INTRODUCTION

The Directive 2004/40/EC, which is the 18th individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC, lays down minimum requirements for the protection of workers from risks to their health and safety arising or likely to arise from exposure to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz) during their work.

According to the Directive, the employer shall assess and, if necessary, measure and/or calculate the levels of electromagnetic fields to which workers are exposed.

AIM & SCOPE

The assessment of the occupational exposure in physiotherapy facilities, according to the Directive 2004/40/EC on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of the workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields).

At least, each physiotherapy department has:
- microwave device
- short wave device

† Health Centres & † Hospital were selected in the area of Bilbao (Spain).

CONCLUSIONS:

1. We have selected personal monitors (Radman XT ELF immune), because the staff was walking around the workplace.
2. Measuring values shall be RMS and averaged on 6 minutes according to the EU Directive 2004/40/EC.
3. It is required to measure E-field and H-field, because this is a near-field region.

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