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AAPM Increases Opportunities for Meeting Maintenance of Certification Requirements

ALEXANDRIA, VA, APRIL 12, 2017—The [American Association of Physicists in Medicine](http://www.aapm.org) (AAPM) has added more SAM (Self Assessment Modules) offerings for attendees at its 59th Annual Meeting to be held in Denver, CO on July 30-August 3, 2017.

SAMs can be used to meet the American Board of Radiology (ABR) self-assessment continuing education (SA-CE) requirements of their Maintenance of Certification program.

“We heard from our attendees that they wanted more SAM-eligible education and we responded to that need,” explained AAPM President, Melissa C. Martin.

AAPM Annual Meeting draws thousands of therapy professionals and imaging professionals working in a wide variety of medical fields including radiology and oncology. Its comprehensive education program allows participants to share scientific discoveries, learn how to further improve patient diagnosis and care, and exchange ideas with their peers.

This year’s theme is Connecting Our Pathways, Unifying Our Profession. AAPM will tie symposia, panel discussions, poster sessions and workshops on the latest medical physics topics to this overarching concept in an effort to help therapy and imaging professionals meet increasing demands.

In addition to SAM, attendees can earn Medical Physics Continuing Education Credit (MPCEC), Medical Dosimetrist Certification Board (MDCB) credits and Radiology Leadership Institute (RLI) credits based on their needs. Details for earning each type of credit can be found at http://www.aapm.org/meetings/2017AM/ContinuingEd.asp#hgm1_1.

Those interested in saving on registration fees should consider registering for the meeting prior to June 21, 2017. More information is available at www.aapm.org/2017AM.

About AAPM and Medical Physicists

The American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) is the premier organization in medical physics, a broadly-based scientific and professional discipline encompassing physics principles and applications in biology and medicine whose mission is to advance the science, education and professional practice of medical physics. Medical physicists contribute to the effectiveness of radiological imaging procedures by assuring radiation safety and helping to develop improved imaging techniques (e.g., mammography CT, MR, Ultrasound). They contribute to development of therapeutic techniques (e.g., prostate implants, stereotactic radiosurgery), collaborate with radiation oncologists to design treatment plans, and monitor equipment and procedures to ensure that cancer patients receive the prescribed dose of radiation to the correct location. Medical physicists are responsible for ensuring that imaging and treatment facilities meet the rules and regulations of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and various state regulatory agencies. AAPM represents over 8,500 medical physicists.

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