National Medical Dosimetrist’s Day is fast approaching! Each year, the third Wednesday of August is designated as the day for celebrating medical dosimetry professionals around the world. This is a day for us to recognize the importance of our profession. We contribute to cancer survivorship each and every day!

AAMD is once again teaming up with our corporate partners to present a series of FREE webinars, scheduled one each day, August 13 – 17. Each webinar will offer one MDCB approved credit (also valid for ARRT). Here’s the line-up:

**Monday, August 13 at 1:00 PM EDT**
Practical Automation with MIM Workflows and MIM Assistant
Presented by: Joe Myers, MS
Sponsored by MIM Software
[Click here to view the full abstract and registration info.](#)

**Tuesday, August 14 at 1:00 PM EDT**
Lung SBRT using Monaco Planning Software
Presented by: Jennifer Davis, BS, CMD, RT(T), and Paul Barry
Sponsored by Elekta
[Click here to view the full abstract and registration info.](#)

**Wednesday, August 15 at 1:00 PM EDT**
Eclipse™ Treatment Plan Challenge: SBRT Lung
Presented by: Christopher Croft, CMD
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**Thursday, August 16 at 1:00 PM EDT**
Machine Learning in Radiation Oncology
Presented by: Fredrik Löfman, PhD
Sponsored by RaySearch Laboratories
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**Friday, August 17 at 1:00 PM EDT**
“Hello, Statistics, My Old Friend…”: A Crash Course on Key Statistical Methods to Help You Prepare for the Future of Radiation Treatment Planning
Presented by: Benjamin Nelms, PhD, and Salvadore Gerace, PhD
Sponsored by ProKnow
[Click here to view the full abstract and registration info.](#)

NOTE: Participation in the live webinars is limited to 1,000 participants per webinar. Once capacity is reached for each webinar, GoToMeeting will not let anyone else log in. You must attend the LIVE presentation to receive CE credit. Recordings of each presentation will be posted on the AAMD website in September for educational purposes, but no CE credit will be awarded.
IMPORTANT CE INFORMATION:

1. Both Members and Non-Members must have an AAMD ID # for CE credit tracking. To set up a Non-Member account, please visit http://www.medicaldosimetry.org/membership/join/.

2. All webinar participants are required to watch the live presentation and complete a post webinar quiz in order to earn CE credit for their attendance.

3. After logging into the AAMD CE Center and adding the webinar to your Course Library, the webinar will be FREE to all participants and not count against your annual membership CE credit allowance.

4. After adding the webinar to your Course Library, complete your registration by clicking on the GoToWebinar link under Course Materials so that you can access the live webinar.

Things you need to know about the quiz process for the National Medical Dosimetrist's Day webinar series:

- Quizzes will be posted online in the AAMD CE Center the day of the event and can be viewed during the live event.
- You must add the webinar to your Course Library in the CE Center and register in GoToWebinar before the live session begins to be able to take the quiz.
- All quizzes must be completed by August 31.
- The MDCB requires 10 multiple choice questions for each 1-hour lecture.
- Attendees will have 3 chances to pass the quiz with a 75% grade.
- Completed CE credits will be uploaded automatically to the MDCB for all participants whose MDCB numbers are included in their AAMD CE Center record.

Get all the details on the AAMD website.

Display Your Poster and Tell the World about Medical Dosimetry!

By Mark Littell, CMD
Communications Committee Co-Chair

Be sure to download and display this year's National Medical Dosimetrist's Day poster in your department to raise awareness of our profession to our patients and healthcare colleagues. This year's theme of #TheBrainsBehindTheTechnologies was created by member Andree Desrochers, CMD, as part of a poster idea submission contest to solicit ideas from the membership on how to both celebrate and convey the mission of our profession on the annual poster. The idea helps convey all that we consider through the course of a treatment plan as it is tailored to each individual patient. The 2018 poster is available for download on the AAMD website to display in your department.

All dosimetrists are encouraged to share on the AAMD social media channels how their radiation oncology departments are celebrating National Medical Dosimetrist's Day by using the #TheBrainsBehindTheTechnologies hashtag in the post. National Medical Dosimetrist's Day is the perfect time to share with patients as well as other healthcare colleagues what medical dosimetrists do and how a dosimetrist impacts patient oncology care. As a behind-the-scenes provider, National Medical Dosimetrist's Day is the perfect opportunity to introduce patients to the integral part of their care they might not be aware of.

As #TheBrainsBehindTheTechnologies, how will you be celebrating this National Medical Dosimetrist's Day? Tell us on Facebook, LinkedIn and/or Twitter!
Hello, Fellow Dosimetrists!

