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Medical Physicist work is explicitly recognized in CPT codes listed under the 77XXX series of codes in the Radiation Oncology section of the CPT book published each year. Work done in the stand-alone clinic setting have physician work (PC) and medical physicists work (TC) assigned in the 773XX series of CPT code or billed together “globally”. For work in the Hospital Outpatient department, the CPT TC codes are converted to APC codes at the carrier level, explicitly recognizing the contribution Medical Physicists make to patient care in Radiation Oncology. Various coding scenarios will be presented in this discussion covering the gamut of clinical services offered in Radiation Oncology by the Medical Physicist. Documentation requirements for the various procedures Medical Physicists may be involved with will be discussed. Some of the newer modalities such as IMRT and IMRS will be presented from a proper coding perspective. A view into the future for the new procedures on the near horizon like Image Guide Radiation Therapy (IGRT), Respiratory Gating and Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy will be presented in the light of their potential reimbursement.

While there is no handout accompanying this presentation, attendees should have perused the 2002 ASTRO/ACR Radiation Oncology Users Coding Guide available from ACR or ASTRO before the session.