

# Health Physics @ ZNA

**Implementing a  
health physics department**

**“DIENST FYSISCHE CONTROLE”**

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hoofd dienst fysische controle  
ZIEKENHUISNETWERK ANTWERPEN



ZNA = network with  
11 locations of which  
8 with ionising radiation  
7 FANC-licenced 'sites'  
4 class III & 3 class II



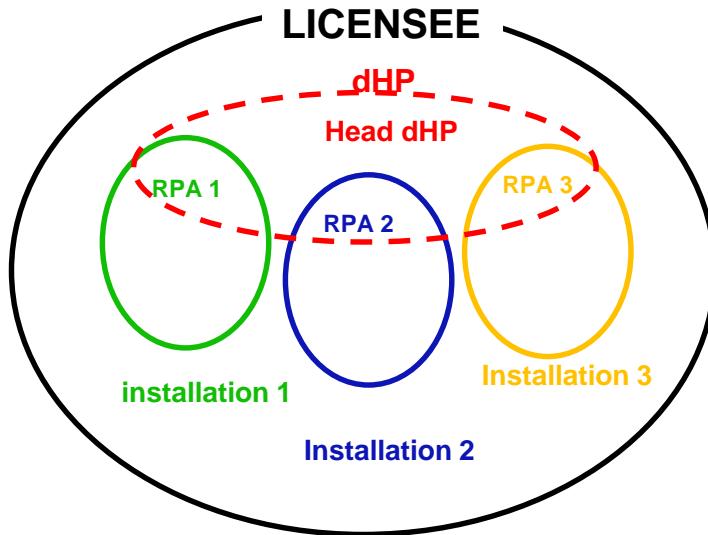
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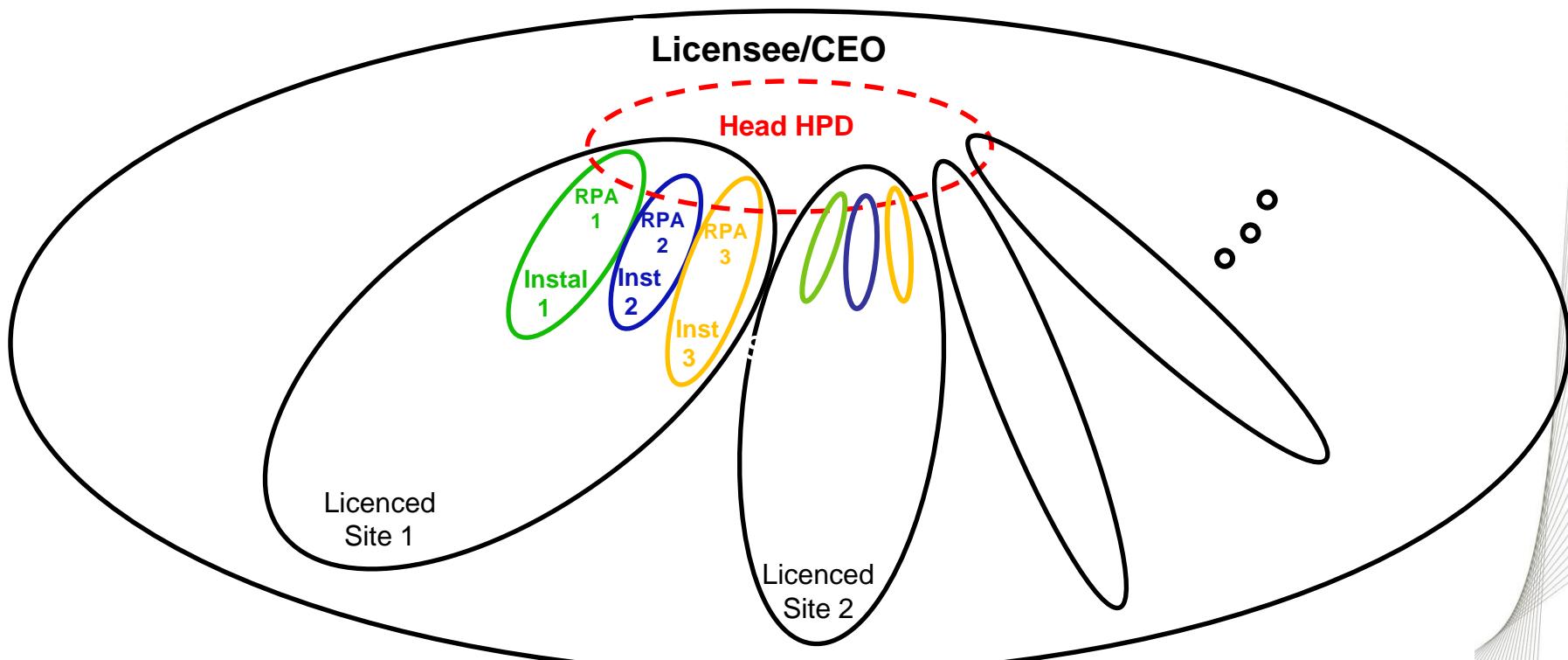
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# Organising a Health Physics Dept slide from FANC (J. Berlamont)



