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ABSTRACT (See instructions overleaf)

Doses to patients in X-ray examinations extremely depend on a choice of technical exposure parameters. Approximately the same visualization of anatomical details is possible to achieve using different combination of kilovoltage, charge (anode current and time product) and total filtration, but with quite different doses to patient. (Source-skin distance is designed by type of procedure.) In the newest X-ray units kilovoltage - charge combination is fixed automatically, but the older equipment needs to choice of these parameters "handly" by technicians.

This paper presents results of evaluation how particular parameters can affect on dose to patients, taking into consideration the mode of X-ray generators. (Kilovoltage seems to be the most important from mathematical point of view.) As in Poland X-ray units with different rectifying system are in use, this analyse takes into account the following systems: half-wave, 6- and 12-rectifiers and constant potential generators. The influence of total filtration is significant as too low filtration was very frequently found error in Polish X-ray units.

As conclusion - a possibility of patient dose reduction is discussed versus an appropriate choice of X-ray equipment and their exposure parameters.