

We are well trained, talented, intelligent, and even good-looking Medical Physicists. Some of us even admit to being well paid. So how come our co-workers don't seem particularly interested in cooperating when we make a "learned pronouncement" about how things ought to be done? Why won't administration jump at the opportunity to purchase all the equipment we recommend? We know our stuff right? We ain't making it up, right? So how come?

Let's face it. Getting our advanced degrees did not require a course by Miss Manners. Getting along in a social, political, and clinical milieu may not be our forte. Sometimes, just sometimes, we rub people the wrong way, communicate poorly, or even misunderstand an obvious situation. This portion of the Professional Council Symposium is intended to address some of the professional faux pas that we MPs occasionally make during the course of our careers. Our panel of experienced Medical Physicists and others will address questions taken from our peers prior to the meeting with humor and, hopefully insight drawn from their years in the trenches. Establishing and maintaining our positions as an integral and respected part of a functioning team is an important component of our profession, that we sometimes overlook. If time permits, questions and discussion will also be taken from the floor.