



Dear Colleague,

The Asia-Pacific Branch of ISCD is extending an invitation to all technologists to attend the next ISCD/IOF Bone Densitometry Course called Osteoporosis Essentials.

As the world leader in bone densitometry certification, the International Society for Clinical Densitometry (ISCD), provides comprehensive educational courses in bone densitometry and offers certification for those who perform DXA scans and those who interpret the results (details of this can be seen at the end of this letter). This certificate is recognized all over the world as well as approved by EPA Australia, NSW, Queensland, WA Radiation Council and ARPANSA.

A fully approved ISCD Technologist Faculty will teach the course. All three are ISCD Certified Densitometry Technologists who are experts in densitometry and training in the areas of densitometry.

Susan Baldwin, Senior Nuclear Medicine Technologist at Qscan Radiology Clinics, Brisbane.

Geoffrey Roff, DCR, DNMI, Senior Bone Densitometrist, Austin Health

And Dr Ekaterina Zivanovic, MCH, CCD, CBTD, Sydney.

The Technologist Course is most appropriate for those involved in the performance of the bone densitometry examination. The core elements of the program provide a set of standard practices and information to raise the level of awareness and education in bone densitometry. The course focuses on central DXA testing and in addition a solid foundation in other forms of bone mass measurement, including peripheral DXA and QCT is provided.

Technologist Course Objectives

After attending the course, participants will be better prepared to:

- Identify the technique, safety and limitations of DXA scanning
- Explain the value of utilizing bone densitometry to assess and monitor fracture risk
- Apply knowledge of quality control and operation of DXA equipment
- Review patient preparation and proper positioning for DXA scanning
- Identify and perform proper scan acquisition and analysis

Target Audience

Open to any allied health professional performing DXA scans who has completed at least 100 central DXA scans. This is not a course for beginners who have no experience doing DXA scans.

This course is recognised by AIR, ANZSNM, and International Affiliates for Continuing Professional Development. Please contact the appropriate Society regarding how many hours for this.

Cost(including GST): AUD \$495

Cost covers: Course materials, exam fee and refreshments for the 2 days.

Accommodation – several options within 5 minutes walking distance from the course venue. Ekaterina Zivanovic can advise attendees of options via email - e_zivanovic@yahoo.com.

Certification (N.B. [this is not offered on the day and is not included in the cost.](#))

ISCD also offers a Certification Program, which includes Certification for Clinicians (Certified Clinical Densitometrist – CCD) and for Technologists (Certified Bone Densitometry Technologists – CBDT). This Certification is independent of the course. Course participants who desire certification should go to the ISCD website (<http://www.iscd.org/>) to obtain the appropriate application form, review testing procedures, and review qualifications and fees. However, please note that one does NOT need to take a course to sit for the certification exam, but a mastery of the Body of Knowledge (*provided on the ISCD website*) is necessary to successfully pass either Certification Exam.

Upon successful completion of the Certification Exam an individual will be awarded certification for a period of 5 years for CCD and 3 years for CBDT. The certification exams can be taken in Commercial test centres (PrometricCentres), located throughout the world. A listing of test centres is available on the ISCD website. The cost of the certification exam ranges from \$225 - \$450 USD depending upon which certification and membership type.