



Initial Certification

Diagnostic Medical Physics (DMP)

Part 2 Content Guide

PLEASE NOTE: List of Constants and Physical Values for Use on the Part 2 Physics Exams

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Content Guide

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1. Radiography, Mammography, Fluoroscopy, and Interventional Imaging

- X-ray imaging physics
- Radiography
- Mammography
- Fluoroscopy and Interventional Radiology
- Clinical Medical Physics Practice (radiography, mammography, fluoroscopy)

2. Computed Tomography

- CT Design and Fundamentals of Operation
- CT Clinical protocols and procedures
- CT Image Quality

- CT Radiation Dose and Patient Safety
- CT Clinical Medical Physics Practice

3. MRI and Ultrasound

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Spectroscopy Basic Physics
- MR Imaging procedures and Safety considerations
- Ultrasound basic physics, interactions, production and beam properties
- Ultrasound data acquisition, image characteristics and safety
- MRI and US Clinical Medical Physics Practice

4. Informatics, image display, and image fundamentals

- Information Systems Design and Fundamentals of Operation
- Image Display and Workstation
- Modality Image Characteristics
- Imaging Fundamentals
- [Professionalism and Ethics](#) – Clinical Medical Physics Practice

5. Radiation Biology, Dosimetry, Protection, and Safety

- Radiation Biology
- Dosimetry Fundamentals
- Radiation Protection
- Radiation Safety
- Room Shielding Design