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"New Applications of Radiation Technology to Advance Global Health"

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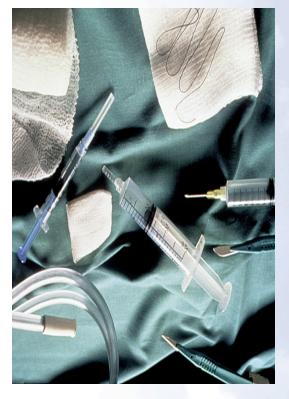


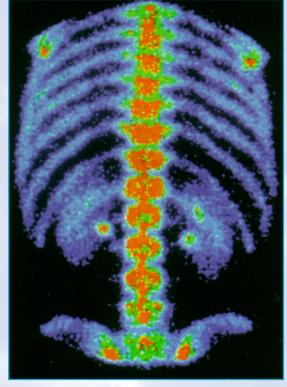
## ... innovation in radiation technology applications

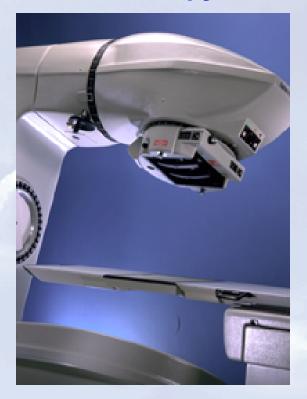
### **Sterilizing products**

**Nuclear medicine** 

### **Cancer therapy**







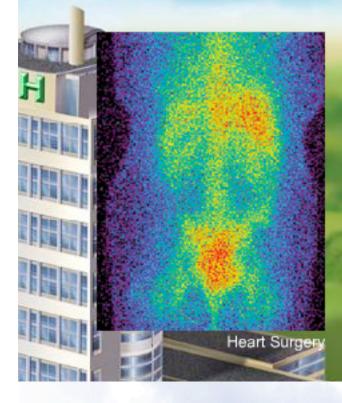
⇒ improving health worldwide
⇒ enhancing food safety
⇒ benefiting everyday life







## **Diagnosing disease**



### Radiology

Diagnostic tests can include bone scans, heart scans, liver scans, brain scans, thyroid scans, lung scans and kidney scans.



## **Treating cancer**

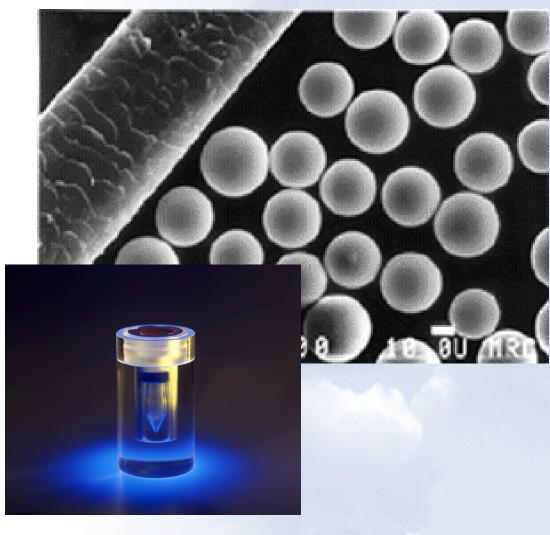


### Oncology

Inoperable hepatocellular carcinoma, a form of liver cancer, can be treated using MDS Nordion's TheraSphere.



## **TheraSphere**



A proprietary product

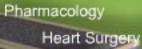
Treats liver cancer

Y-90

Irradiated glass spheres, smaller than a human hair



### **Treating cancer**



### Cancer Clinic -Outpatient Centre

A fixed tumour can be treated with cobalt-60 external beam radiation therapy, using the THERATRON machine.



## **Preventing disease with sterilization**

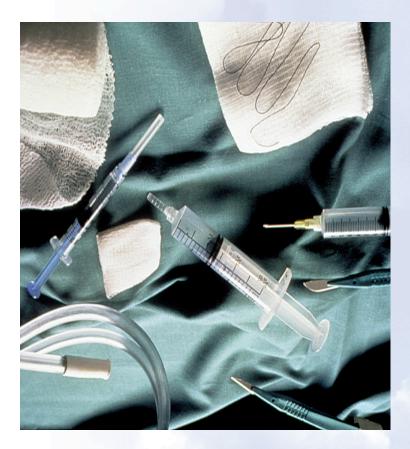


### General Surgery and Supplies

Many single-use supplies found throughout the hospital are sterilized using gamma irradiation.



