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The charge and activities of the AAPM Public Education Committee will be discussed in relationship to the need and significance for public education. A series of brochures describing medical physics specialties are under development, and ones in radiation oncology and medical imaging are available. Templates for short notes describing the technical aspects of radiology, i.e. that most influenced by the medical physicist, are being developed, the initial one for mammography. These two mechanisms are aimed at the patient and their support group. Another focus of the committee is the development of information for prospective students or graduates wishing to enter medical physics. A slide set has recently been developed that contains general information on what is medical physics, the medical physicist profession, and how to become a medical physicist. All of the committee's activities, as well as links to additional AAPM information, are being input into a public education page for the AAPM web site.

Educational Objectives

1. To understand public education and its significance to our profession.
2. To understand the charge and activities of the AAPM Public Education Committee.
3. To be aware of AAPM public education resources available to the members, i.e. medical physicist brochures, slide sets, and the AAPM web site.