

# Health Information from Management to Technology: Development of a Radiology Patient Safety Monitoring System

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# Abstract

**Background:** Medical imaging is an intervention through which patient safety (PS) is of great importance. In monitoring PS, the major challenges include lack of relevant data, proper control, and appropriate feedback in taking the necessary measures. To meet these deficiencies, the related data should be investigated precisely and advanced technology should be applied to monitor the quality of imaging.

**Objective:** The purpose of this study was to design and develop a PS monitoring system at the radiology department to mitigate adverse events.

**Methods:** This developmental research was conducted in multiple phases including content determination using Delphi technique, conceptual modeling using Rational Rose software, database designing using SQL Server, user interface (UI) building using Agile software, and system evaluating in three aspects of UI requirements, the accuracy of calculating, and usability.

**Results:** In this study, 110 PS-related important data elements were identified in 14 main groups and 26 PS performance metrics, as the system contents. The ERD and UML diagrams were drawn and the UI was created in three tabs: pre-procedure, intra-procedure, and post-procedure. Finally, the evaluation results proved the technical feasibility and application prospect of the radiology patient safety monitoring system (RPSMS). Finally, the usability of the system was highly rated (76.3 from 100).

**Conclusion:** The RPSMS, offers the possibility to complement the datasheets for gaining a more accurate picture of the PS status and bringing up its aspects, which might otherwise go unnoticed or be underestimated by clinicians.

## Introduction

In the healthcare system, the concept of patient safety (PS) should be monitored and audited as a critical component of care quality. The PS concept allows the health care stakeholders to operate without harming individuals, even in complex high-risk environments (1).

An error is defined as a deviation from the expected norm, regardless of any damage (2). In this regard, medical errors represent unwanted acts, failure to perform the desired action(3), failure to conduct a planned action, mistake in reaching the goal (4), or deviation from the care process that may harm a patient (5).

In health systems, preventable medical errors can have fatal consequences. Advances in health information technology can have the potential to improve the health care delivery process and decrease medical errors (6).

Medical errors are one of the most common causes of death with millions of victims in the world (7). To deal with these errors, we need to learn from them. To hit this target, medical errors should be identified, recorded, and investigated accurately by the patient's safety information system (8, 9). Such systems can

prevent medical errors proactively and are among the most important requirements of implementing PS plans to mitigate medical error risks. They also have the capabilities to identify, analyze, and report the causes of incidents, adverse events, and near-misses (10).

In the radiology department (RD), medical errors cause a great challenge. Considering the complexity of the health care system, Larson et al. posited that maintaining and improving levels of safety depends on developing a system and a culture that can intelligently integrate individuals with technology and processes to create a safer patient care environment (1).

This research aimed to investigate the implementation procedure of a routine PS monitoring approach at an RD using a radiology patient safety monitoring system (RPSMS), which collected data before (pre), during (intra), and after (post) an imaging procedure.

## **Materials And Methods**

In this qualitative and developmental research, a multi-method approach was employed including interviews, structured observation, questionnaires, and workplace walkthroughs. The developmental steps were based on soft system methodology as follows:

### **Step1: Appreciate the problem situation**

We analyzed the situations and determine the problems. In this regard, routine work activities and all paper artifacts used during medical imaging examinations were observed. During this investigation, we found that there was no systematic and electronic approach to monitor the patient's safety in Iran. This situation analysis posed the following questions:

-How can improve Ps in RDs?

-What kind of changes may be systemically desirable and feasible in this situation?

### **Step 2: Formulating root definitions**

#### **- Content selection**

A researcher carried out direct observation and open-ended interviews with key informants to gather preliminary contextual data about policies, procedures, and normal routines related to documenting and checking safety.

Then, in-depth interviews were conducted with radiologists to determine the effective issues of PS in RDs. Also, these interviews focused on the sequence of tasks, and the information required to performing these tasks.

Next, a literature review (8, 11-46) was performed to gain a good understanding of the data elements, which contributed to the design of this system as the data content of the system. After the extraction of

data elements, again, the in-depth semi-structured interviews were conducted with radiologists to determine the relevant items for the pre, intra, and post procedures.

### **- Delphi technique**

A panel of experts (n=30 members) composed of radiologists, medical physics, and radiology technicians with more than 5 years of professional experience were asked to confirm these items using the Delphi technique. Furthermore, an open-ended question was added to the questionnaire to seek further potential data elements. In this process, the experts were asked to determine whether an item is necessary or not. Considering that no additional suggestions existed in the first round, Delphi was terminated at this stage. The experts' opinions' mean scores were calculated for each item; a mean score of higher than 50% showed that the item was acceptable, while a mean score of less than 50% indicated that the item was not acceptable. Based on the final panel's rating, a list of data elements was developed to be used.

### **- Patient Safety Indicators**

A serious challenge in implementing the quality improvement plans for medical imaging was related to the exact definition of metrics. In a previous study, we have determined the key performance indicators (KPIs) and related metrics to patient safety in the RD for Iran (47). In another article, we have defined them and prepared the identification table (7). In this study, we have used them.

