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Section I: General Features of the Device and Software

I. 1. Introduction

One Device for Necessary LINAC Daily QA Tests: Fast, Accurate and Sensitive

The D-Cube has been developed to perform QA tests of Medical Linacs quickly and precisely. It has the feature of completing the tests without the need of electricity with the battery inside. In addition, with the indicator lamps on the D-Cube, basic tests can be performed quickly without using the software.

The D-Cube device automatically makes the necessary angle and position corrections. Therefore, it eliminates the possible user dependent uncertainties. There are light photodiodes placed on the measurement array with special geometry.

It is easy to detect the possible deviations during test with the real time measurements. For instance, during rotational gantry test it is possible to detect the deviation length and its angle.

Key Features

- ✓ Patented design and measurement method
- ✓ User independent measurement
- ✓ Automatic isocenter detection
- ✓ Real-time measurements – view data instantly
- ✓ Export PDF reports
- ✓ Absolute Measurement: Since the D-Cube checks each parameter separately during the test, it can easily find the actual deviation source. D-Cube never assumes.
- ✓ Automatic Laser Alignment: All laser sources can be aligned according to the isocenter automatically.

✓ Smart QA: Thanks to the combination of different measurement results, more than 30,000 different treatment points are controlled from approximately 30 measurements.

This User Manual provides the necessary information to use the D-Cube v1.1 software effectively.

I. 2. Overview

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- Automatic isocenter detection
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- Report PDF
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- Smart QA: Thanks to the combination of different measurement results, more than 30,000 different treatment points can be checked from approximately 30 measurements.

I. 2. A. Warning & Cautions

Warnings and Cautions warn the users of dangerous situations that may occur if the instructions in the manual are not followed. Warnings are situations that can harm the user. Cautions can cause damage to the device and internal electronics.



Warning:

The correct use of this device depends on careful reading of all instructions and labels.



Warning:

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Caution:

This device should never be sunk into any liquid, brushed with an abrasive cleaner or placed where liquid can be poured on it.



Caution:

Do not drop, replace, or disassemble this device.

Contact qualified persons for the entire service.



Caution:

Do not expose the electronic part of the D-Cube to the primary radiation.



Caution:

When making the first calibration measurement, make sure that the appropriate Linac is selected to add new data.



Caution:

It is recommended to avoid screwing the serial cable into the unit and instead to put the connection firmly in place.



Caution:

Contact MD R&D for additional information.

I. 3. Installation and Use of the System

I. 3. A. Hardware Connection

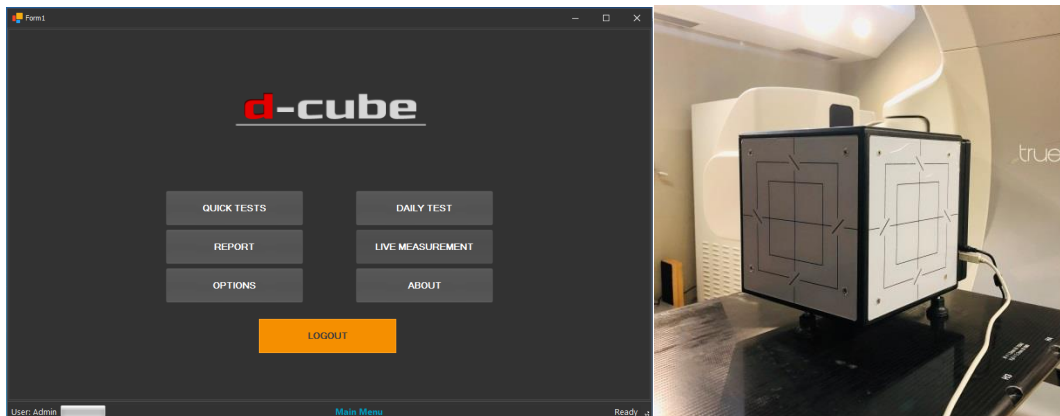


Figure 1: Hardware Connection

The D-Cube hardware works after the connection cables are connected. If all connections are correct and the D-Cube hardware is switched on from the power button, if the D-Cube v1.1 software still cannot automatically find the hardware, you can

provide the connection from the D-Cube v1.1 software help menu, following the hardware connection instructions.

I. 3. B. Shutdown

To shut down the system, save unsaved files. After closing the software, unplug the system components.

I. 4. Positioning of D-Cube

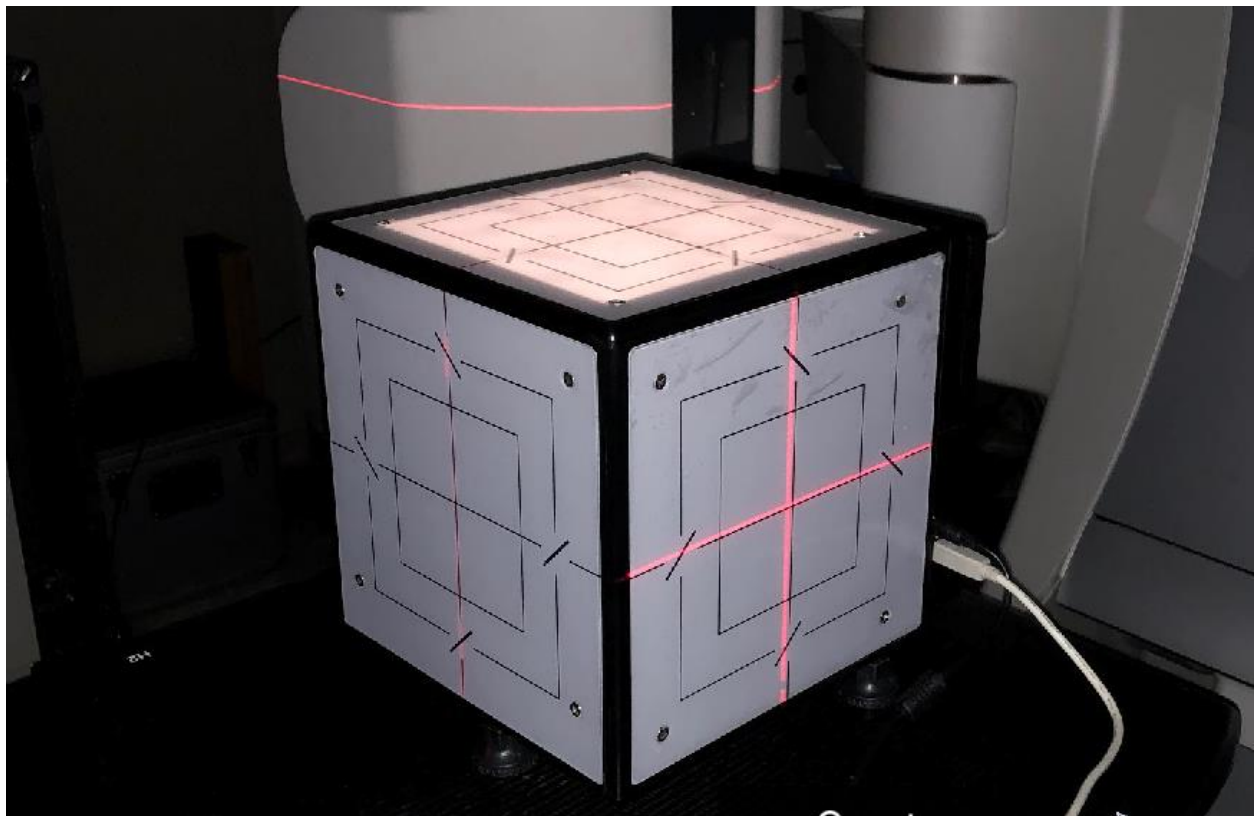


Figure 2: D-Cube Positioning

The D-Cube device should be placed as all the lasers and cross hair should be placed on the sensors. Laser projection and cross-hair lines do not need to be perfectly overlapped with sensor center.

I. 5. Measurement

Hardware	
Dimensions: (cm) Height Width Length	27 23 23
Connection Cables: Power Supply Data Cable Connection Protocol	5V - DC USB RS232
Material:	Delrin
Photodiode Detectors for Geometric Measurement: Detector Type Detector Range (mm) Number of Detectors in Each Array Spectral wavelength range (nm)	Si Photodiode Array 1.58 16 340-1100
MV /kV Detector: Sphere Pins Radius (mm)	1.5

Figure 3: Hardware Information

I. 6. Hardware Reference

I. 6. A. Photodiode Arrays

Above the photodiode arrays, there is a 1mm PMMA (so as not to cover the sensor active area), a transparent surface with a thickness of 0.5mm to protect external factors. Sensors placed with a special geometry to detect cross-hair & laser projection position with 0.1mm precision, although the diode size is 1.6mm x 1.6mm*.

