



ARSAC Annual Report April 2022 to March 2023

Full Committee meetings

- 82nd Meeting- May 2022
- 83rd Meeting-November 2022

Membership

- Dr Simon Wan and Dr Thomas Westwood were appointed as members of ARSAC in July 2022.
- Dr Mark Gaze and Dr Shahid Rasul have been re-appointed as an ARSAC member for a second terms from April 2022.
- Prof Sobhan Vinjamuri has been re-appointed as an ARSAC member for a third term from April 2022.
- Prof Kevin Bradley has been re-appointed as an ARSAC member for a second term from August 2022.

Licence applications

Applications for licences under IR(ME)R are received by UK Health Security Agency on behalf of the relevant Licencing Authorities. Applications are assessed by the Committee. From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 a total of 143 new licence applications under IR(ME)R were received (26 employer and 117 practitioner). We also received 154 licence amendment applications (56 employer and 98 practitioner) and 130 notifications (106 employer and 24 practitioner).

Research approvals

ARSAC provides approval for research trials involving the administration of radioactive substances as required under IR(ME)R. ARSAC received 290 applications from sponsors for research trials within this reporting period, which included (217 new research applications, 61 amendments to existing research trials and 12 notifications).

Publications

The ARSAC Notes for Guidance publication was updated in February 2023 with the following key changes:

- a) Updates to guidance on pregnancy checking
- b) Clarification of time to avoid pregnancy after 131I treatments
- c) Information on including wider scientific support in employer application
- d) Additional information on renewal of licences for employers and practitioners
- e) Addition of the procedure code 99mTc-48-111 to table 5.1
- f) Removal of the procedure code 99mTc-152-58 from table 5.1
- g) Removal of serial numbers used in certification from tables 5.1-5.4

Bulletin

The email bulletin now has over 8000 subscribers. From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 7 bulletins were sent to provide updates to our subscribers on changes to processes and guidance available.

Further notification of updates to the Notes for Guidance, the website and the application process can be received by [subscribing to the bulletin](#).