<HTML><PRE>Access to electronic networks, collectively termed the "Internet",
allows access to a large library of information of relevance to the medical
physicist. Sources of information include government agencies, professional
organizations, educational institutions, healthcare providers, and individuals,
comprising both commercial and non-profit entities. Presentations of information
take the form of newsgroups, listservers, interactive forums, and webpages, with
a variety of mechanisms for information transfer via command line and menudriven tools for a variety of file formats. Web-based tools using links and
search engines are quite popular, in particular. Major sources of medical
physics information are reviewed, including government (NRC, FDA), professional
(AAPM, RSNA), basic science (journals, organizations), educational, and other
sites. The role of the AAPM's website (www.aapm.org) will be reviewed in this
context, as an example of a medical physics information pool. Methods used to
reach specific audiences, such as potential medical physicists, are discussed.

List of Educational Objectives

- 1. List classes and sources of electronic (internet) information for medical physicists.
- 2. List mechanisms for access to electronic information.
- 3. Review the current status of www.aapm.org, the AAPM's website.
- 4. Postulate the electronic future of the medical physics community.

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