EMERGENCY ROOM CHECKLIST for handling RADIATION ACCIDENT PATIENTS



UPON NOTIFICATION A RADIATION ACCIDENT VICTIM IS ENROUTE:

- 1. Assemble treatment team and review radiological accident procedures.
- 2. Gather supplies to maintain isolation area.
- 3. Assume patient is contaminated: seek monitoring assistance.
- 4. If possible, determine current "background" level in the treatment area.
- 5. Notify the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA).

UPON ARRIVAL OF PATIENT:

- 1. Assess and treat the medical condition first. Use appropriate precautions.
- 2. If possible, survey to determine the presence and location of contamination.
- 3. Record any available information on the radiological exposure/contamination.
- 4. If contamination "above background" is present and the medical condition permits, attempt decontamination.
- 5. Bag and retain any contaminated clothing, wipes, gloves, and other material; label as "Radioactive-Do Not Discard."
- 6. Survey all medical personnel, equipment and facilities for contamination.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

Nuclear Medicine/Radiology:	
Hospital Radiation Safety Officer: _	

IEMA: 217-782-7860 Ask for the Radiation Duty Officer

Refer to the IEMA Medical Guide "Radiation Accidents" for further information and instructions.