### **Step 3: Building conceptual models**

the system's conceptual model was depicted to determine the relationships among the data elements by drawing ERD (Entity Relationship Diagram) and UML (Unified Modeling Language) diagrams (class, activity, sequence) using the Rational Rose software. These graphs were used to represent the entities and their relationships graphically.

### **Step 4: Converting models to real world**

The user interface (UI) was built by Agile software concerning three components of front-end, back-end, and reporting. This software was designed based on C # and written using the .Net Framework to use WPF (Windows Presentation Foundation) language tools with the ability to monitor, record, and report the results in charts and tables. The reports are also presented by a combination of C #, HTML, JavaScript, and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets), which is easier and faster than the Crystal Report software in the Windows environment.

For the data acquisition, the limited amount of data such as demographic information, medical record number, physician's name, and ward, the system utilizes from the hospital information system (HIS). The rest of them are captured by the users (dedicated staff) through keyboards instantly. The data can be entered by a radiologist, a radiologist's assistant, a radiology nurse, and an educated radiology technician.

Next, the database of this software was developed by Microsoft SQL Server software (2016), which is used to report the latest version of the browser considering the JavaScript libraries upgrade. Finally, the UI was developed using the Microsoft Visual Studio software.

### **Step 5: Defining possible changes**

This system was tested preliminarily using three types of evaluations.

#### **- The user interface verification**

To ensure that all UI requirements were met completely, the system was evaluated by 5 IT experts using the International Standard ISO 9241/10. This is a checklist consisting of 50 criteria in seven main axes analyzed using Excel software. The verification was performed by 5 IT experts.

#### **- The metrics calculation validation**

To ensure that the PS metrics are calculated accurately, these calculations were validated using the test data manually and machinery. In this order, first, some of the metrics with test data were calculated manually. Then they were calculated by the RPSMS. Finally, the numbers obtained from both methods were compared. The validation was performed by a researcher of the team.

#### **- The usability evaluation**

The usability of the RPSMS was measured through the System Usability Scale (SSU), designed by John Brooke in 1986. The SUS consists of a 10-item questionnaire with five response options ranging from strongly agree to strongly disagree and provides a reliable tool for measuring usability. This type of evaluation was performed by 10 end-users of the system including radiologists.

To calculate the SUS score, the score contributions from each item (ranging from 0 to 4) were summed up. For items 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 the score contribution included the scale position minus 1. For items 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10, the contribution was 5 minus the scale position. The sum of scores was multiplied by 2.5 to obtain the overall value of SUS. It should be noted that although the SUS scores ranged from 0 to 100, they are not percentages and should be considered only in terms of their percentile ranking.

- **Ethics and Consent:** This study was performed as a research plan supported by the Health Information Management Research Center of Kashan University of Medical Sciences (grant number: (9532).
- **Ethical Approve:** IR.KAUMS.REC.1395.32. We have only developed software and no human and animal experiments have been performed in this study and it is not applicable to humans.

## **Results**

By reviewing the related studies, 143 important data elements in 14 main groups were extracted. After the first round of Delphi, 110 data elements were selected by consensus to have good potential for application in RPSMS. These data elements related to pre, intra, and post procedure are presented in **Table 1**.

The conceptual models designed using ERD and UML diagrams are presented in **Figures 1-3**. The RPSMS was the implemented prototype software tool for monitoring and managing safety in RDs. Its main tabs (including pre, intra, and post procedure) contain a collective set of safety-related data elements associated with KPI metrics. A dropdown list box was considered for checking the data elements for each patient (**Figures 4-6**).

The system included the following functionalities: 1) application of a username and password to log in, 2) selection of the system language (Persian-English) by the user, 3) edition and modification of the users' information, 4) use of reports, back to previous pages, signing out, alert, and help icons for all pages and processes, 5) capability to search, edit, remove, and display all patient's information historically, 6) deactivation of tabs and options to check all data elements accurately, and 7) presentation of the reports using tables and charts in printable pdf and excel formats.

Furthermore, all KPI data could be further filtered using various selection criteria such as modality, dates (day, week, month, or year), as well as examination and encounter type. User selection of these filters or a combination of the filters results in the system dynamic re-visualization of the data in real-time.

Finally, the accuracy of KPI metric calculations was individually tested and verified. Later, to determine the appropriateness of capabilities, structure, and visualization of the safety-related KPI metrics were used ISO 9241/10. As shown in **Table 2**, participants indicated that was user-friendly and could support the main UI requirements. Finally, as presented in **Table 3**, the participants indicated the usability of RPSMS to be at the desired level (76.3 from 100). After these evaluations, the necessary corrections were made to RPSMS.

## Discussion

The quality improvement process is different from the strategies designed to increase profits. In medicine, the main goal is to benefit the patients and the healthcare organizations' endeavor is aimed to increase the quality of care along with cost reduction. Therefore, PS is a responsibility of great importance, which is fulfilled better using related indicators that improve performance (7, 48, 49). Safety is optimized in the environment by monitoring the safety indicators. A significant relationship was observed between quality improvement and PS performance indicators (50).