# For a network of hospitals (with one CEO)

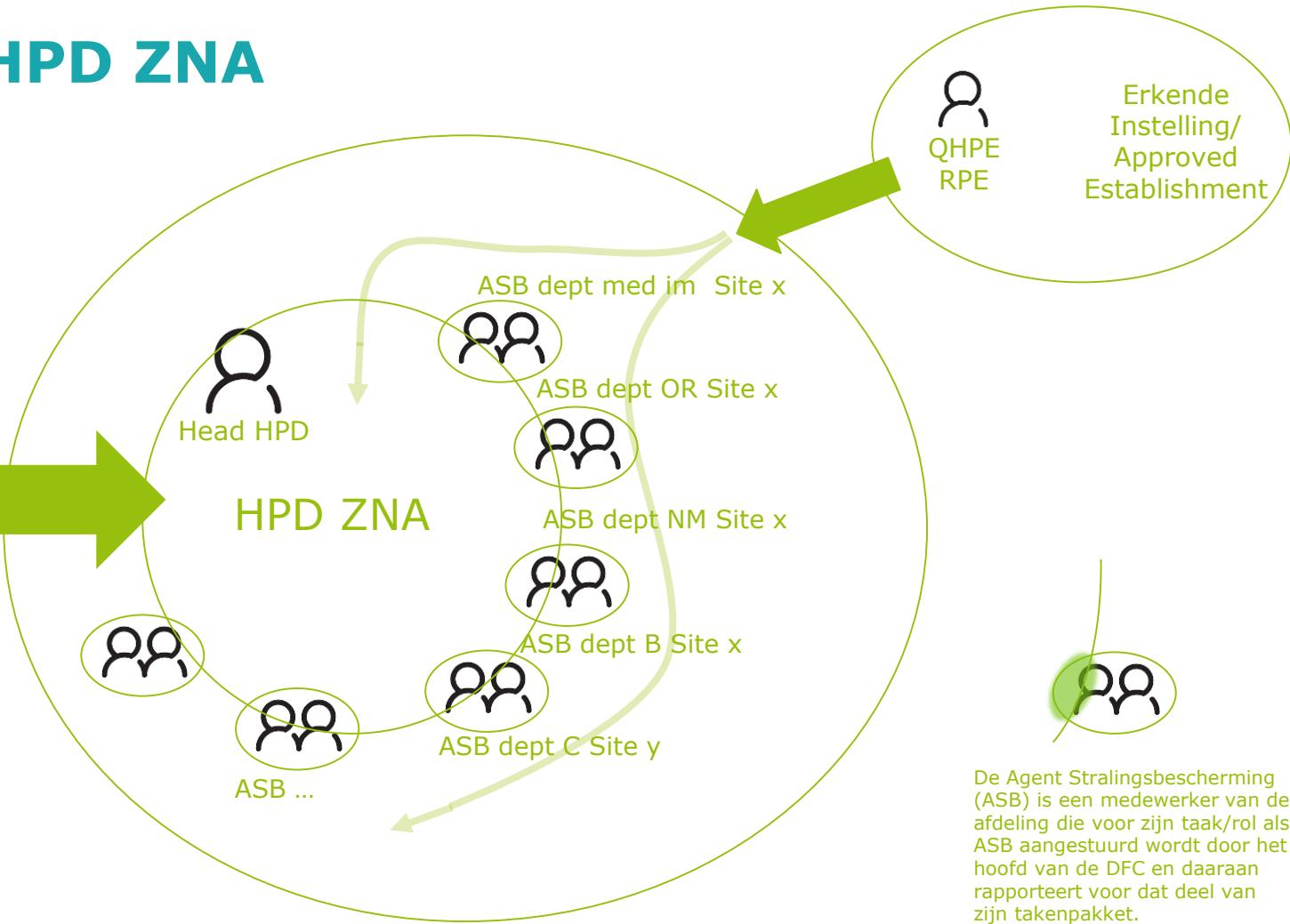


RPA = agent stralingsbescherming/agent de radioprotection

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# HPD ZNA



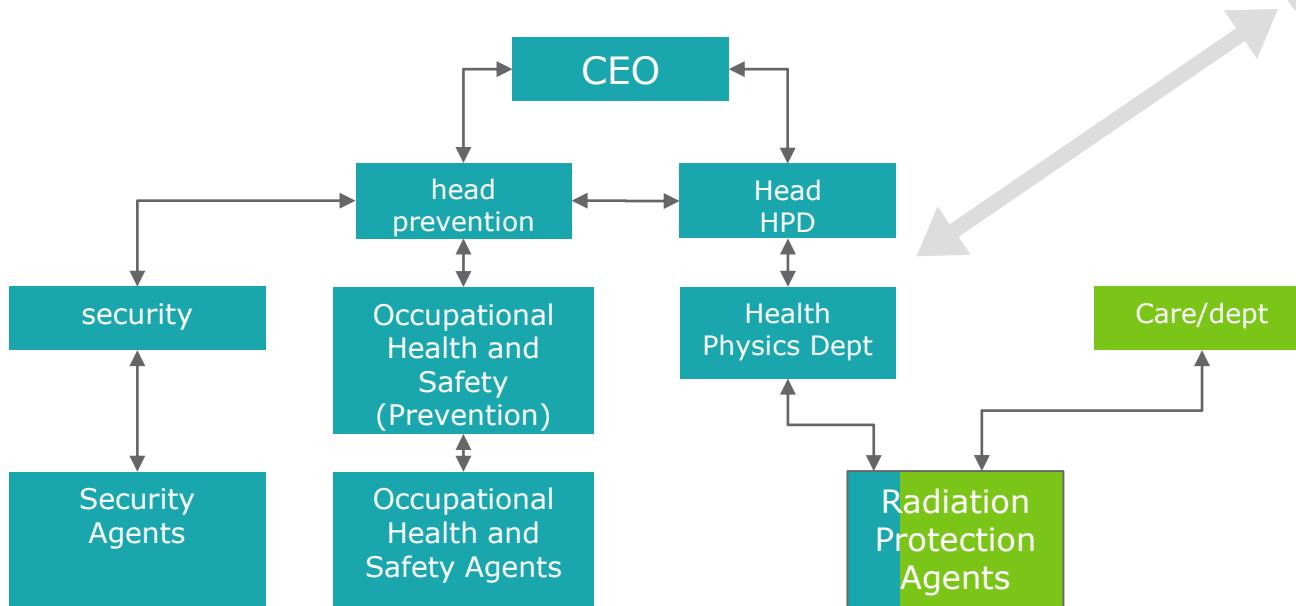
# Radiation protection agents

- Eyes and ears on the floor
- Geographic location (eg CT is different floor/wing or not)  
(eg Day Hospital is next to general Operating Rooms or not)
- Risk analysis (eg dentist chair vs interventional cardiology)  
(eg Medical Imaging with or without CT)
- Operating hours 8hrs, 12hrs, ...

