## AbstractID: 2253 Title: A Survival Guide for Young Clinical Physicists

Now that you have finished your training and have become certified, you are in demand. Everyone wants you! They want to PAY you! What do you do? Are you finished with certifications? Do you want to continue with schooling and finish that PhD? What is the dream job? As you progress from a junior physicist to a staff/senior physicist, there are many important questions that need to be answered to lead you through a satisfying career. You first must decide, now that my foot is in the door, what do I really want to do? Where do I want to be in 10 years? Therapy or diagnostic? Academic/research or clinical? Consultant verses in-house? Another important professional issue is how to handle the added responsibilities and demands of no longer being the "junior" physicist. How do you handle being asked to do something you have never done before? From one who has recently faced these issues and is still dealing with the results, guidance and advice with regard to these questions will be provided in order to survive and grow as a full time clinical physicist.

Educational Objectives

- 1. Understand career choice decisions facing a newly certified physicist.
- 2. Understand methods to improve professional growth.