To move in this path, proper data elements should be selected initially and then appropriate methods should be employed to collect these data actively to calculate the PS metrics. Therefore, obtaining the required data should be instilled into the culture of healthcare organizations as a part of their daily

routine. Furthermore, appropriate mechanisms should be adopted for achieving and controlling them (30, 47, 51-53).

The Joint Commission also emphasized that all healthcare organizations are required to develop a comprehensive system for identifying and mitigating safety risks. In medical imaging processes, the application of a system to assist the staff in monitoring and identifying the potential PS-related events and reporting the adverse events can increase PS (7, 19, 22, 53)(9).

In Reason's Swiss Cheese Model of Medical Error, Brook et al. proposed an error classification system for diagnostic radiology that included personnel, communication, cause, and impact characteristics. Their system was focused on discovering the latent system failures to decrease the odds of future errors and diminish their adverse impact (23). Accordingly, for RPSMS, we used all the patient safety-related metrics obtained from Karami's study (47) which covers the items of the cheese model.

The quality value map was drawn by Swensen et al. for radiology that followed the patient's path from the referring physician's office to the RD containing the major steps required for ordering, performing, and reporting an examination. This map provides a basis for understanding the opportunities for improvement of the radiologic safety, reliability, quality, and appropriateness of the examinations and interventions (35). We found that it is critical to check safety in different steps. So, we design this system for monitoring and measuring the safety indicators in the pre-procedure (before the patient enters the RD), intra-procedure (when the patient is ready for the procedure in the RD), and post-procedure (after the procedure and before the patient leaves the RD) stages.

Multiple studies showed that different methods and interventions were used to improve the quality and safety of RDs. In these studies, we found the traditional paper-pencil forms were used for PS data collection, which is generally associated with relatively laborious working procedures (especially, regarding data processing and storage), prone to data input errors, and dependent on a lot of human resources. On the other side, Schultz et al. developed a Web-based radiology-specific event reporting system. During the initial development of this system, it identified and addressed the potential safety concerns and shortcomings positively and easily (27). Therefore we decided to develop the PRMS as an e-monitoring tool with pre-defined requirements to control and prevent adverse events.

In various studies, checklists have been used to control safety, but each focuses on a part of safety and a specific modality. For example, Koetser et al. developed a specific radiological PS System (RADPASS) checklist for performing interventional radiology and assessing the effect of this checklist on the health care processes of radiological interventions. Application of this checklist reduced deviations from the optimal process by three quarters and was associated with fewer procedure postponements (54).

In another study, Schultz et al. introduced two means for standardizing the work processes. The first was a checklist for a time-out routine to comply with the Universal Protocol and help to eliminate errors in interventional procedures. The latter was a flowchart applied for the radiologic imaging evaluation of pregnant patients that exemplifies lean standardization of a work process to eliminate errors (30).

To design a checklist, Rafiei et al. stated that items of a well-designed checklist should address the underlying failure modes effectively for the adverse events that occur in any particular operational environment. In addition, the checklist should be designed to facilitate reliable execution of the control strategy for the failure modes. In other words, addressing the causes of every conceivable adverse event would result in a long and impractical checklist. Patient safety is better served by allowing local teams to design a checklist from a list of items that match the operational requirements of the working environment and case mix. As a result, a series of potential checklist items should be provided along with their rationale" (55).

In the present study, we designed an electronic checklist and addressed various aspects of safety and also included in this system an item called modality. This checklist may be necessary to complete by two or three persons. As "Rad Check" was a two-person verification system introduced by Rubio et al. to decrease wrong-patient or wrong-study errors. In the verification process, two health care employees read back the patient's name and medical record number with additional verbal confirmation of the required intervention to be conducted. The read-back procedure needed both a patient armband and paper or electronic order (22).

Our system also provides recommendations and alerts to prevent errors, reports adverse events, and presents the results in tables and charts. Kim et al. also set up an automatic real-time patient medical radiation dose management system for all modalities. This system utilized the radiation dose data-archiving method of standard digital imaging and communications in medicine (DICOM) dose structured report combined with a DICOM modality performed procedure step. The capabilities of this system were to display the graphs for analyzing each patient, equipment setup, operator, and examination (14).

As Kruskal et al. described a quality management system including PS, process improvement, customer service, professional staff assessment, and education for implementing continuous programs to monitor performance, analyze and depict data, implement change, and meet the regulatory requirements in a large academic radiology department (48). The PRMS is designed to monitor, collect, and report the PS data for performance improvement.

This system is currently being pilot tested to determine its usability and feasibility. More advanced features will be added to it based on the pilot usability study. In future studies, PRMS will be tested to determine its effect on the improvement of PS during months and years as mentioned in studies as follow:

Gottumukkala et al. developed a checklist-based scoring system to rigorously assess compliance and used a system of video monitoring and feedback to track performance and improve the time-out process in pediatric interventional radiology. This system led to substantial improvements in time-out performance over 3 years and could address the common failure modes (46). And, to enhance PS, Corso et al. established the "Time-Out" safety checklist in the angiography suite during interventional radiology. This checklist can eliminate adverse events in the first year of use and promote significant involvement and PS awareness among the healthcare team (40).

