

# C A M P E P

## Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs, Inc.

Greetings Program Directors,

I hope this communication finds you well and ready for a new crop of excited new trainees. **In a effort to keep you better informed of CAMPEP policies and procedures we will host a CAMPEP Program Directors meeting at the AAPM annual meeting on Tuesday morning (July 20<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30 in Convention Center Room 105B.** All graduate and residency program directors are invited and each program should send an alternate if the program director is unable to make the meeting. A light breakfast will be served.

Below is a summary of recent policies, procedures or clarifications that you should be aware of. The first two bullets are clarifications of existing policies, while the third and fourth are new :

- **Undergraduate prerequisites.** In consultation with the AAPM leadership and ABR trustees, it was concluded that the expectations for undergraduate preparation were not adequately clear. Previously, an undergraduate degree in physics was preferred, but a minor in physics was acceptable. However, a firm foundation in physics was deemed by all to be necessary. Therefore, candidates entering graduate or residency programs in medical physics are now required to complete three upper level (Junior/Senior year, 300-400 level, etc.) classes in physics. Specific courses are not stipulated and CAMPEP will give as much latitude as possible to program directors in developing remediation plans. It is the responsibility of every program director to make sure that candidates entering either graduate or residency programs meet these expectations. Failure to comply could put your program accreditation at risk. It is our collective responsibility to make sure that candidates completing CAMPEP accredited training programs meet all eligibility requirements for the ABR examinations.
- **Graduate requirements.** For candidates applying to residency programs who did not complete a CAMPEP accredited graduate program, the completion of all the components in the new AAPM TG Report #197 are required. For candidates entering residency programs until July 1, 2012 some of their deficiencies can be remediated during the residency (up to 4 courses). For candidates entering residency programs after July 1, 2012 only two courses (3 credit hour equivalent) can be remediated during the residency.
- **Annual reports.** Beginning this year, all programs will be required to submit annual reports. These forms for reporting will be distributed in the coming months. The goal of these reports is to make CAMPEP aware of any changes in your program, provide us with data for reporting potential manpower reserves, and to develop a registry of trainees enrolled in CAMPEP accredited programs. The registry will be available to boards that require CAMPEP accredited training (ABR and CCPM).
  - Graduate program reports will be due to CAMPEP by June 15.
  - Residency program reports will be due to CAMPEP by March 15.

- **Trainee registry.** We are currently finalizing the development of a registry for trainees who are in or graduated from CAMPEP accredited graduate and residency programs. The goal of this registry is to allow CAMPEP to track individuals in programs and to provide a database for the ABR or CCPM to use when checking the credentials of applicants for the board examination process.

One last thing, those of you who are graduate program directors will be receiving a short survey from the Ed Jackson, Chair of the GEPRC.

In conclusion, thanks again for your support of CAMPEP.

Sincerely,

John D. Hazle, Ph.D.  
President and Chairman of the Board