## **Sterilizing medical supplies**



- 40% of disposable medical supplies are sterilized using cobalt-60
- Over 600 million curies of cobalt-60 shipped globally
- 180 gamma processing facilities



## **Cancer treatments**



- Cobalt-60 teletherapy delivers
   15 million treatments annually
   worldwide in 50 countries
- Over 1200 units installed globally
- Canadian innovation in cobalt-60 radiation therapy



### **MAPLE reactor production: key radioisotopes**





lodine-131 Thyroid imaging and therapy



Molybdenum-99 (Technetium-99m) Cancer and heart disease diagnosis



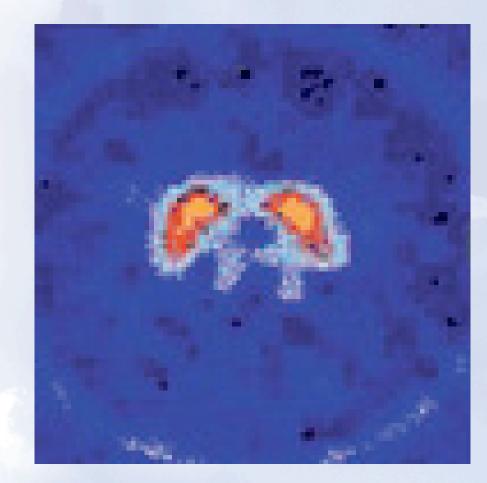
Xenon-133 Lung imaging



Iodine-125 Prostate therapy



## **Every day, more than 45,000 people undergo a nuclear medicine procedure**



⇒ secure, reliable supply of medical isotopes



## Medical isotope supply chain









⇒ logistics are critical

## **MAPLE reactor project**



- Dedicated exclusively to medical isotope production
- Ensuring reliable global supply
- First Canadian reactors in 10 years

- Molybdenum-99
- lodine-131
- Xenon-133

essential products to ensure reliability of patient health care



### **New therapies**



- In 2002, the first-ever radioimmunotherapy approved by FDA to treat non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Patient benefits: life extension and quality of life vs. chemotherapy
- Innovation in radiolabelling monoclonal antibodies for targeted radiation therapy



## **MammoSite**



Breast Cancer post resection
Uses HDR Brachy devices
Ir-192 source



## GliaSite

- Proxima
- Brain cancer [Glioma]
- I-125 labeled HBS (lotrex)





## **The Reality of Food**

# **How Safe Is Our Food?**

FOOD

Contamination causes 9,000 deaths a year, and new dangers are emerging

#### BY GEOFFREY COWLEY AND JOHN MCCORMICK

few weeks ago a nation that loves to agonize over fat, cholesterol and food additives get a jarring bit of news. Writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, a team of public-health officials described how 23 people in southeastern Massachusetts had contracted a potentially deadly illness from a product most purists adore The 23 New Englanders had suffered from bloody diarrhes, and in some cases kidney failure, after drinking apple cider in the fall of 1991.



taily, experts agree that the situation is growing ever dicier. "Are the dangers greater today than 10 years ago?" asks Dr. Robert Tauxe of the CDC's Foodborne and Diarrheal Disease Branch. "Definitely."

APPLE	
Microbes from	
the farm pose a	
greater hazard	
than additives	

One problem is that the microbial landscape is changing A number of new pathogens have shown up in the food supply in recent years.

and old cores are finding new ways to make mischief. Dr. Paul Blake, chief of the foodborne-diseases branch at the CDC, recalls



## Irradiated chicken: what to look for?





## **Retailers / Foodservice**

**SuperValu** Winn Dixie Kroger Tops Nash Finch Wegmans Hy-Vee Publix **Dairy Queen** Embers **Price Chopper** Champps

Jewel-Osco (Albertson's) Dominick's (Safeway) Safeway Pick 'n Save Hannaford Bros. **Clemens Foods** Lowes Foods **D'Agostino Supermarkets Pathmark Supermarkets** Farm Fresh Supermarkets **Rainbow Foods** Schnuck's **Giant Eagle MDS Nordion** Science Advancing Health

## Radiation Technology: Advancing Global Health

- research and development
- diagnosis and treatment of disease
- medical product sterilization
- cancer therapy
- industrial processes
- agriculture
- food irradiation

⇒ new developments, innovations, applications ... for a new era