* Sensitivity may change depending on ambient light.

I. 7. Maintenance and Support

I. 7. A. Repair

There are no components in D-Cube that can be maintained by the user. If there is a problem with the device, contact MD R&D. If the device cannot be calibrated to match a known standard value, please contact MD R&D.

I. 7. B. Maintenance

Periodically examine cables and parts for damage. If there is any mechanical or electrical deterioration or suspicious situation, contact MD R&D. If the D-Cube measuring panel or case is damaged, contact MD R&D.

I. 7. C. Cleaning

If necessary, the outer surfaces can be cleaned with a moist swab, moistened with water and light cleaning solution. Do not allow any liquid to flow on any surface or into any space. Do not sink into any liquid. Do not use solvents or abrasive cleaning agents.

I. 7. D. Storage and Transportation

Store and carry the D-Cube in the protective bag. Place in a closed, protected environment where the device will not be exposed to radiation.

I. 7. E. MD R&D Support

- **Send a support request using email**

Send your support request to the following e-mail address.

info@mdarge.com

Bölüm II: Installation of the Software and Setting Up The Necessary Settings on First Use

II. 1. Login Screen and Settings

When the software's working window is displayed for the first time. At this stage, you need to click on the "Login" button without making any changes to the Username and Password sections.



Figure 6: Login Screen

At the first time of operation, the software will login to the program with a user with full authority. At this stage, click on the "Options" button first. After the process, the software's settings – user settings screen will be opened.

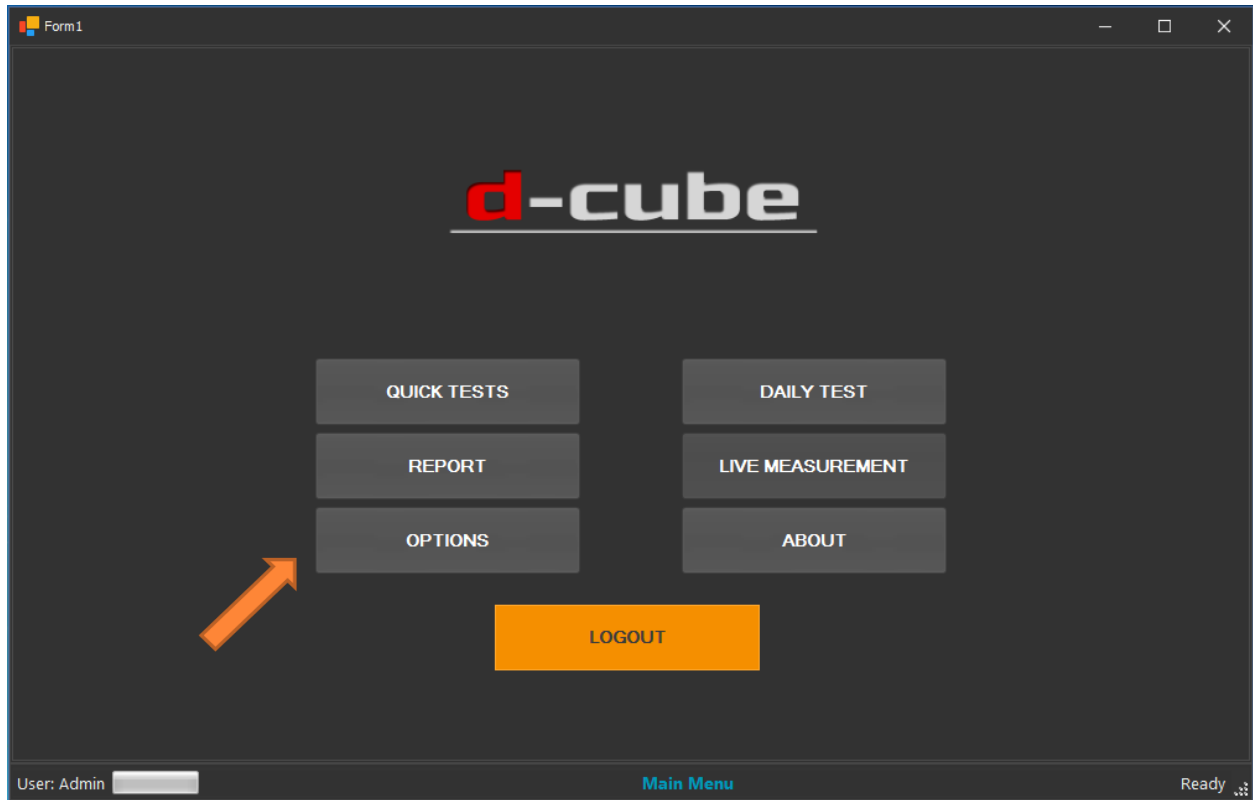


Figure 7: Menu Screen

II. 2. A. User Settings

The user settings window is as follows. There are predefined users on the form located on the left side. Users you identify with will also be able to be added and deleted here.

As a user with full authority during the first run, you can add and authorize users at this stage.

Username	Name	Surname	Title
omurgurb...	Ömür2	GÜRBÜZ	DR
Admin	Admin	Admin	Admin
denizcelik	Deniz	Çelik	Dr
mertkara...	Mert	Karagöz	MSc
trnylmz	deneme 1	aaaa	deneme
TUNAYDE...	TNYLYMZ...	SABRIIII	SDSSS
trnylmzz	sonDeneme	ylmaz	dddd
qwewq	ewqew	qwewq	qwewq
aaaa	ssa	sassa	sss

USER DETAILS

Name: Admin

Surname: Admin

Username: Admin

Title: Admin

Password: MDARGEI*?

Confirm Password:

AUTHENTICATION

☒ Create User ☒ Edit Tolerance

☒ Create LINAC ☒ Print Report

☒ Create Report ☒ Do Not Delete

☒ Create Calibration

☒ Edit Hospital

☒ Review Reports

Buttons: Change Password, New User, Delete User, Cancel, Save, Main Menu

Footer: User: Admin, Options, Ready

Figure 8: User Settings

To add a user, you need to click the "New User" button.

The screenshot shows a software interface for adding a new user. The window is titled 'Form1'. On the left, there are two vertical tabs: 'User' (selected) and 'LINAC'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'USER DETAILS', contains six input fields: 'Name', 'Surname', 'Username', 'Title', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. The right column, titled 'AUTHENTICATION', contains nine checkboxes: 'Create User', 'Edit Tolerance', 'Create LINAC', 'Print Report', 'Create Report', 'Do Not Delete', 'Create Calibration', 'Edit Hospital', and 'Review Reports'. Below these columns are five buttons: 'Change Password', 'New User', 'Delete User', 'Cancel', and 'Save'. At the bottom of the window, there is a status bar with the text 'User: Admin', an 'Options' button, and a 'Ready' status with a small icon.

Figure 9: New User Addition

➤ **Authentication**

- **Create User:** Allows the user to create a new user in the program and edit registered users who do not have the "Do Not Delete" right.
- **Create LINAC:** Allows the user to create a new Linac where the D-Cube device will be used and tested, and to detail its features. In addition, the user can edit this registered Linac.
- **Create Report:** Allows the user to create report from QA tests.
- **Edit Calibration:** Allows the user to edit calibration parameters such as beam data creation and recorded beam data deletions.
- **Edit Hospital:** Allows the user to edit hospital information.

- **Review Reports:** Allows the user to view reports generated as a result of QA tests.
- **Edit Tolerance:** Allows the user to set different tolerance values for different treatment methods (IMRT, SBRT, etc.)
- **Print Report:** Allows the user to print the report
- **Do Not Delete:** If this section is selected, the created user will not be deleted or rearranged under any circumstances. A warning window will also open indicating this situation and waiting for your approval. You can continue by clicking on the "Yes" button stating that you have approved it.

