

Ethical versus Legal Issues

In the Practice of Medical Physics

The practice of Medical Physics requires adherence to both ethical conduct and legal rules when dealing with issues arising in one's professional life. The purpose of this lecture is to discuss and distinguish the fine line between what is considered ethical as opposed to legal. Examples of ethical conduct and legal actions are provided and the ramifications of the lack of distinction between the two are discussed. Emphasis is placed on the ethical and legal responsibilities of the medical physicist in delivering health care.