolkit for Good Medical Practice in Brachytherapy is therefore the theme for this meeting. A host of nationally and internationally renowned experts will address all significant aspects in a series of interactive talks, discussions and video demonstrations. In addition to sharing experiences and giving feedback on new Nucletron technology, we want to focus on how to successfully implement clinical protocols and procedures that drive good-quality results within the technological and socio-economic context of Central Europe.

Brachytherapy has always been the mainstay for treating gynaecological cancers and in fact the standard of care in Central Europe. Going forward, brachytherapy will play an even more crucial role, not only because of the rising incidence of indications like prostate and breast cancer but primarily because of its proven efficacy and efficiency in treating these diseases. At the same time, clinical and technological developments are driving the transition from 2-D (implant-based) to 3-D (volume-based) treatment planning and reinforcing the use of image-guidance for (interstitial) applications.

These important developments offer vital inspiration for exploring and discussing sensible solutions that are relevant for your practice. That is why this year's Central Europe Users Meeting will focus on the opportunity to expand from GYN to other body sites and the benefit from key advancements in image-guided and adaptive brachytherapy by using knowledge and technology that is currently available to you. This meeting intends to offer you a toolkit for expanding the extraordinary potential of brachytherapy by breaking the barriers through clinical proof, cost-effectiveness and education.

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