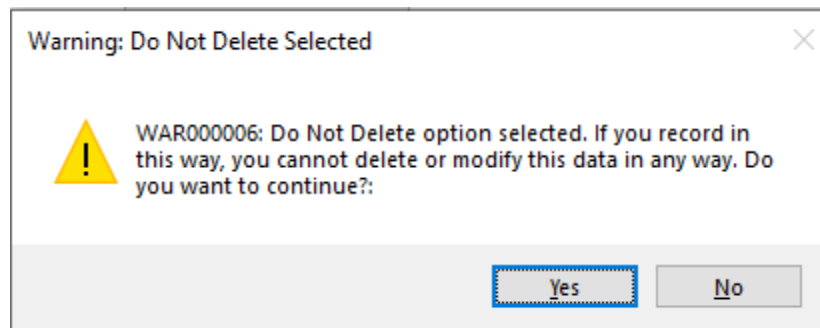


Figure 10: Warning Message (Do not delete)

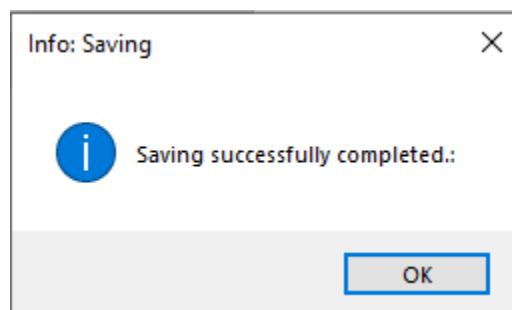


Figure 11: Warning Message (Saving)

II. 2. B. Linac Settings

In order to reach the Linac settings window – you need to click on the LINAC panel in the left corner on the user settings window.

The screenshot shows a software interface for Linac settings. The window is titled 'Form1'. On the left, a sidebar contains two panels: 'User' and 'LINAC'. An orange arrow points to the 'LINAC' panel. The main content area is divided into two columns: 'USER DETAILS' and 'AUTHENTICATION'. The 'USER DETAILS' column contains input fields for Name, Surname, Username, Title, Password, and Confirm Password. The 'AUTHENTICATION' column contains several checkboxes: Create User, Edit Tolerance, Create LINAC, Print Report, Create Report, Do Not Delete, Create Calibration, Edit Hospital, and Review Reports. Below these columns are buttons for 'Change Password', 'New User', 'Delete User', 'Cancel', 'Save', and 'Main Menu'. At the bottom, there is a status bar with 'User: Admin', 'Options', and 'Ready'.

Figure 12: Linac Settings Display

Form1

User

Company	Model	User Defined ...
Varian	Unique	Linak 1
Varian	TrueBeam	Linak 2
aaaa	ssssss	cccccc
DENEME	TEST	TEST
deneme2	aaa	aaaa
tunay	xxx	deneme
ttee	tttt	hhfgghh

USER DETAILS

Company

Varian

Model

Unique

User Defined Name

Linak 1

AUTHENTICATION

☒ Gantry Rotation
 ☒ Colimator Rotation
 ☐ Treatment Couch Pitch
 ☒ Treatment Couch Rotation
 ☒ Treatment Couch Longitudinal
 ☒ Treatment Couch Vertical
 ☐ Treatment Couch Roll
 ☒ Treatment Couch Lateral
 ☐ Do Not Delete

LINAC

LINAC OPTIONS

New LINAC

Delete LINAC

Cancel

Save

Main Menu

User: Admin

Options

Ready

Figure 13: New Linac Creation

The "New LINAC" button should be clicked to create a new Linac and tests.

The screenshot shows a software interface titled 'Form1'. On the left, there is a sidebar with two main sections: 'User' and 'LINAC'. The 'User' section is currently selected. The main area of the window is divided into three panels. The top-left panel is titled 'USER DETAILS' and contains three input fields: 'Company', 'Model', and 'User Defined Name'. The top-right panel is titled 'AUTHENTICATION' and contains a list of checkboxes for various LINAC features: 'Gantry Rotation', 'Collimator Rotation', 'Treatment Couch Pitch', 'Treatment Couch Rotation', 'Treatment Couch Longitudinal', 'Treatment Couch Vertical', 'Treatment Couch Roll', 'Treatment Couch Lateral', and 'Do Not Delete'. The bottom panel is titled 'LINAC OPTIONS' and contains four buttons: 'New LINAC', 'Delete LINAC', 'Cancel', and 'Save'. At the bottom of the window, there is a status bar with the text 'User: Admin', a small input field, the word 'Options' in blue, and the word 'Ready' followed by a small icon.

Figure 14: New Linac Features

➤ **LINAC Details:**

- ***Company:*** Indicates the device belongs.
- ***Model:*** Indicates the model of the device
- ***User Defined Name:*** Indicates the user-defined name to be shown in the program.

➤ **Axis:**

- ***Gantry Rotation***
- ***Collimator Rotation***
- ***Treatment Couch Pitch***
- ***Treatment Couch Rotation***
- ***Treatment Couch Longitudinal***

- ***Treatment Couch Vertical***
- ***Treatment Couch Lateral***
- ***Treatment Couch Roll***

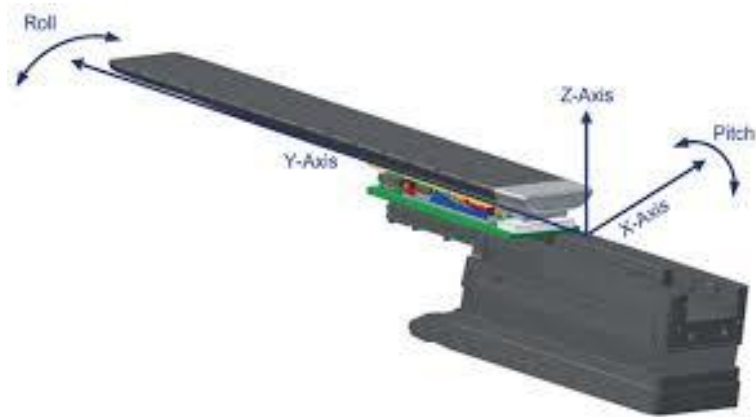


Figure 15: Treatment Couch Rotation Axes

- ***Do Not Delete:*** If this section is selected, the created device will not be deleted or rearranged under any circumstances. A warning window will also open indicating this situation and waiting for your approval. You can continue by clicking on the "Yes" button.

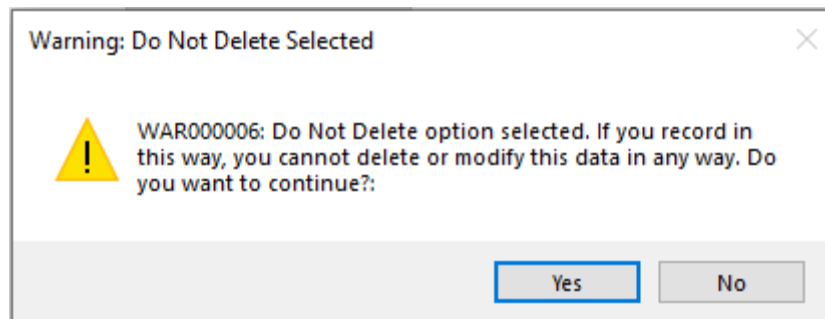


Figure 16: Warning Message (Do Not Delete)

After creating the Linac, you need to click the "SAVE" button to create a Linac device by saving the changes, and the "Cancel" button to cancel this operation.

The created device is given in the same way as the information window indicating that it was successfully registered. You can continue by clicking on the "OK" button. If you encounter any error windows at this stage, please refer to section IV of this guide.

