This session is designed to be used as a forum to discuss the role medical physics has within the federal and state governments. Medical Physicists are involved with everything from clinical practice to regulatory jobs in state and federal agencies. There are also many jobs to include support of the Indian Health Service, program management jobs, and federal and state emergency preparedness groups as well as a variety of others. This session is designed to be an effective venue to identify specific concerns and challenges within the public sector. Speakers from DoD, FDA, CDC, and the State of Florida will provide short presentations followed by an open forum session.

Learning objectives

1. To provide a venue in which physicists working in the public sector can interface and discuss specific issues related to supporting the federal and state governments.
2. To provide a venue to for educating medical physicists of additional resources available within the federal and state systems.
3. To provide a venue for medical physicists to voice specific concerns with federal or state programs where medical physics should be involved and/or be more effective.