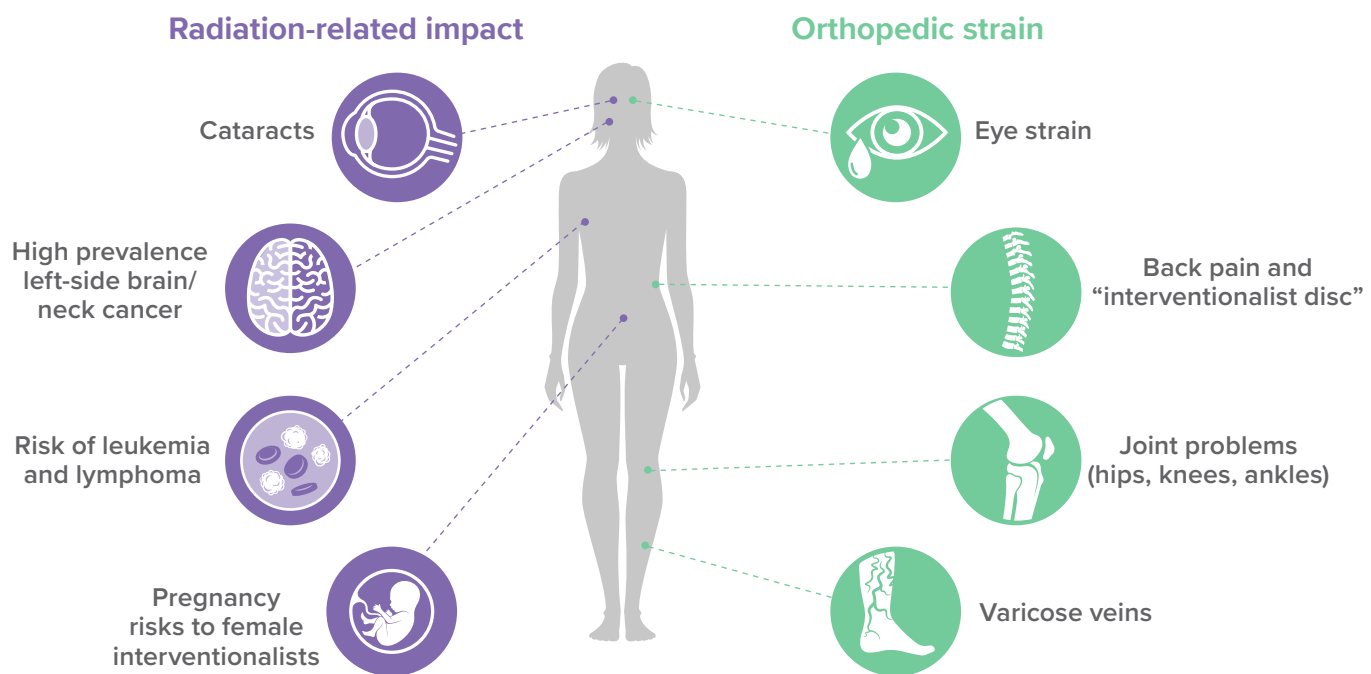


Take action to reduce your radiation exposure

Be aware of the risks of exposure and the steps you can take to control it. These steps involve using tools that allow you to see immediate exposure changes, so you can learn how to act to reduce radiation exposure.

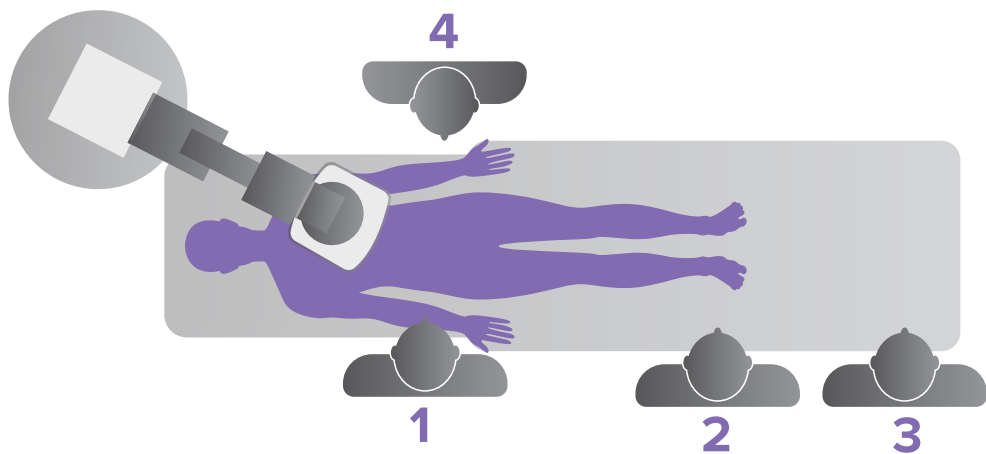
Radiation exposure risks



Location matters:

Personnel location relative to the radiation source changes radiation exposure.¹

Position	1	2	3	4
Head level	18.6	7.86	0.543	73.3
Thyroid level	26.2	12.6	0.746	87.2



Guidelines to manage radiation dose exposure

- Follow ALARA Guidelines
- Time
 - Minimize radiation exposure time
- Distance
 - Maximize distance from radiation source
 - As distance doubles, exposure is decreased by a factor of 4
- Shielding
 - Use shielding best practices
 - Use lead aprons, thyroid collars, radiation glasses and moveable shields to absorb radiation
 - Wear dosimeters to monitor radiation exposure

Procedural best practices for reducing radiation exposure

- Unessential staff should leave the room during exposure
- Keep hands out of radiation beam
- Keep movable shields in the optimal position at all times
- Maximize distance between operator and radiation source
- Take a step back when imaging

¹ Böttcher H et al. Strahlenexposition des Personals im Herzkatheterlabor. Z Med Phys 2003; 13: 251–256

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The i3 Real-time dosimeter allows you to see live dose rate, and changes, immediately. Watch the display to see how your actions may affect radiation exposure.

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