

GLOSSARY
RADIATION THERAPY

ACRONYMS

ALARA	as low as is reasonably achievable
AP/PA	Anteroposterior/Posteroanterior
b.i.d.	twice daily
Bite block	mouth piece mouth block
CDif	Clostridium difficile
C & S	culture and sensitivity
CNS	central nervous system
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CT	computed tomography
d_{max}	depth of maximum dose depth of electronic equilibrium
DRR	digitally reconstructed radiographs
DVH	dose volume histogram
EBRT	external beam radiation therapy
EPI	external portal image
FAD	focus axis distance
FFD	focal film distance
GTV	gross tumor volume
HDR	high dose rate
HIV	human immune virus
HVT	half value thickness
IMRT	intensity modulated radiation therapy
IV	intravenous
IVP	intravenous pyelogram
kV	kilovolt
LDR	low dose rate
min.	minute
MU	monitor unit

MRSA	methycillin resistant staphylococcus aureus
MV	megavolt
ODI	optical distance indicator
OR	operating room
P.O.P.	Parallel Opposed Pair
Portal film	treatment unit verification film check film
PSA	prostatic specific antigen
PSF	peak scatter factor
PTV	planning target volume
QA	quality assurance
RDF	relative dose factor
SAD	source axis distance
SFD	source film distance
Shell	cast
Shielding tray	shadow tray perspex tray plate
SPF	sun protection factor
SSD	source skin distance
TLD	thermoluminescent dosimeter
TPR	tissue phantom ratio
VRE	Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

DEFINITIONS

Patient chart:	patient complete medical information
Treatment prescription:	radiation oncologist prescribed time/dose/fractionation
Treatment record:	treatment sheet