# Radiation protection agents

- RD: employee, no self-employed co-workers (so no MD's)
- ZNA: if possible the head nurse + ...
- Training:  
ZNA:
  - ART53 Nurse/Radiographer/... with Certification Radioprotection 50/60h
  - Additional 2 hours "update" (approved&presented) by the external RPE + written test
    - Nov/Dec 2019 ex-cathedra
    - From March 2020 onwards: on-line learning module + on-line test

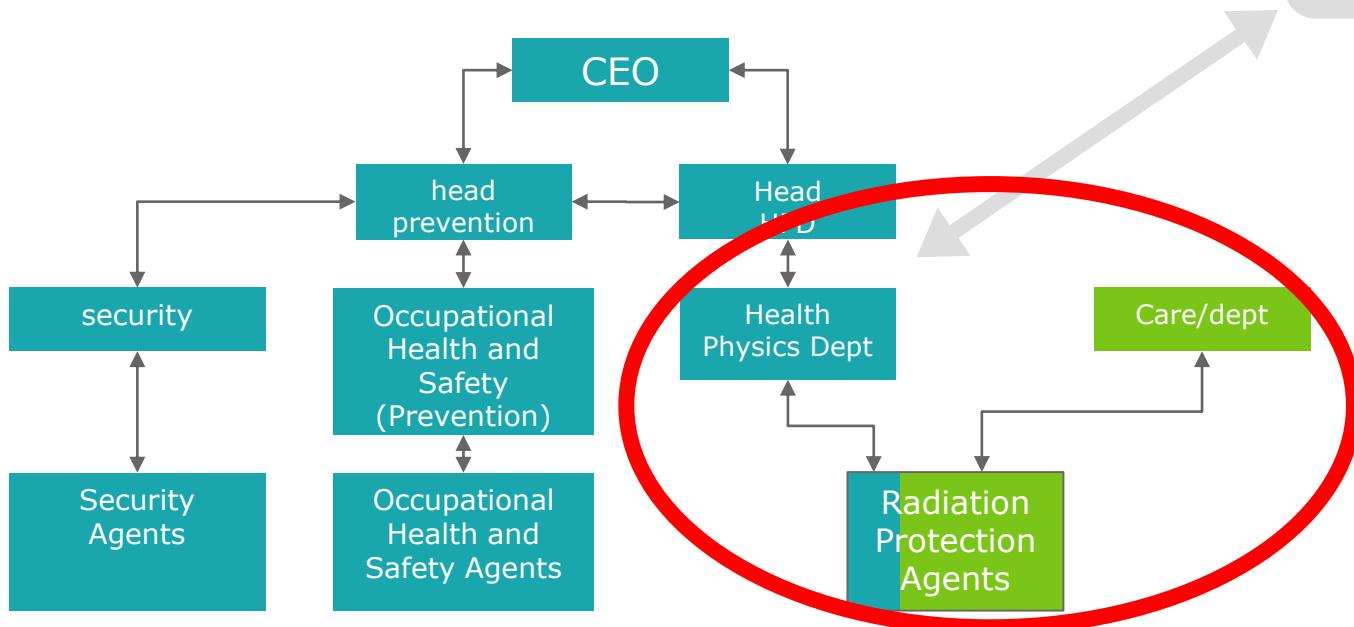
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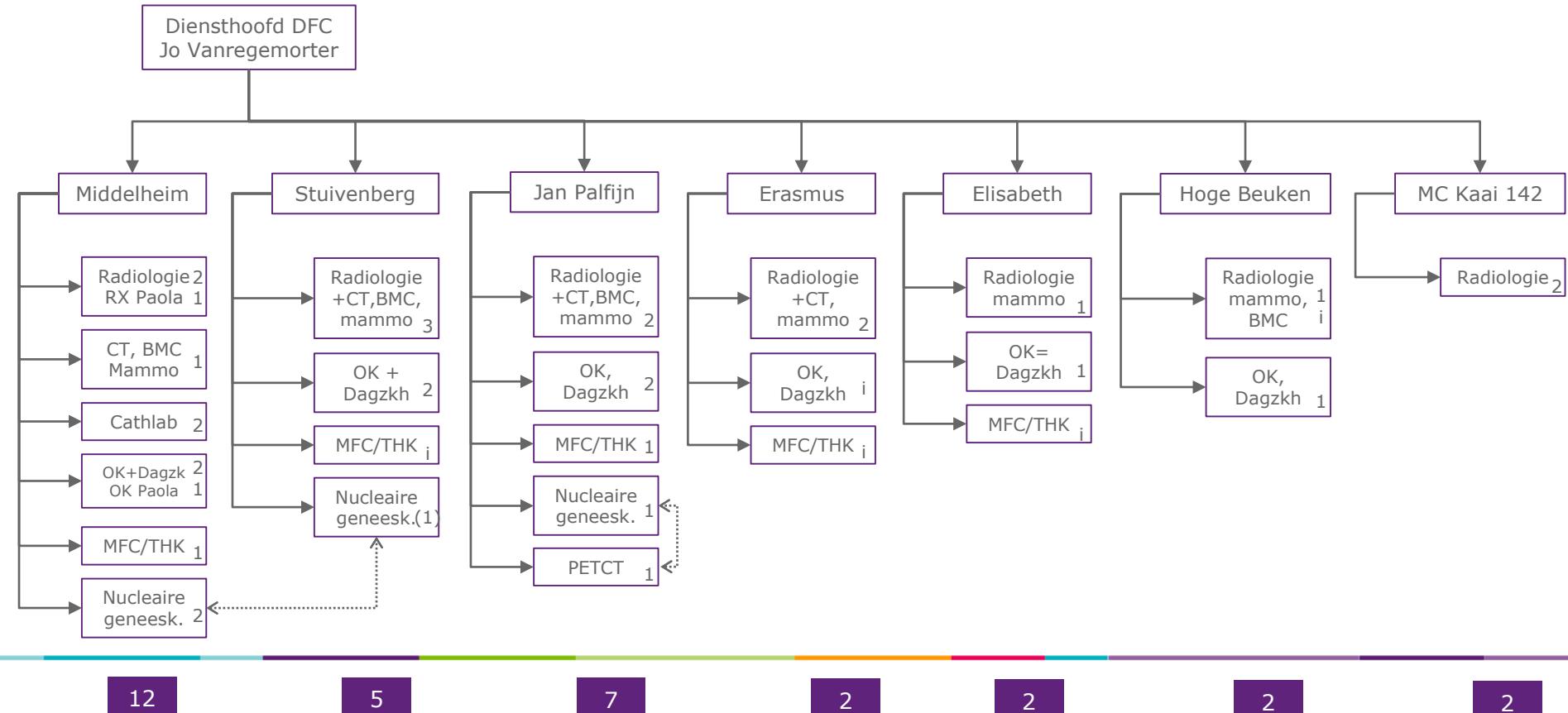
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# Organogram (diensthoofd+32 ASb)



