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This is a comprehensive manual describing how to compute intakes from both in-vivo and in-vitro bioassay measurements. To date, interpretations of intake have been inconsistent, particularly in the early phases after an accidental intake. This manual is aimed at completely describing a consistent approach and instructing others on how to compute intakes and committed organ dose equivalents. Tables for the interpretation of bioassay results are compiled for several hundred radionuclides. Measurements which employ a whole-body counter, a thyroid counter, a lung counter, or measurements on excreta can be converted into estimates of intake based on the tables presented in the appendices. The values in the tables were determined by using lung, gastrointestinal tract and systemic retention models published by the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP79). In a few cases, pseudo-retention functions, organ retention functions, and excretion functions were used to generate the tabulated values. The biological and radiological input parameters are included in an appendix, and a description of the mathematical approach that was used to derive the tabulated data is included in the methods section. Calculations for various particle sizes are addressed along with methods to interpret multiple or continuous exposures. Examples of use are based on actual bioassay measurements following accidental intakes, including tritium, Mn-54, Co-60, Sr-90, Nb-95, radioiodines, Cs-137, Ce-141, Ce-144, U-233, U-Nat, and Am-241.

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