This session is directed at supporting the professional development of medical physicists, with special consideration for challenges that face women as they build their professional careers. The panelists are mid-career and senior women medical physicists in different practice settings. All panelists will share how their own career developed as well as strategies for success at different career stages. There will be a moderated panel discussion with ample time for questions from the audience. The panel discussion can include advice on getting your first position as a medical physicist, getting involved in national organizations such as the AAPM, defining success career, and balancing work and family. All members are welcome to attend. The Women’s Professional Subcommittee (WPSC) of the AAPM organized this panel.

Session: 10 am – 12 pm

10:00-10:05 Andrea Molineu and Jean M. Moran: Opening Remarks

10:05-10:25 Sonja Dieterich, Ph.D. If I were your mentor, here is what I would want you to know

10:25-10:45 Mary Fox, M.S. You have your first job: What's next? Incorporating service into your career

10:45-11:05 Xiaowei (Winnie) Zhu, M.S. Making career transitions work for you

11:05-11:25 Maryellen Giger, Ph.D. Building a fulfilling career: Balancing personal and professional life

11:25-12:00 Panel Discussion All participants

Learning objectives for this session:

Attendees will learn about:
1. The role of mentorship in career development
2. The benefits of volunteer opportunities to serve and build on your success
3. Considerations for advancing your career through different positions
4. Strategies for balancing a career and family