## Conclusion

This study provides a picture of how to manage health information to achieve a health information technology that can effectively make changes in routine work. Understanding workflow, information flow, and provider needs can play a critical role in developing strategies to design an effective e-monitoring system.

The RPSMS, offers the possibility to complement the datasheets for gaining a more accurate picture of the PS status and bringing up its aspects, which might otherwise go unnoticed or be underestimated by clinicians. It is noteworthy that the health care stakeholders have to develop a pragmatic implementation strategy for collecting data routinely.

Acceptance and application of this system by staff can pave the way to extend RPSMS data collection from pre/Intra/post procedures. Maybe the employees consider it as an increasing workload. Therefore, they should be educated and justified.

Definitely, this system has some limitations, by increasing its use, more feedback will be received from users, which then will be used to improve it.

## Declarations

**Consent to publish:** Not Applicable

**Conflicts of interest:** None

**Code availability:** 'Not applicable'

**Author contributions:** M.K supervised the project, the main conceptual idea, system design, and wrote the manuscript. N.H. worked out almost all of the technical details and designed the UML diagrams and system. S.R. carried out the data gathering and verified the analytical method.

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## Tables

Table1. Results of the Delphi technique about Content of RPSMS

Row	Indicators	Required data	Mean		
<b>patient safety indicators related to intra- procedure</b>					
1	<b>patient scheduled</b>	Arrival Time	0.53		
2		Real Time of imaging	0.77		
3	<b>Physician order</b>	Physician's Name	0.63		
4		Physician Specialties	0.70		
5		Ward	0.63		
6		Type of Modalities	CT Scan	0.50	
7			Nuclear Medicine	0.50	
8			Radiograph	0.60	
9			Interventional Imaging	0.77	
10			Cardiovascular Imaging	0.73	
11			Angiography	0.67	
12			CT Angiography	0.57	
13			Heart Scan	0.53	
14			Peripheral Vascular Imaging	0.60	
15			Physician Signature	0.83	
16		<b>Request Time</b>	0.57		
17		<b>Request date</b>	0.77		
18		<b>Universal protocol</b>	Patient Identification	Medical Record Number	0.67
19				Patient's Name	0.93
20	Father Name		0.67		
21	Age		0.83		
22	Sex		0.73		
23	Address		0.50		
24	Phone Number		0.73		
25	Procedure Identification		Side	0.80	

Row	Indicators	Required data		Mean	
26			Site	0.87	
27	<b>Medical history</b>	Illnesses	Current Illnesses	0.80	
28			Past Illnesses	0.80	
29			Surgery	0.70	
30		Drug	Drug Use	0.67	
31			Medication allergy	0.97	
32			Adverse drug reactions	0.70	
33			Imaging	With Contrast	0.80
34		Without Contrast		0.73	
35		<b>Training and Preparation Patient</b>	Patient Training	How Imaging	0.73
36				Time Imaging	0.60
37	Preparation of Patient			0.83	
38	Lack of Training			0.60	
49	Patient Companion		Without	0.50	
40			Type of Companion	0.87	
41	Patient's Condition		Inpatient	0.60	
42			Outpatient	0.57	
43			Emergency	0.87	
44			Extra Emergency	0.63	
45		Type of Preparation	Medication	Oral Administration	0.67
46	Injection of Contrast Material			0.80	
47		Non-Medication	Full Bladder	0.73	
48			Fasting	0.70	
49			Menstruation	0.53	
50			Lack of Metal artificial objects	0.77	
51		Patient Appropriate Coverage		0.77	

Row	Indicators	Required data	Mean	
52		Type of Patient Transfer	Stretcher	0.63
53		wheelchair	0.53	
54		Oxygen Equipment	0.73	
55		Anesthesia Equipment	0.57	
56		Without Equipment	0.50	
57	<b>Medication Labeling</b>	Patient's Name		0.70
58		Drug Name		0.51
59		Drug Dose		0.87
60	<b>Hand Hygiene</b>	Hygienic Procedure	Waterless Alcohol	0.60
61			Gloves	0.73
62			Lack of Hygienic Procedure	0.55
63	<b>Radiation</b>	Patient's Age		0.63
64		Pregnant or Non-Pregnant		0.97
65		History of Radiation		0.70
66		Duplicate Imaging Procedures		0.80
<b>patient safety indicators related to intra- procedure</b>				
1	<b>Vital Signs Control</b>	Blood Pressure		0.77
2		Heart Rate		0.73
3		Respiration		0.60
4		Allergy		0.73
<b>patient safety indicators related to post- procedure</b>				
1	<b>Image Labeling</b>	Patient's Name		0.97
2		Procedure Side		0.83
3		Procedure Site		0.73
4		Time of Procedure		0.53
5		Date of Procedure		0.90
6		Number of Images		0.63