Bij de vermelde geschatte aantalen is rekening gehouden met het risico, de grootte en de spreiding van de afdeling, i = inbegrepen in andere afdeling indien haalbaar.

# Streamlining tasks

- ZNA 2016-...
  - Safety programme ionising radiation=all organisation wide procedures (quality portal JCI)
  - Local implementation SOP=team site
- January 2020: switch to new HPD
- In addition 2020
  - Description tasks RadProtAgent
  - Checklists for RPA (class 3 and class 2)
  - Periodic on-site checks of the RPE together with RadProtAgent(s)
  - Emergency diagramma “significant incident”

# Checklists as a guidance

☰ Checklist ASB radiologische toepassingen

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Start

Periodieke controles klasse 3 : radiologische toepassingen

Interne en externe medewerkers die de gecontroleerde zone betreden beschikken over een persoonlijke dosimeter en zijn geïnformeerd over de gevaren van ioniserende straling.

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Verplicht

Ja Nee nvt

OPMERKING PLAATSEN

Er is geen zichtbare schade aan de collectieve bescherming (loodschermen, -glas, -deuren, -wanden). Er zijn geen aanpassingen aan de collectieve bescherming (wekelijks).

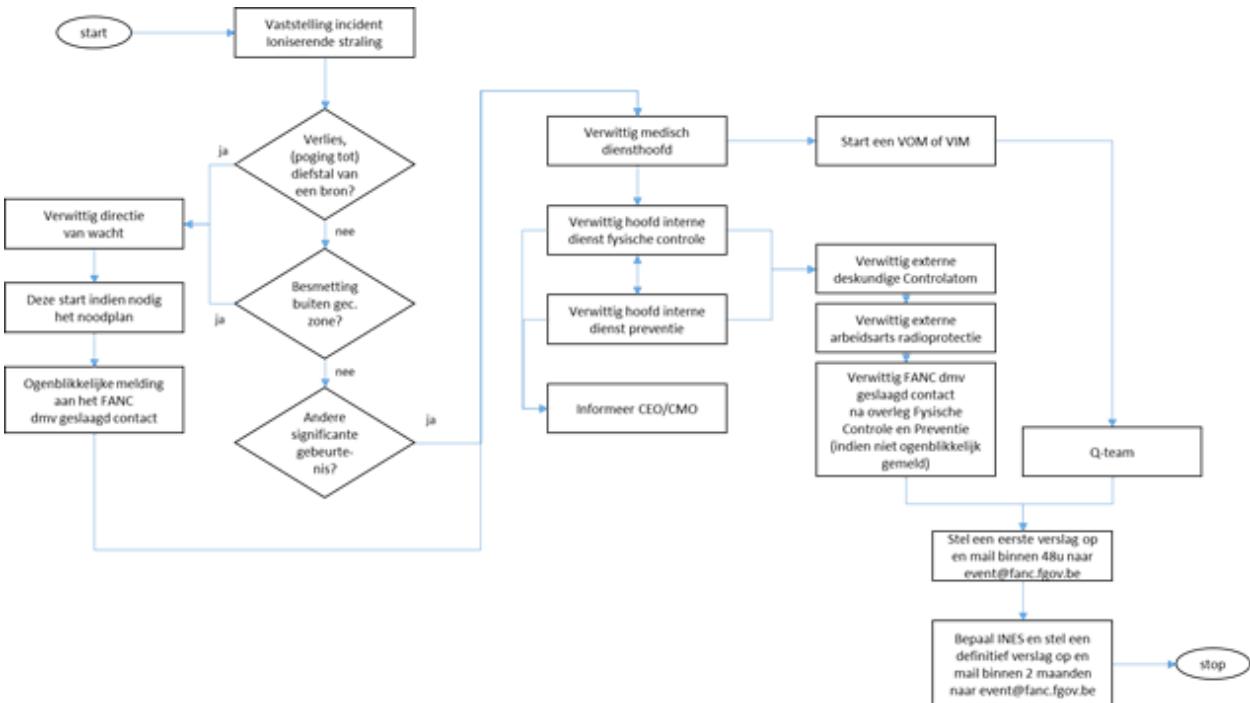
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◀ VORIGE VERZENDEN ➡

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# Significant incident



# Controlling tasks

- Committee of radiation protection agents + Teamsite
- Steering Committee Ionizing Radiation (quarterly)
  - Head DHP, Head Prevention, Occupational Health and Safety Agent, 1 RPA-head Radiology Dept.
- Extended Steering Committee Ionizing Radiation (annual)
  - Head DHP, Head Prevention, Prevention Advisor, 1 RPA-head Radiology Dept.
  - MD Head of a Medical Imaging Dept
  - Occupational Physician (advice)
  - CEO (if necessary)
  - CMO (if necessary)
- Bi-annual report to CEO

