**absorbed dose, \( D \)**

*of radiation*

Energy imparted to matter by ionizing radiation in a suitable small element of volume divided by the mass of that element of volume.

**Source:**
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