Row	Indicators	Required data	Mean
7		Time of Image Delivery	0.60
8		Type of Image	Delay
9			Non- Delay
10		Image Delivery	Paper
11			CD
12			System
13	<b>Image Reporting</b>	Patient's Name	0.95
14		Radiologist's Name	0.93
15		Radiologist Signature	0.90
16		Attending Physician's Name	0.67
17		Date of Interpretation	0.83
18		Time of Interpretation	0.50
19		Delivery of Critical Results Reporting	0.51
20		Time of Delivery of Critical Results Reporting	0.70
21		Report Submission	Electronic
22		as	Manual
23		Image Presentation	With Report
24			Without Report
25		Receive of report by	Patient
26			Physician
27			Resident
28	<b>Complications</b>	Nephropathy	0.93
29		Fracture	0.50
30		Dislocation	0.57
31		Infection	0.50
32		Pneumothorax	0.63
33		Intravenous Rupture	0.70
34		Blood Pressure Changes	0.67

Row	Indicators	Required data	Mean
35		Dizziness	0.70
36		Nausea Or Vomiting	0.73
37	<b>Patient Fall</b>	Without Injury	0.57
38		With Injury	0.77
39		Falling Type	From Bed
40			While Ambulating

Table2. Results of the survey about usability of RPSMS

Table3. Results of SUS measurement

Row	Groups	Metrics	Yes		No	
			Average	Percent	Average	Percent
1	Suitable for tasks	Ability to do things everyday	5	%100	0	%0
2		Appropriate method of data entry	5	%100	0	%0
3		Proper display of display fields	5	%100	0	%0
4		Provide terms used	5	%100	0	%0
5		Supports duplicate functions	5	%100	0	%0
6		Ability to provide required information	5	%100	0	%0
7		Possibility to use appropriate methods for authenticating users	5	%100	0	%0
1	Self-descriptive	Provide clear explanations	5	%100	0	%0
2		Display required information on conceptual aspects	5	%100	0	%0
3		Understand the messages given on the screen	5	%100	0	%0
4		Clear and unambiguous terms and concepts	5	%100	0	%0
5		Define indicators and calculate them	5	%100	0	%0
6		Metadata and Guides	5	%100	0	%0
7		Define alerts	5	%100	0	%0
8		Exposure of vague information using color coding	5	%100	0	%0
9		Visual intelligence to show domains and values by moving the mouse	5	%100	0	%0
10		Show data entry situations	5	%100	0	%0
1	controllable	Provide enough guides	5	%100	0	%0
2		Easy transfer between different levels of the menu on the screen	5	%100	0	%0

Row	Groups	Metrics	Yes		No	
			Average	Percent	Average	Percent
3		Ability to disconnect operations at any stage of the system	5	%100	0	%0
4		Display information in various layouts	5	%100	0	%0
5		No need for navigator to view information	3	%60	2	%40
1	Compatibility with user expectations	Tailored to the skill and knowledge of users	5	%100	0	%0
2		Existence of identical functions for similar operations throughout the system	5	%100	0	%0
3		Predict results when executing actions	4	%80	1	%20
4		Displays system output messages at the same screen locations	5	%100	0	%0
5		Ability to filter data for specific logging	5	%100	0	%0
6		Sorting and printing reports	5	%100	0	%0
1	Error tolerance	Provide confirmation of action in destructive functions	4	%80	1	%20
2		Expression of problems using text	4	%80	1	%20
3		Data Correction Control	5	%100	0	%0
4		Failure to display system error(system lock) when working with system	5	%100	0	%0
5		The existence of immunizations to prevent unwanted work in the system	4	%80	1	%20
6		Provide enough information to improve mistakes	5	%100	0	%0
7		Alert timely notice when error occurs	5	%100	0	%0

Row	Groups	Metrics	Yes		No	
			Average	Percent	Average	Percent
8		Understand error messages	5	%100	0	%0
9		Data retrieval when error occurs	5	%100	0	%0
1	Customization by user	Set the amount of data(data, text, charts, etc.) displayed on the screen	4	%80	1	%20
2		Set to use input tools(mouse, keyboard) as needed	5	%100	0	%0
3		Ability to attach comments to indexes	0	%0	5	%100
4		Ability to merge with other applications	5	%100	0	%0
5		Support for different operating systems within the organization	5	%100	0	%0
6		Changing the calculation done	5	%100	0	%0
1	Suitable for training	Need to learn to use the system	4	%80	1	%20
2		Easy to use from messages and guides	5	%100	0	%0
3		Use specific of rules to work with the system	5	%100	0	%0

Row	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Scores
R1	5	1	5	4	5	1	5	1	5	4	85
R2	2	2	4	5	5	2	4	1	4	1	70
R3	5	2	1	2	4	1	5	1	4	4	70
R4	5	1	4	1	5	4	5	1	5	5	80
R5	5	1	5	4	5	1	5	1	5	4	85
R6	4	1	5	2	1	4	1	1	4	4	57.5
R7	5	2	4	4	4	2	4	2	4	4	67.5
R8	5	1	5	4	5	1	5	1	5	4	85
R9	4	1	5	4	4	1	5	2	4	2	80
R10	5	1	5	4	5	1	5	1	4	4	82.5
Total of scores											762.5
Average											76.3
Result of evaluation: Acceptable(76.3)								Threshold		Threshold	
								100	85	65	0
								Recommended range			
								Not-acceptable		0-64	
								Acceptable		65-85	
R= Respond		Q= Question				Excellent		85-100			

