What is Formalized Professionalism Training?

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What is professionalism?

**Definition of professionalism**

1. : the **conduct**, aims, or qualities that characterize or mark a **profession** or a **professional** person.
What is professionalism in medical physics?

• **Resources:**
  - AAPM
  - ABR
  - CAMPEP
  - ABS
  - ACR
  
  Medical physics societies and accrediting bodies provide high level definitions on professionalism

• **Ozturk et al:**
  - 75% of respondents interested in attending ethics/professionalism sessions/training


Ethics and professionalism in medical physics: a survey of AAPM members

Naim Ozturk, Samuel G Armato 3rd, Maryellen L Giger, Christopher F Serago, Lainie F Ross
Perceptions of professionalism in dentistry – a qualitative study

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Key Points

- Highlights that professionalism is an essential competence for dental professionals, but to date there is no agreed definition of this construct.

- Explores professionalism in dentistry using theory and empirical data, and produces not only a definition but also a model that can form the basis of an assessment system.
How are we teaching professionalism?

• Most likely:
  – AAPM/RSNA/ASTRO/ACR/ARR/ARS Online Modules on Ethics and Professionalism
  – Master-Apprentice Model

• Nationwide survey of residency programs in progress:
  – Assess current status of professionalism training/evaluation
  – Collect data on characteristics of professionalism in MP
  – Stay tuned!
How do we formalize professionalism training?

• First need to standardize the content

• Incorporate it into the didactic curriculum
  – Requires formal teaching **AND** formal evaluation

• Different teaching approaches required
  – Case studies
  – Discussion & reflection
  – Simulation/Acting
Formalizing Professionalism Education: Shared Experiences with Medical Physics Trainees

Joshua M. Wilson, Ph.D.

From Day 1 Through Graduation: Introducing and Instilling a Professional Mindset in Graduate Students for the Medical Physics Career Ahead

Jeremy Hoisak, Ph.D.

Flattening the Learning Curve: Concise Coursework to Prepare Medical Physics Residents for Leadership

Michael Price, Ph.D.

Developing Professionalism Competencies in Therapy Physics Residents: An Experiential Learning and Systems-Based Approach
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