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The ACR offers an excellent selection of printed materials to keep you informed on the latest College activities and efforts on behalf of the profession. The Medline-indexed *Journal of the American College of Radiology (JACR)* has quickly become one of the most important and well-respected peer-reviewed publications in the field of radiology, with articles addressing membership interests in clinical practice, practice management, health services research and policy, and education.

The blue journal also features CME credit for one article in each issue. CME articles provide lessons that can guide clinical practices or practice managers through the tangled health care environment.

Regular columns appearing in *JACR* include "Medical Physics Consult" and "Technology Talk." "Medical Physics Consult" describes current practice for technical and economic aspects of imaging and radiation oncology procedures. "Technology Talk" discusses the capabilities of new technology and the safe, efficacious practice of radiology.

The *ACR Bulletin* is published 10 times a year to keep members informed on current research, advocacy efforts, the latest technology, relevant education courses and programs, and ACR products and services. It provides a forum for members to share lessons learned, news and events, and achievements.

## The ACR Commission on Medical Physics

The Commission on Medical Physics develops and supports efforts to enhance the leadership role of medical physics in diagnostic imaging, radiation oncology, and radiation safety. In turn, these efforts enhance radiology's national leadership in critical medical and economic issues. The Commission provides educational materials and scientific resources that convey the critical significance of medical physics to the daily practice of radiology. The Commission represents the College in all matters relating to medical physics and is the leader in representing radiation oncology treatment delivery, image quality, and radiation safety before public and governmental entities. Through its participation in the Trilateral Committee, the Commission plays a key leadership role within the medical physics community.

### Join the ACR today.

For more information on ACR membership, please contact the ACR Membership Services office at 800-347-7748 or e-mail [membership@acr-arrrs.org](mailto:membership@acr-arrrs.org).

## Benefits of ACR Membership for

# Medical Physicists

**T**he American College of Radiology (ACR) is a major national medical organization comprised of more than 32,000 radiologists and radiation oncologists and more than 750 medical physicists. The ACR provides its members with vital education, research, scientific information, networking, and advocacy to continually advance the profession and enhance patient care.

As a medical physicist, you receive the following benefits as a member of the American College of Radiology:

### Earn Medical Education Credits

As an ACR member, you have the opportunity to attend ACR courses and earn Medical Education for Physicists (MEPS) credits, which are widely recognized in the medical and regulatory communities. The ACR is a sponsor of the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs, which accredits graduate medical physics programs, medical physics residencies, and continuing education opportunities for medical physicists.

### Participate in ACR Accreditation Programs

Medical physicists are essential to the development and conduct of all of the ACR's successful and respected accreditation programs. As a medical physicist, you can serve on accreditation committees and as a reviewer for the

mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, MRI, CT, PET, nuclear medicine, and radiation oncology accreditation programs. Your participation in these programs enables medical physicists to play a valuable role in improving the quality of medical imaging and radiation oncology in the United States.

### Benefit From Professional and Credentialing Advances for Medical Physics

You have the opportunity to evaluate and influence many key areas of medical physics with your ACR membership. The Commission on Medical Physics' Committee on Economics works closely with the Commission on Radiation Oncology's Committee on Economics to evaluate current policies thoroughly and analyze the effectiveness of current CPT® Codes. Medical physicists are well represented on the ACR's Coding and Nomenclature Committee, which advises the AMA's Editorial Panel on changes to existing CPT Codes. Moreover, the Commission on Medical Physics' Committee on Quality and Safety develops the critical standards of practice that are submitted to the ACR Council for approval as formal ACR policy. These policies are widely recognized and referenced by hospitals and other medical centers.

### Advance the Practice of Medical Physics Within the Radiology Community

Shape the current and future influence of medical physics with your ACR membership through participation on committees and in working groups that develop action items for consideration by the Commission on Medical Physics and the number of Medical Physics Councilors participating in the ACR's Annual Meeting. Medical physicists also play a critical role ensuring the technical quality of American College of Radiology Imaging Network® research studies,

including the highly successful Digital Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial.

### Promote Your Profession in the Public Eye

As a medical physicist, you offer a unique perspective on many issues facing the radiology profession. The ACR nominates medical physicists to share this perspective on key government and industry advisory committees. Additionally, medical physicists are frequently enlisted by the College to serve as spokespersons on critical issues with the national and local press, specifically on issues such as dosage and radiation technology.

### Network With Your Peers

In today's complicated health care environment, the opportunity to share ideas and solutions with other medical physicists and your radiology colleagues is more important than ever. The ACR offers you an incomparable opportunity to take advantage of networking opportunities through sponsorship of local chapter meetings, national meetings, and multidisciplinary summits such as the National Conference on Breast Cancer.

*"The ACR Commission on Medical Physics provides a link for practicing medical physicists to leverage the full power of the 32,000-member College to further medical physicists' agenda in the U.S. This leverage has been especially useful in affecting government relations and support of economic issues for practicing medical physicists. Educational opportunities available alongside our physician colleagues abound for MOC and CME programs. Membership in the ACR provides a multitude of additional benefits, so I urge all medical physicists to take advantage of this unique opportunity to further enhance your professional careers."*

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