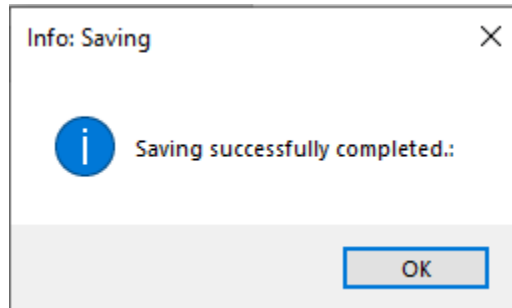


Figure 17: Warning Message (Saving)

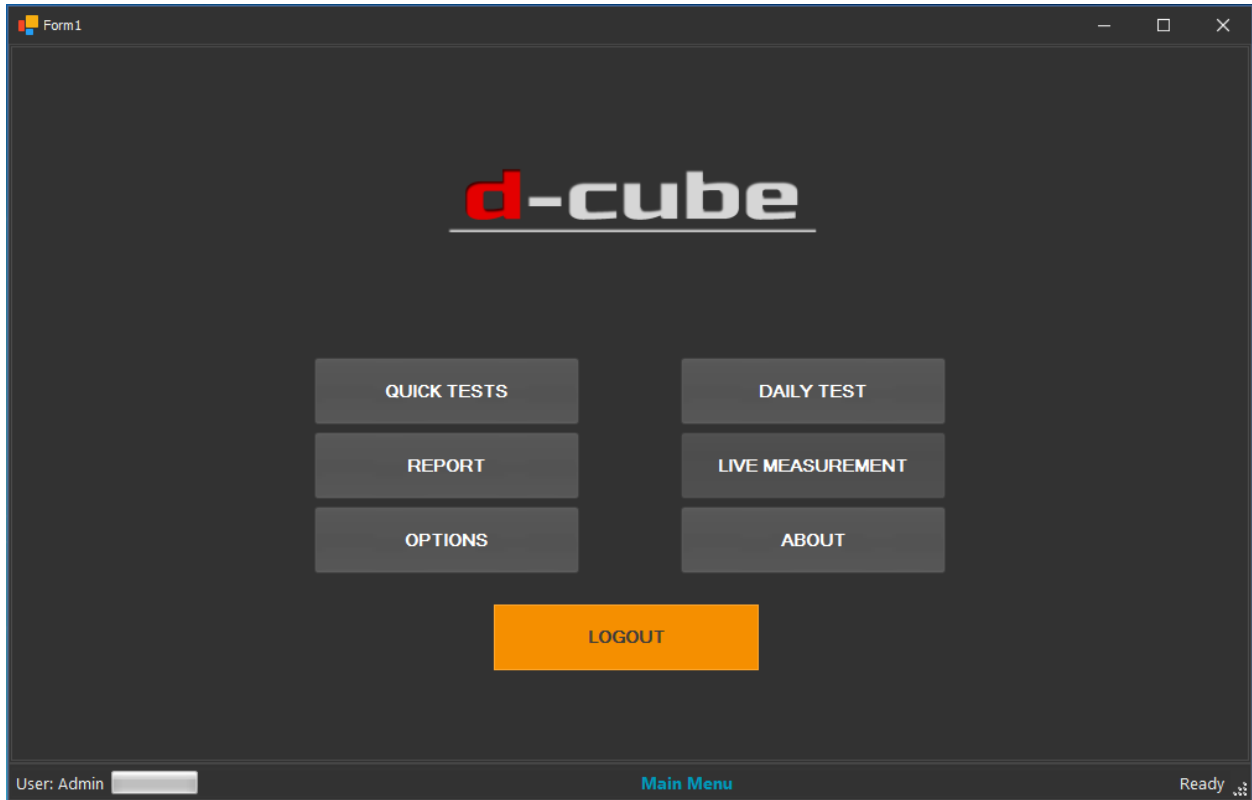
II. 3. To Do Before Linac QA Tests

Before starting the software, make sure that the hardware and the D-cube connection is made properly and the device is positioned on the couch where the tests will take place.

At this stage, if you want to check the measurement on D-Cube surfaces instantaneously, you can move to the "Live Measurement" section via the main menu.

Bölüm III: Software

III. 1. Main Menu



Şekil 1: Main Menu

- *Quick Tests*
- *Daily Test*
- *Report*
- *Live Measurement*
- *Options*
- *About*
- *Logout*

Not: In order to perform some of the operations mentioned in this section, the user who is signed in to the program must be authorized for that selections. If you attempt to perform an operation that is not within your authority, at least one of the steps mentioned below will keep the intermediate face element required for you to continue the process passive or not created at all. In order to carry out the selection, the program must be entered with a user who is authorized.

III. 2. Quick Tests

Form1

LINAC Tolerance: 2 mm 1 ° Confirm Tolerance

Rotational
Couch
Gantry & Collimator

Couch
Vertical
Longitudinal
Lateral

6D Couch
Roll
Pitch

OBI
kV
MV

Lasers
All Lasers

Smart

1 Angle 0 Deviation (mm): Not Done Deviation (°): Not Done

2 Angle 90 Deviation (mm): Not Done Deviation (°): Not Done

3 Angle 270 Deviation (mm): Not Done Deviation (°): Not Done

Series1

Main Menu Measure OK Cancel Finish

User: Admin Quick Tests Ready

Figure 22: Quick Tests

In the left part of the Quick Tests screen, you can select Linac position tests, OBI tests and laser tests.

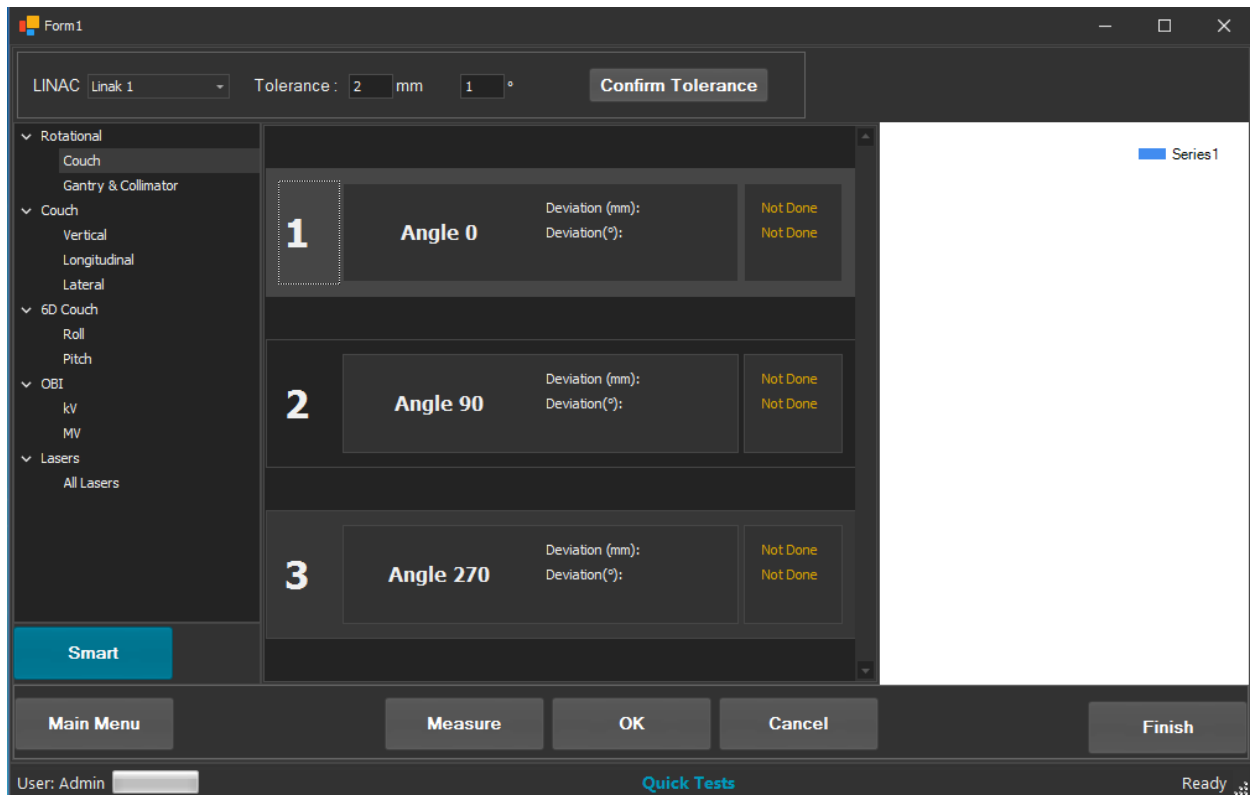


Figure 23: Quick Tests Selection

After the parameter selection, you can perform the process by clicking the "Measure" button and view the results simultaneously. You can re-select each test you want to measure and repeat the process by clicking the "Measure" button again. You can view the results in the result table and observe whether the test has been successfully done (Passed) within the tolerance limits.

