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Dear Members of AAPM EXCOM, SDAMPP and CAMPEP:

The ABR has been revising the categories that will be used on the oral examination in medical physics beginning in 2015. The new categories will be:

	DMP	NMP	TMP
Category 1	Radiography, Fluoroscopy, and Interventional Radiology	SPECT & hybrids, including gamma cameras	Radiation Protection and Patient Safety
Category 2	Computed Tomography	Radiation Protection	Patient-related Measurements
Category 3	Non-ionizing Techniques – MRI and Ultrasound	PET & hybrids	Image Acquisition Processing & Display
Category 4	Shielding, Radiation, and Protection	Radiation Measurements	Calibration, Quality Control, and Quality Assurance
Category 5	Radiation Dosimetry and Patient Safety	Clinical Procedures	Equipment

Further description of the categories will be published in the late spring of this year. The ABR believes these new categories more closely follow the way medical physics is practiced and will increase the reliability and specificity of the exam.

Candidates in a conditioned status on that date can continue to be examined in the category or categories in which they were conditioned in until the candidate's board-eligible status expires.

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