Medical Billing and Regulations: Everything You Always Wanted To Know, But Were Too Afraid To Ask

Annual Student Meeting
Anaheim, CA
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Dr. Terry Wu

- Currently the Chief Physicist and RSO at Willis-Knighton Cancer Center in Shreveport, LA
- Also directs residency program
- Has been a clinical physicist since 1991
- Proton therapy leader at WK
- Commissions Tomotherapy, linacs, treatment planning, and HDR systems
- Oversees 2 PhD and 2 MS physicists as well as 2 dosimetrists and 2 medical physics residents
- And last, but not least…
  - Consultant for patient billing

Why Should We Learn Radiation Oncology Billing?
Maryann Abogunde

- Currently a Medical/Health Physicist at the US NRC at their headquarters in Maryland
- Works with the medical team in the Medical Safety and Events Assessment Branch
- Previously worked at the agency's Region I Office in Pennsylvania in June 2009 where she worked as a qualified Materials Inspector and License Reviewer in the Medical Branch
- Currently serving a one-year term as the NRC non-voting Liaison with the AAPM Therapy Physics Committee

Medical Physics Opportunities at the NRC

Are there any questions?
Working Group to Promote Non-Clinical Career Paths for Medical Physicists

- Working group investigating career opportunities for Medical Physicists outside of traditional clinical roles
  - Regulation/RSO
  - Industry
  - Academia
  - And more!

- We have a poster: Su-E-E-4
  - Assessment of Medical Physics Students and Trainees Interest and Awareness of Non-Clinical Careers
- Check the newsletter for updates on our progress

Student opportunities this week!

- Preparing for the ABR Diagnostic and Nuclear Medicine Physics Exams
  - Covers parts I, II, and III
  - Wednesday from 11 AM – 12:15 PM in room 213

Student opportunities this week!

- Student Night Out: Bowling, Beverages, and Banana Splits!
- New Member Symposium: Things You Won’t Be Able to Say Somebody Should Have Told You
- Residency Fair
- Student Lunch: The Future of Research in the Field of Medical Physics
- Partners for the Future

For more information, please grab a handout!
Partners for the Future

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