

The American Association of Physicist in Medicine (AAPM) adapted a code of ethics in 2008. A vast majority of members of the American College of Medical Physics (ACMP) are also AAPM members so the AAPM code of ethics is applicable to them. A review of the AAPM code of ethics major sections will be given with some brief background of the discussions and internal debate regarding selected sections of the code. The AAPM code of ethics encompasses other member types such as health physicists, regulators, vendors, physicians, scientists, engineers, those in training, or other health care professionals. The code addresses significant ethical issues for members: professional conduct, research ethics, education ethics, and business ethics. A brief historical perspective of prior ethics guidelines will also be discussed. Case examples will be given.