## Figures

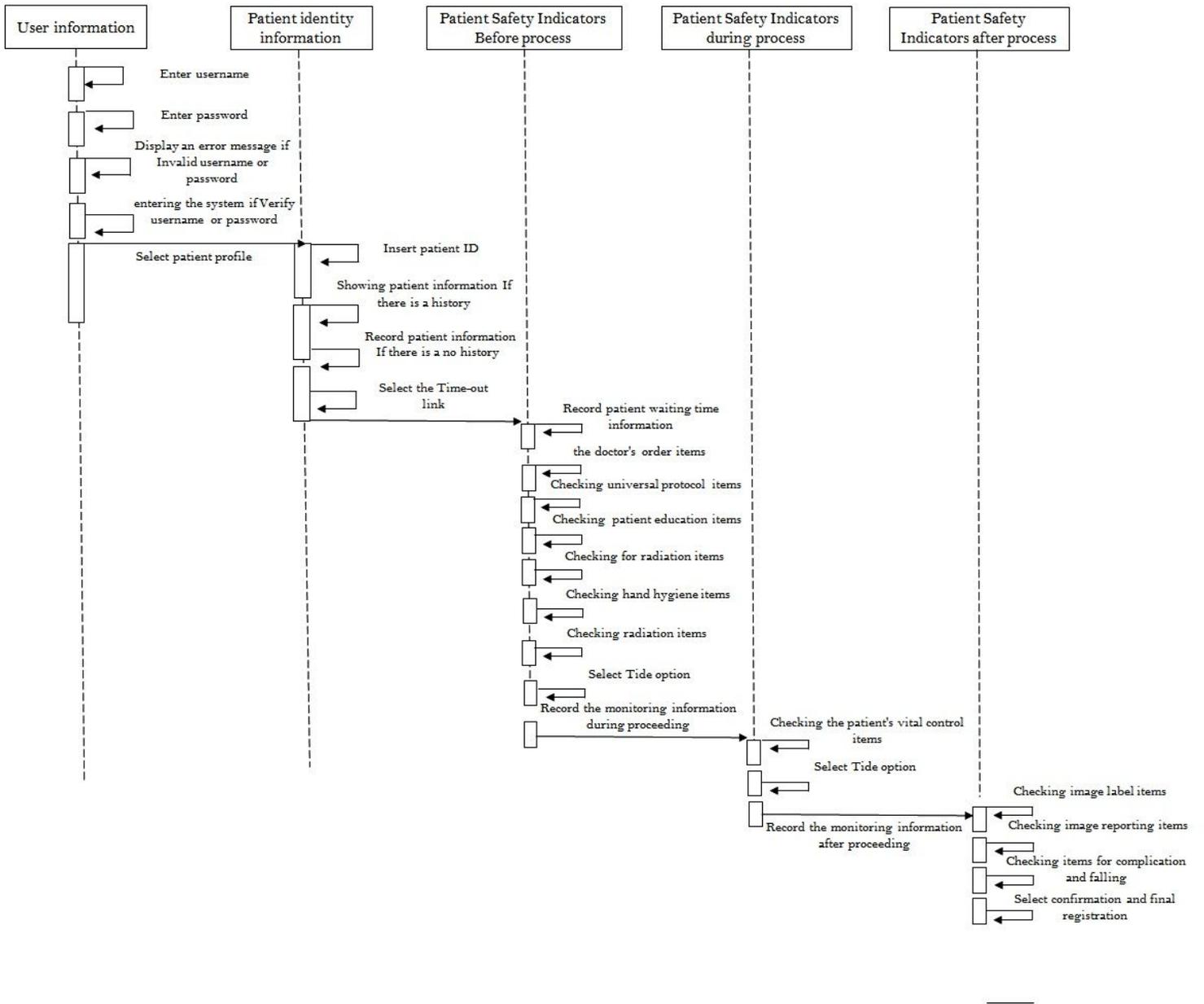


Figure 1

UML sequence diagram of the RPSMS

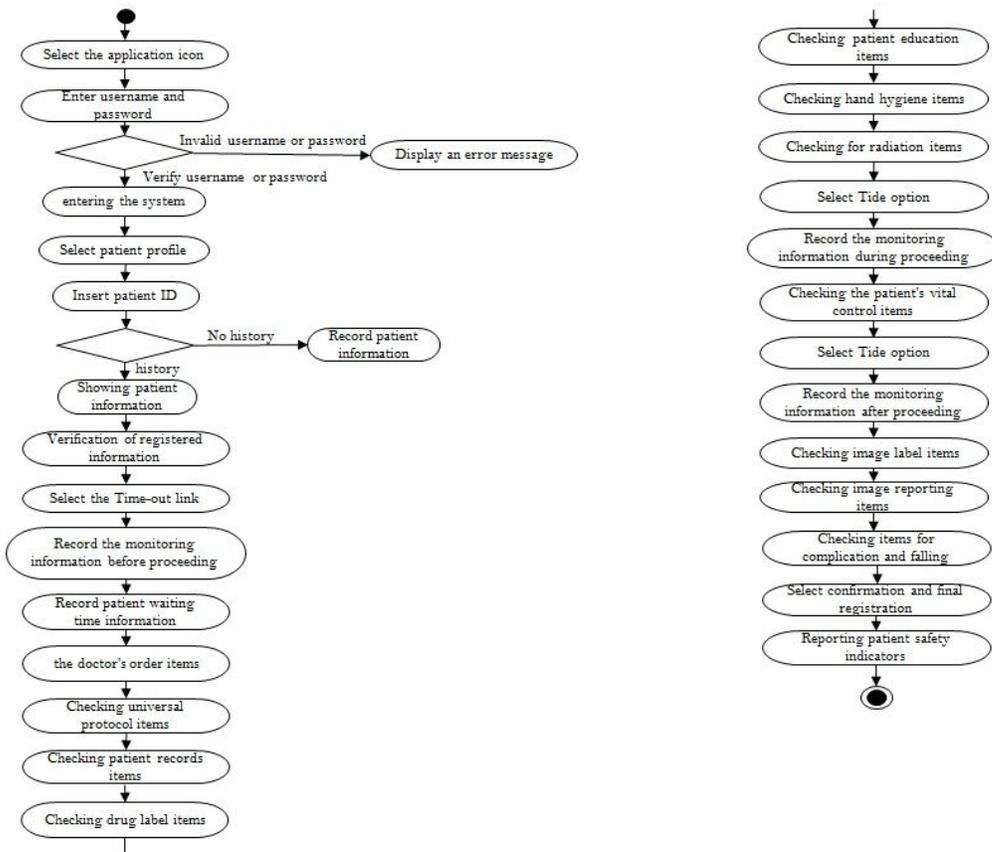


Figure 2

UML activity diagram of the RPSMS