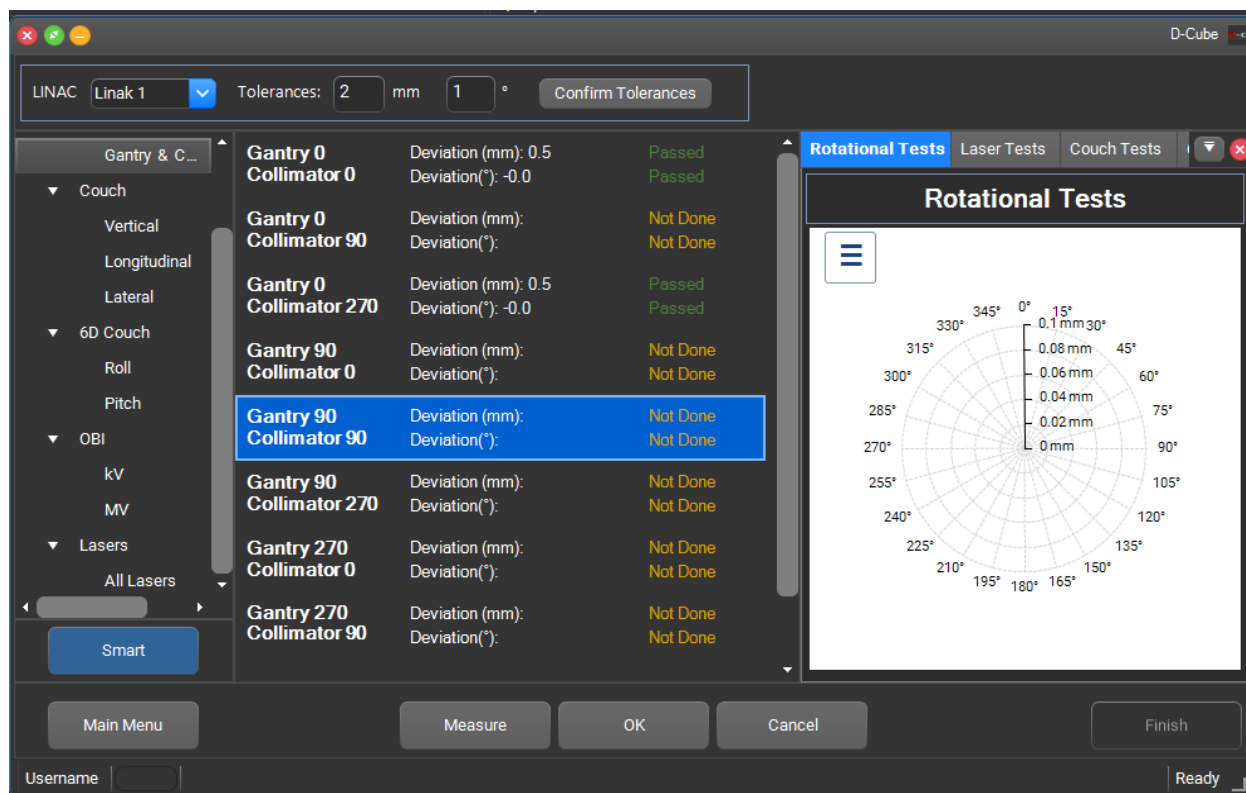


Figure 24: Quick Tests Results

After the test you need to click the "OK" button to record the results or click the "Cancel" button not to save the results. For completing and saving the quick tests section click the "Finish" button or cancel all tests and move to the main menu with the "Main Menu" button.

III. 3. Daily Tests

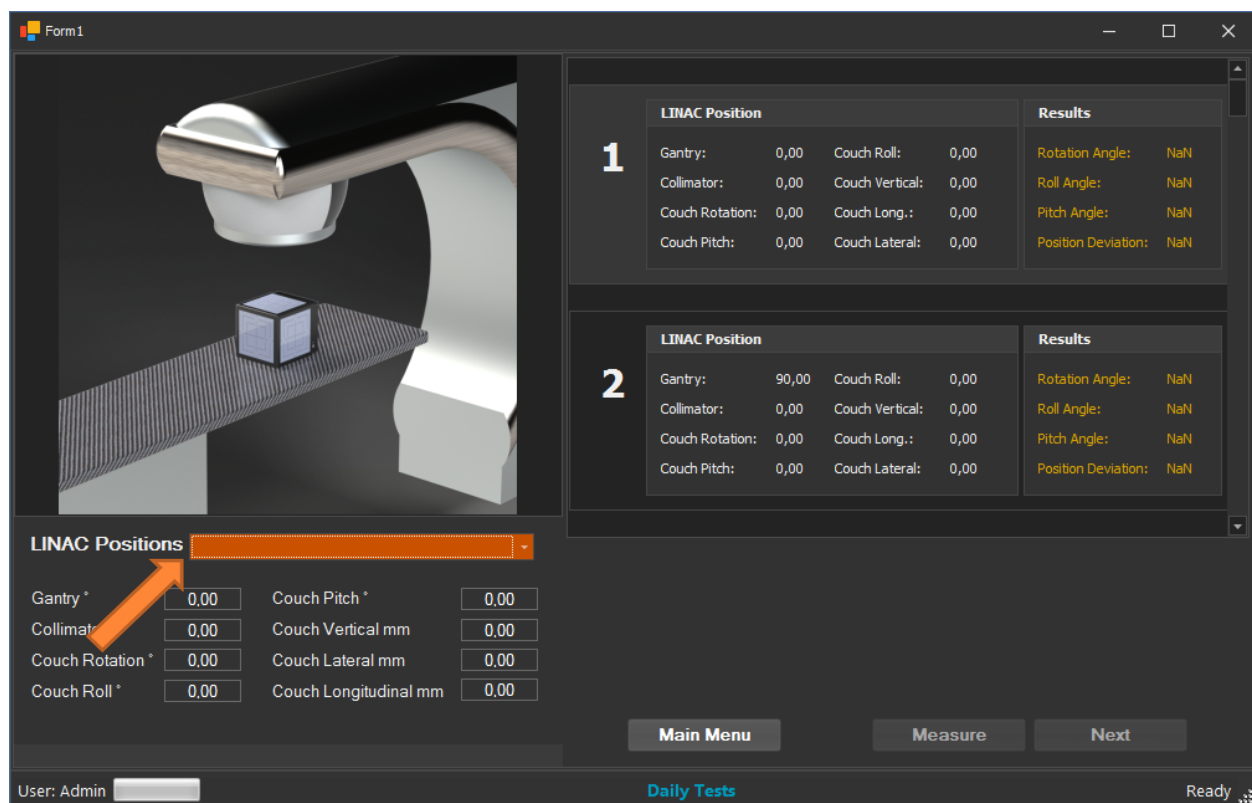


Figure 25: Daily Tests Set-Up

First of all, you need to select a registered Linac. After that, the "Measure" button will be activated.

Form1

1

LINAC Position				Results	
Gantry:	0,00	Couch Roll:	0,00	Rotation Angle:	NaN
Collimator:	0,00	Couch Vertical:	0,00	Roll Angle:	NaN
Couch Rotation:	0,00	Couch Long.:	0,00	Pitch Angle:	NaN
Couch Pitch:	0,00	Couch Lateral:	0,00	Position Deviation:	NaN

2

LINAC Position				Results	
Gantry:	90,00	Couch Roll:	0,00	Rotation Angle:	NaN
Collimator:	0,00	Couch Vertical:	0,00	Roll Angle:	NaN
Couch Rotation:	0,00	Couch Long.:	0,00	Pitch Angle:	NaN
Couch Pitch:	0,00	Couch Lateral:	0,00	Position Deviation:	NaN

LINAC Positions Linak 1

Gantry °	0,00	Couch Pitch °	0,00
Collimator °	0,00	Couch Vertical mm	0,00
Couch Rotation °	0,00	Couch Lateral mm	0,00
Couch Roll °	0,00	Couch Longitudinal mm	0,00

Main Menu **Measure** **Next**

User: Admin **Daily Tests** Ready

Figure 26: Daily Tests Measurement

Make sure that the Linac is located in the correct position. After that, you need to click on the "Measure" button to perform the measurement. At this stage, an information or warning window will occur in the lower-right section of the program to see if the measurement has been completed correctly. If the measurement is completed correctly, the "Next" button will be activated. You need to click on the "Next" button to move on to the next measurement step. If you want to re-measure the current step before moving to the next step, you can use the "Measure" button again.

