Recommendations for the Revision of AAPM Report No. 36

A Report of the Medical Physics Residency Education and Promotion Sub-committee of the AAPM Committee on Education and Training of Medical Physicists

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Essentials and Guidelines for Hospital Based Medical Physics Residency Training Programs

A Report of the AAPM Presidential Ad Hoc Committee on The Clinical Training of Radiological Physicists

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Purpose of Ad Hoc Committee (1988)

• To review current state of education and training of medical radiological physicists

• To describe a hospital based education and training program for medical radiological physicists that would include basic education requirements, course work, clinical training, and the necessary prerequisites for certification.
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• Revise AAPM Report No. 36
• Promote Residency Training Programs

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Section II Essentials and Guidelines

Introduction (radiation oncology)
Replace list of duties “calibration, calculation, measurement, planning, design, quality assurance, training, education, research, others as listed in Appendix IA”

with statement
“...radiation oncology physicists are responsible for those aspects of radiation oncology where physics plays a role in safe and accurate planning and delivery of radiation therapy to the patient.”

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Section II Essentials and Guidelines

Introduction (diagnostic imaging)
Replace list of duties “calibration, calculation, measurement, image quality improvement and maintenance, training, education, research, others as listed in Appendix IB”

with statement
“...diagnostic imaging physicists are responsible for those aspects of diagnostic imaging where physics plays a role in safe and accurate diagnostic imaging procedures for patient care.”
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Section II Essentials and Guidelines

Introduction (nuclear medicine)

Replace list of duties “calibration, calculation, measurement, quality assurance, radiation safety, training, education, research, others as listed in Appendix IA”

with statement “—nuclear medicine physicists are responsible for those aspects of nuclear medicine where physics plays a role in safe and accurate nuclear medicine diagnostic and therapeutic patient procedures.”

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Section II Essentials and Guidelines

Objective

The objective of a medical physics residency program is to educate and train medical physicists to a competency level sufficient to practice medical physics independently.

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Section II Essentials and Guidelines

Residency Education Requirements

“—the graduate will have medical physics knowledge equivalent to that of a graduate of a CAMPEP accredited medical physics graduate program as appropriate for the ‘medical physics’ specialty.”
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Structure and Content
- Training Length – 2 years
- Program Director – 7 yrs experience
- Staff – medical dosimetrist
- Training Content – >15MV
- Training Complement – 2:1, 1:1, 1:1
- Training Evaluation – more frequent
- Facilities – CT-simulator
- Clinical Resources – 500ExtBm, 30 Brachy
- Institutional Support – no change
- Educational Environment – no change
- Conferences – no change
- Library Resources – no change

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Appendix II

Education Requirements for Medical Physics Residents

- M.S. or Ph.D. in Medical Physics, physics, or related field
- Curriculum
  - Physics, Math, Electronics, Computers, Physical Chemistry
- Background Knowledge
  - Radiation Physics, Dosimetry, Measurements, Protection, Imaging, Biology, Anatomy, Physiology, Clinical Radiation Oncology

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Appendix IIIA

Radiation Physics Topic Outline for Radiation Oncology Physics Residents

- Atomic and nuclear structure
- Radioactive decay
- Particulate radiation interactions
- X-Ray production
- High energy treatment machines
- X- and gamma ray interactions
- Exposure measurement
- Radiation quality
- Absorbed dose measurement
- Calibration of treatment beams
- Dose distributions – external beam
- Dose distributions – sealed sources
- Computerized treatment planning
- Radiation protection

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Appendix IIIB

Radiation Physics Topic Outline for Diagnostic Imaging Physics Residents

- Atomic and nuclear structure
- Radioactive decay
- Particulate radiation interactions
- X-Ray production
- X-ray generators
- X- and gamma ray interactions
- Exposure measurement
- Radiation quality
- Absorbed dose measurement
- Imaging Concepts
- Filters and beam limiting devices

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Appendix IIIB

Radiation Physics Topic Outline for Diagnostic Imaging Physics Residents

- Imaging Geometry
- Scattered Radiation
- Intensifying Screens
- Film
- Fluoroscopy
- Special Techniques
- Computed Tomography
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Radiation Biology Topic Outline for Nuclear Medicine Physics Residents

• Interaction of radiation/matter
• Mammalian cell radiosensitivity
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Radiation Biology Topic Outline for Nuclear Medicine Physics Residents

• Total body irradiation – acute effects
• Late effects
• Embryo and fetal effects
• Risk analysis of low level exposure
• (Radiation Epidemiology)