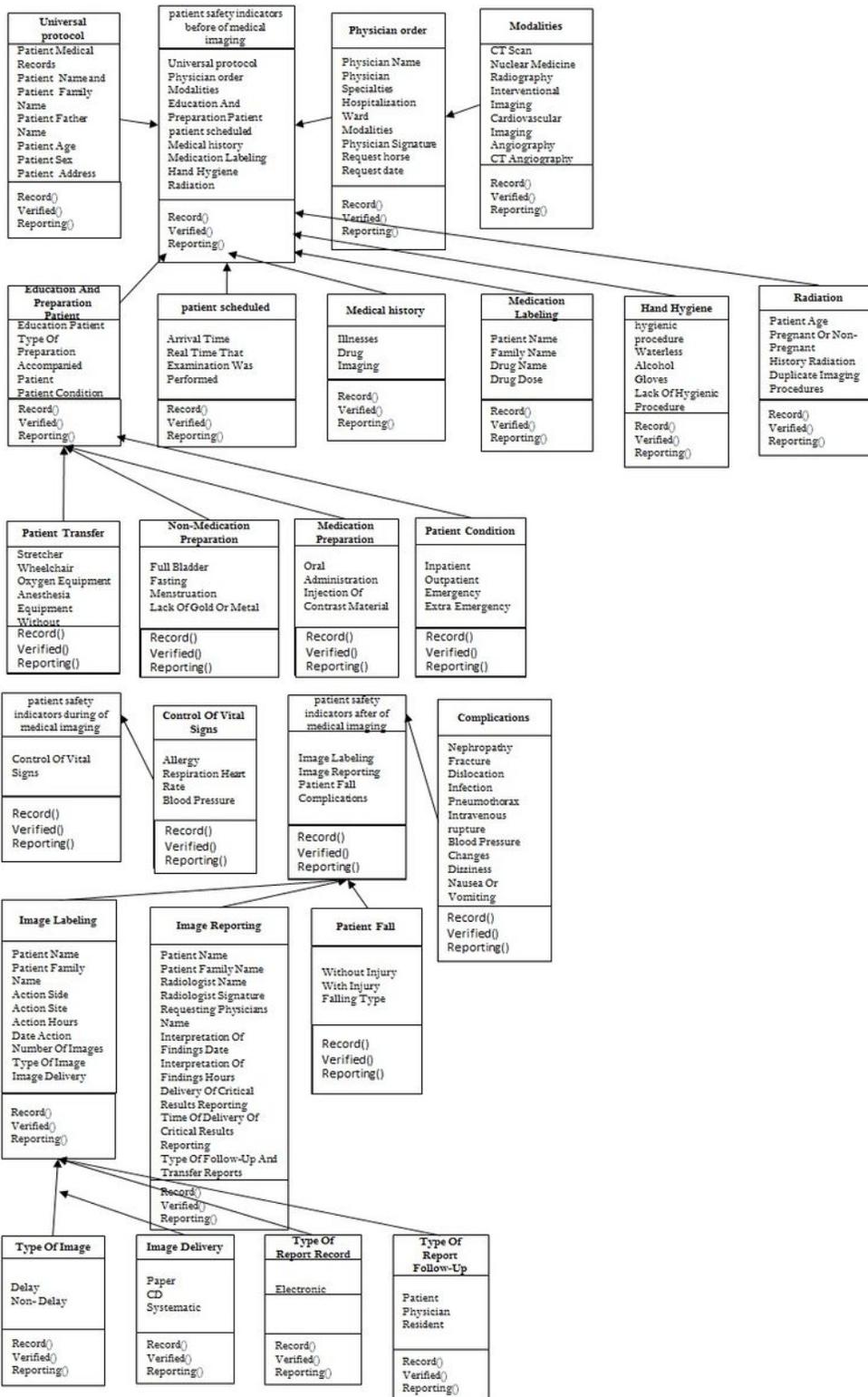


Figure 3

UML class diagram of the RPSMS



Figure 4

The screenshot of the home page of RPSMS (is our own)



Figure 5

