

Current State Regulatory Issues for Medical Physicists

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Dynamic change is occurring at a rapid pace in both the medical and regulatory communities. Some of the impacts from these changes include new diagnostic and therapeutic modalities and increased attention to source security and the impact on the way medical physicists conduct their business in medical facilities across the nation. This presentation will address three pressing issues of interest to the medical physicists. The first is the attention to improving the security of radioactive material due to regulatory enhancement. Medical physicists will be informed about activities that are in progress to assist these facilities with improving the security of radioactive material used in medicine. The second topic will be the status of the suggested rule development process within CRCPD highlighting changes in regulations in Healing Arts, Radioisotopes in Medicine, Radiation Therapy and Credentialing of Qualified Medical Users. The last category is the progress made by the regulatory community to develop a standardized protocol for inspection CR/DR imaging equipment.

This is an informational sharing topic that will allow the attendee to understand the complexity and direction the regulatory community is taking to address these varied topics and understand the impact these regulatory decisions will have on their medical physics practice.