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Clinical Therapy Physics is the real "practice" of Medical Physics. Therapy Medical Physics is reimbursed explicitly and implicitly as having direct contribution to specific patient care – the only Medical Physics sub-field with this advantage. Whether it is in establishing External Beam, IMRT, SRS or SBRT programs with IGRT or providing Brachytherapy (HDR & LDR) programs for cancer therapy, the Clinical Therapy Medical Physicist works in partnership with the Radiation Oncologist to provide quality services in cancer care. Supervision of dosimetrists and therapists, the other members of the radiation oncology team is an important part played by us.

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