The screenshots of the pre/ intra / post procedure steps (is our own)

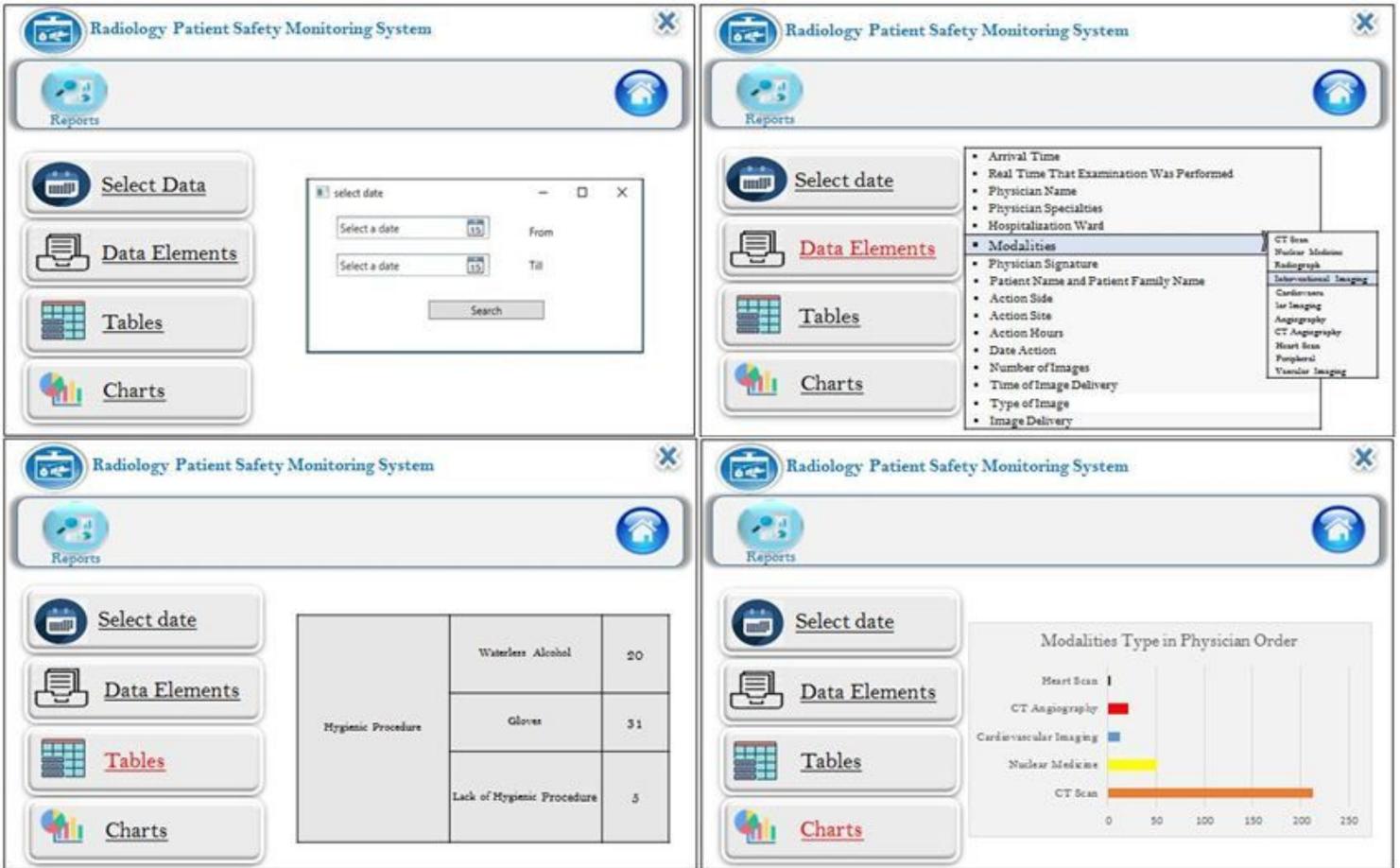


Figure 6

The screenshots of reports capabilities of RPSMS (is our own)