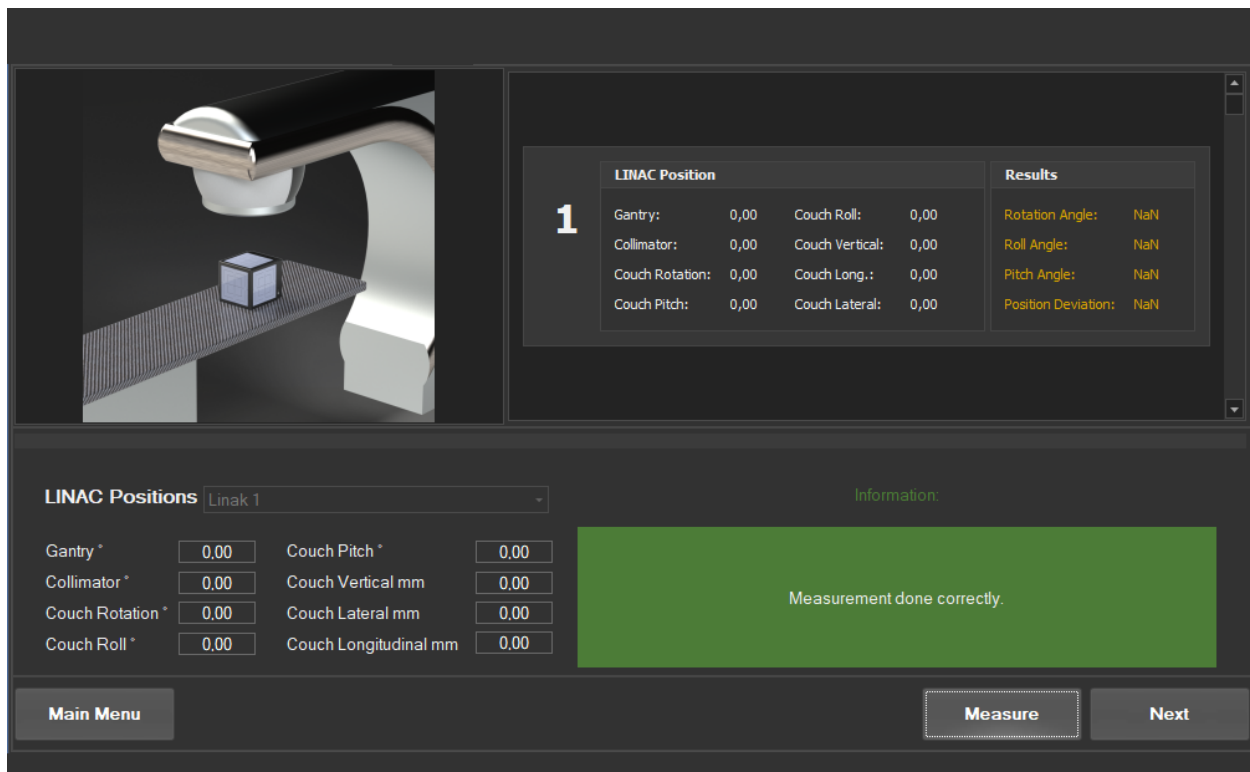


Figure 27: Daily Tests Result Display

If an error occurs, the warning window will provide information. Accordingly, you can repeat the current step with the "Measure" button. And the "Next" button will not be activated until the measurement is completed correctly.

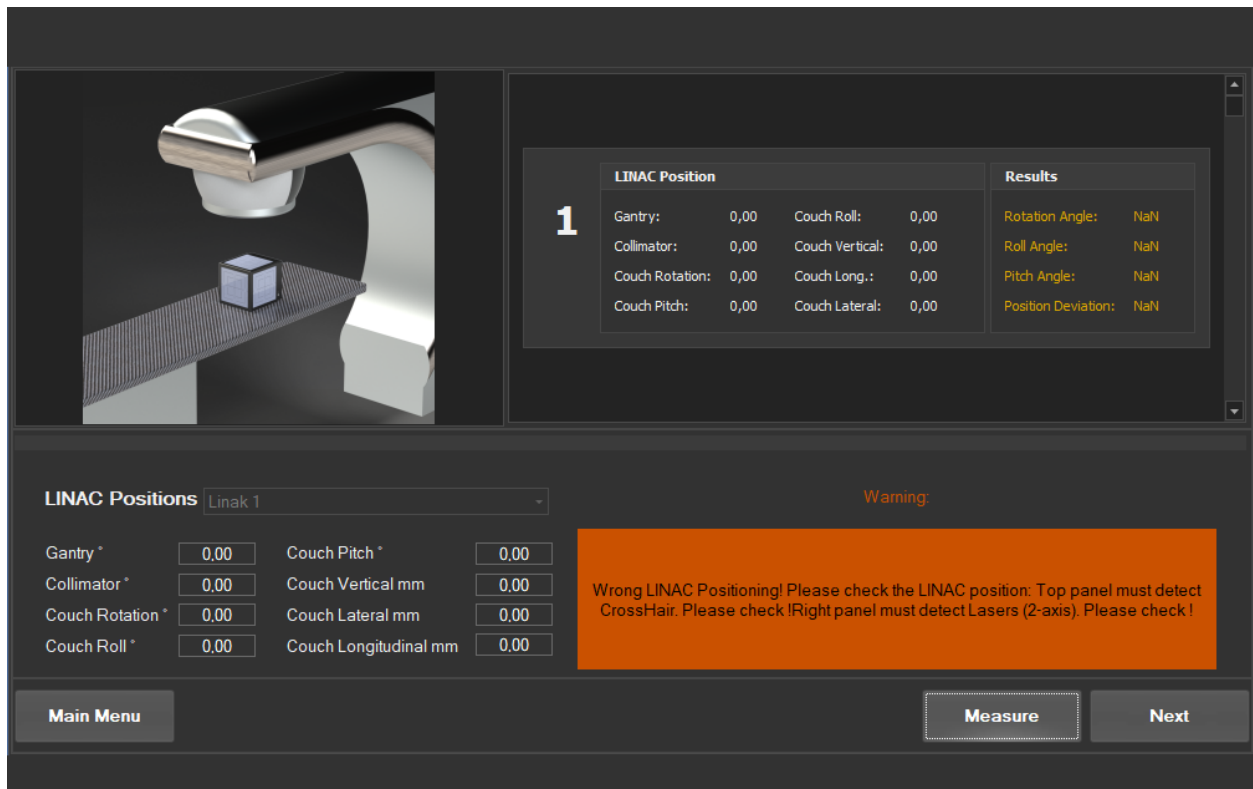


Figure 28: Daily Tests Warning Display

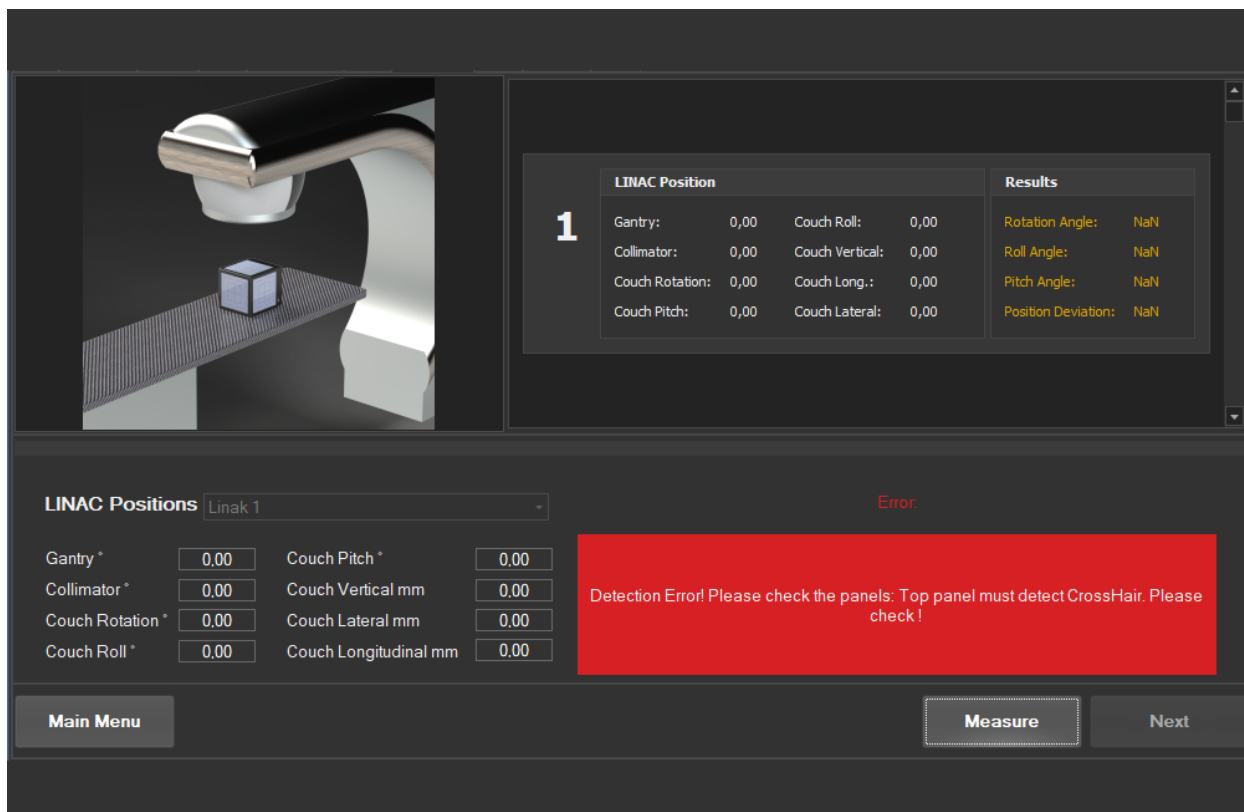


Figure 29: Daily Tests Error Display

The Linac position values are given at the bottom left of the measurement screen. If the values are shown in green, the position is same as the previous measurement position. If the values are shown in orange, the position is different from the previous measurement position.

