

**Transitions from Trainee to Leader**

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### Key Characteristics

#### Trainees

- Desire
- Listening skills
- Focus on fundamentals
- Preparedness
- Continuous learning
- Consistency under duress

#### Leaders

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## Your Next Steps

- Think about your career objectives (~10 years)
  - What do you like / dislike?
  - What are your strengths / weaknesses?
  - Have a big vision beyond just yourself
- Be a consummate professional
  - Add value to your boss / department
- Identify mentors
  - In your job / In the AAPM
  - Hear difficult feedback / Make it actionable
  - Guidance is mentor-specific / Adapt guidance to yourself

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