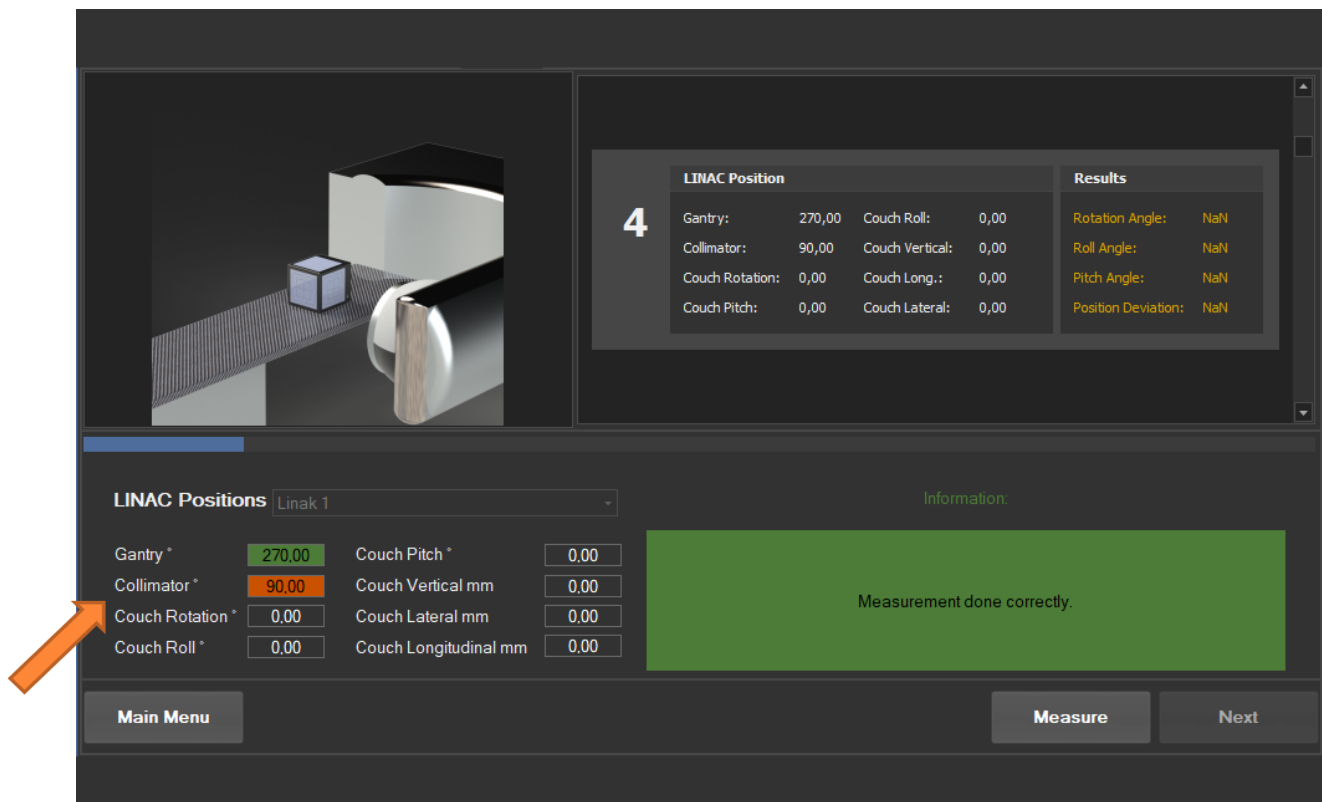


Figure 30: Linac Positions

When the Daily Test is completed, the "Next" button will turn into the "Finish" button. By clicking that button, you can complete the "Daily Test" measurements and reach the report screen.

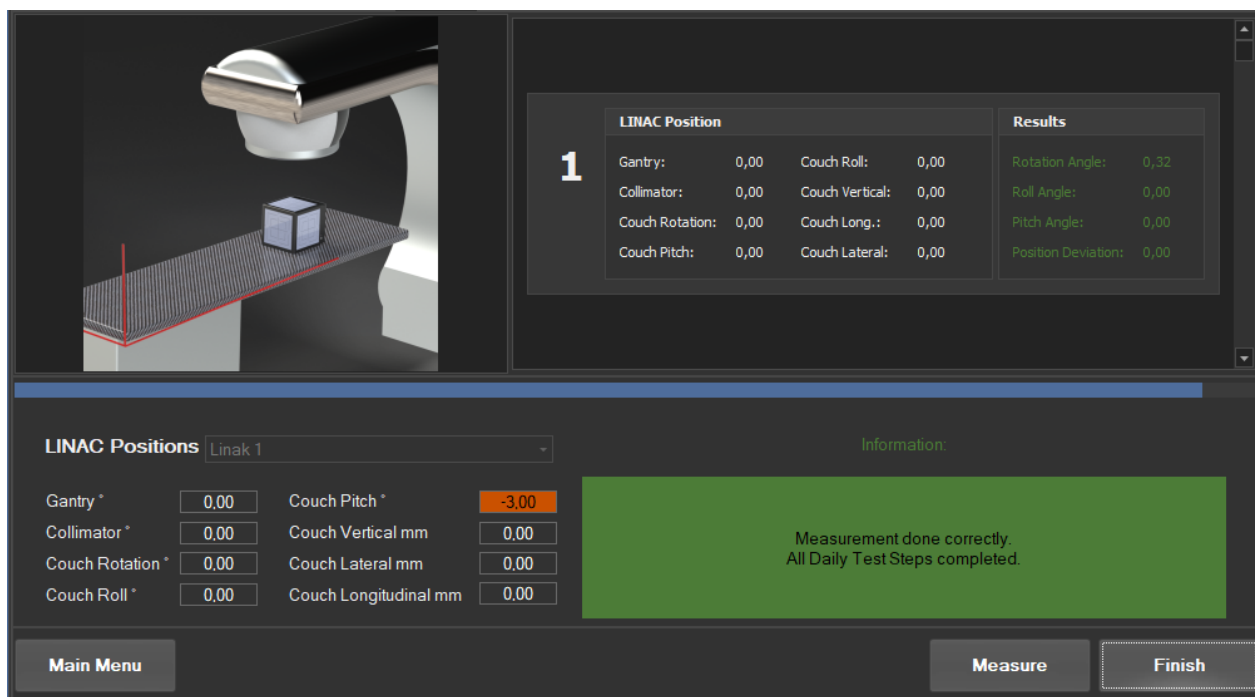


Figure 31: Completing Daily Tests

III. 4. Report

In this section, you can view the current and previous reports.

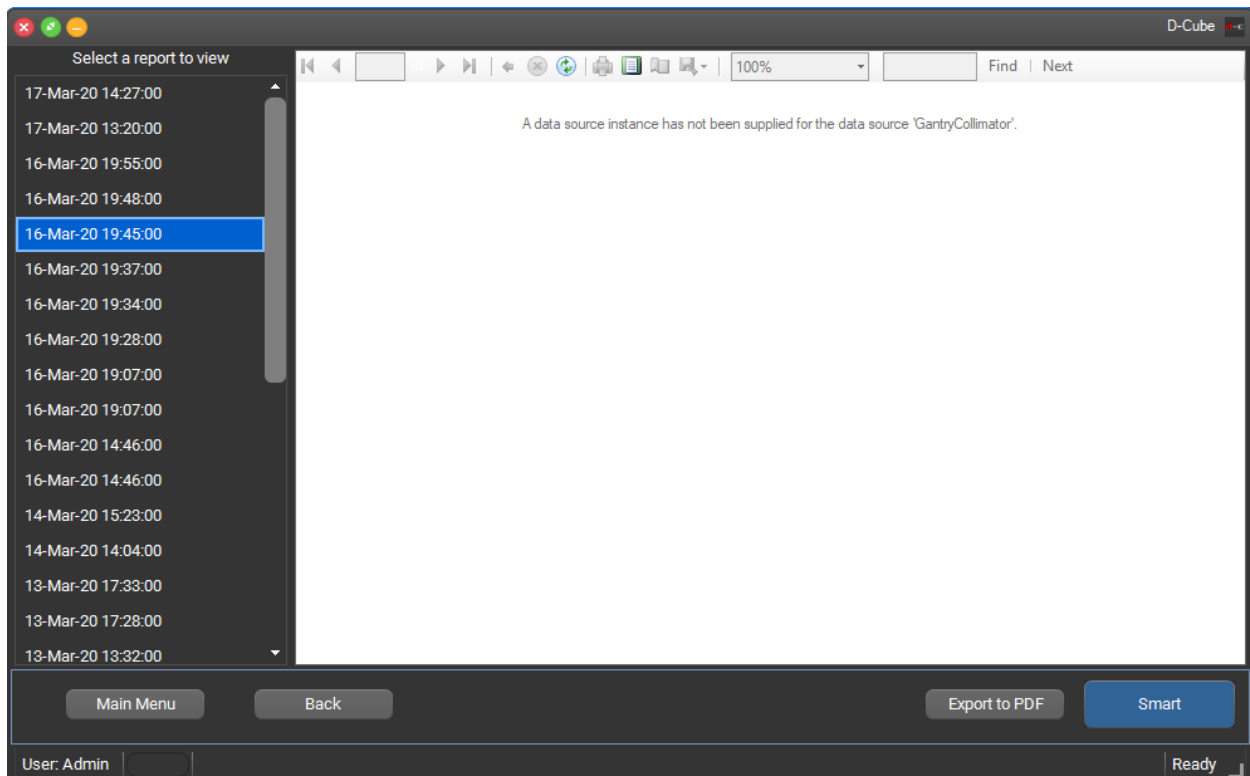


Figure 32: Report Screen

You can view the report results by selecting by date from the list on the left side of the screen. The "Export to PDF" button exports the selected report result as a PDF file. You can reach the Smart Test results screen with the "Smart" button.

III. 5. Live Measurement

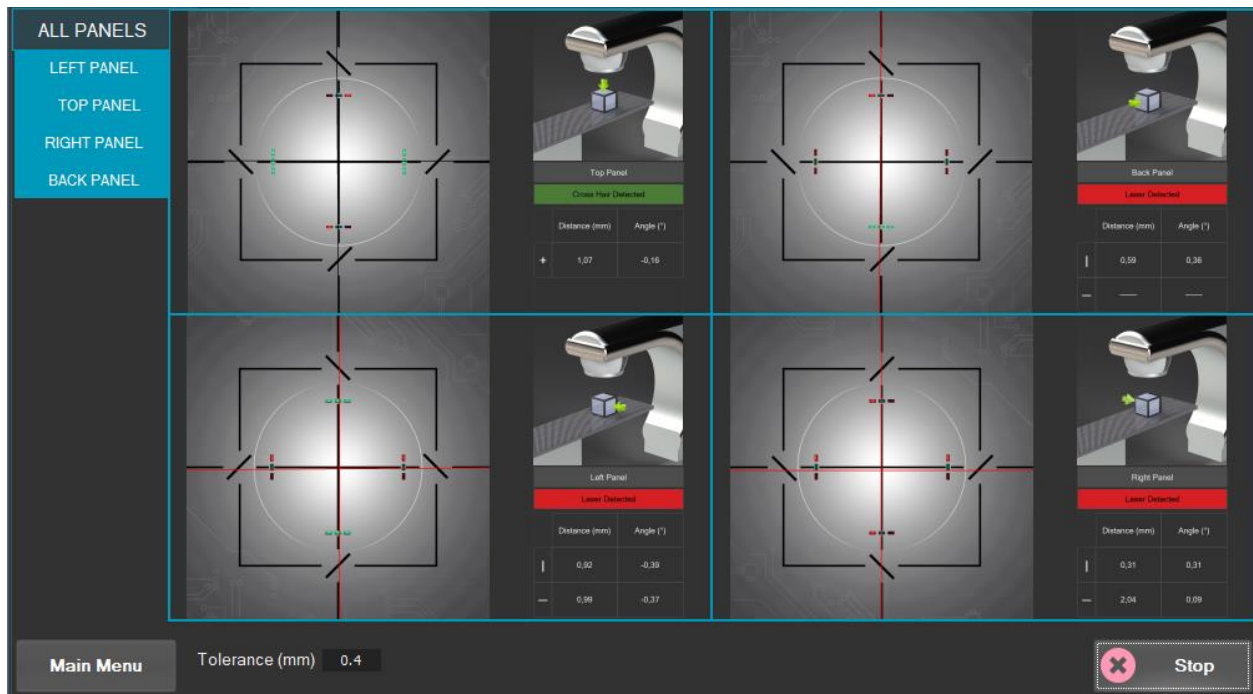


Figure 33: Live Measurement

You can change the tolerance value of the measurements. If the measurement is within this tolerance level, all LED indicator color will be green. Similarly, if there is no laser or cross-hair is projected on the sensors, all the LED indicator colors will be red. And, if the measurement is not within the tolerance level, a single LED indicator color will be red and the others will be black.

If laser is detected, the lines will be red and if cross-hair is detected the lines will be black.

III. 6. Options

In this section, you can create and authorize a new user, edit existing user info, delete a registered user.

Username	Name	Surname	Title
omurgurb...	Ömür2	GÜRBÜZ	DR
Admin	Admin	Admin	Admin
denizcelik	Deniz	Çelik	Dr
mertkara...	Mert	Karagöz	MSc
tnyylmz	deneme1	aaaa	deneme
TUNAYDE...	TNYLYMZ...	SABRIII	SDSSS
tnyylmzz	sonDeneme	ylmaz	dddd
qwewq	ewqew	qwewq	qwewq
aaaa	ssa	sassa	sss

Name

Admin

Surname

Admin

Username

Admin

Title

Admin

Password

MDARGE1*?

Confirm Password

☒ Create User

☒ Edit Tolerance

☒ Create LINAC

☒ Print Report

☒ Create Report

☒ Do Not Delete

☒ Create Calibration

☒ Edit Hospital

☒ Review Reports

Change Password

New User

Delete User

Cancel

Save

Main Menu

User: Admin Options Ready


Figure 34: User Settings


III. 7. About

Form1

How to reach us?

ITU Arı Teknokent ARI 1 Binası,
Reşitpaşa Mah. Katar Caddesi No: 2 / 5 / 19
Sarıyer / İstanbul

 info@mdarge.com

 +90 212 276 6373

Contact Us

If you would like to receive information about our services or products using our contact information on the left or in the form below. You can contact us by filling out.

Name , Surname

E- Mail

How can we help ?

Your Message

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Figure 35: About – Contact

You can find the detailed information about D-Cube v1.1 program and support in the "About" section. You can use the e-mail address on the screen to get support or information about the software.

Annex I: Error List

- **ERR000001:** Wrong username or password.

Make sure that the username and password are typed correctly.

- **ERR000002:** You are not authorized.

Please log in with an authorized user for this section.

- **ERR000003:** An error occurred while opening the user interface.

There was a problem when loading the section.

- **ERR000006:** Please enter a valid name for the Personal Test Option.

You did not enter the test option name in the appropriate format.

- **ERR000007:** The name of the Personal Test Package you entered has been used before. Please enter a different name.

- **ERR000008:** To create a Personal Test Package, please select the tests first.

- **ERR000009:** Please enter a valid reference depth value.

- **ERR000010:** Please enter one of the depths with dose values as a reference value in the following list.

- **ERR000011:** The beam data name you entered has been used before. Please select a different name.
- **ERR000012:** There is an error in the Setup values you entered. Please enter the correct Setup values.