It seems like I just got back from our annual meeting in Austin, and I just wanted to reflect on what a great success it was! With over 600 attendees and an exemplary slate of presenters and vendors, the quality of this year’s meeting was top notch, and it was great to see so many familiar faces and have a chance to meet some new ones. And, of course, it’s not too early to consider presenting at next year’s meeting in Anaheim, California.

One of the important milestones that the annual meeting marks is the opening of the Call for Nominations for elected leadership positions with the AAMD. I can tell you from personal experience that serving in one of these positions is extremely rewarding, both professionally and personally. Please take a second to check out the open positions on our website and remember that nominations are open until the end of the year. If an elected position isn’t your thing, there are volunteer opportunities on our various committees, so just fill out a volunteer application on our website to get started!

Also, at the annual meeting, we unveiled the AAMD’s Strategic Plan to the membership. The Board of Directors has developed this plan over the last 6 months and are committed to the continuing work needed to put it into practice. This is very much a work in progress, and with the full cooperation and participation of our various committees and volunteers, we will move forward with this very important project.

August 15th is National Medical Dosimetrist’s Day, and much of this eMonitor has information regarding the educational activities that we’re proud to present to the dosimetry community. Remember to take a second and pat yourself on the back for the important work you do in the fight against cancer, and if you can convince someone to buy you lunch, so much the better!

I’ll finish by saying how excited and honored I am to be stepping into the role of President! I look forward to an eventful year.

Respectfully,
Lee Hales, B.Sc., CMD
AAMD President

Meet the 2018-2019 AAMD Board of Directors

Congratulations to Lee Hales, CMD, as he steps into his presidency and to Cara Sullivan, CMD, who was elected to the position of President-Elect in the spring election. Their terms started on August 1, and they will be joining the other Board Members for the 2018-2019 term:

President: Lee Hales, CMD

President-Elect: Cara Sullivan, CMD

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Member-at-Large: Kristi Smith, CMD

Regional Director: Anna Zurek, CMD

Region V Representative: Madison Fletcher, CMD

Region VI Representative: Rick Scherer, CMD

In addition to the new Board members, two Regional Representatives were elected this past spring:
Election 2019: Is This the Year You Run for Office?
By Catherine Gagne, CMD, and Adam Brown, CMD, Nominations and Volunteer Committee Co-Chairs

What a thrilling time to be a member of the AAMD! Here is an opportunity for each of you to share your passion and knowledge of medical dosimetry with your peers and become an integral part of the success of the AAMD. First, start by volunteering for one of the AAMD committees or task groups. When you renew your AAMD membership this year, click on the Volunteer Opportunities link and get started volunteering for your profession and its many exhilarating opportunities.

It is also the time of year for our nomination process to begin. We are thrilled to already have some nominees and expect more volunteers willing to serve to help better our society. The positions for which we will be accepting nominations for the 2019 Election are:

• President-Elect
• Member at Large
• Regional Director
• Region I Representative
• Region II Representative

You can nominate yourself or someone else. Forms for both types of nominations can be found on the 2019 Call for Nominations page of the AAMD website.

To be eligible for nomination, the nominee must be a current AAMD Full CMD Member in good standing. For the Regional Representative position, the candidate must reside in one of the states covered in that region. All positions are three-year terms, beginning on August 1, 2018 and ending on July 31, 2021. Position descriptions have been recently updated and can be found on the AAMD website.

All online nomination applications need to be completed by December 31, 2018. The election will take place in the spring of 2019.

Members Now Receive Access to 12 Online CE Credits in the AAMD CE Center

As of July 1, 2018, you will receive access to 12 online CE credits per year as part of your AAMD Membership! Based on Member feedback from the January Member Survey for Strategic Planning, the AAMD Board of Directors approved an increase in the number of online CE credits allotted each year with your AAMD Membership. To access these credit activities, visit the AAMD CE Center Course Catalog.

Also new: you can now search the course catalog by Course Subjects. Use this new search functionality to find the courses you need based on subject matter!

If you’re looking for CE credits now, check out these new online activities:

**Recorded Presentation:**
Proton-Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation Treatment Planning
Presented by Michael Rambaud, CMD

**Journal SAMs:**
Knowledge-based Treatment Planning and Its Potential Role in the Transition Between Treatment Planning Systems

Electron Postmastectomy Chest Wall Plus Comprehensive Nodal Irradiation Technique Using Electron Monte Carlo Dose Algorithm

The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is looking for new volunteers. Complete an online volunteer application if you’re interested in contributing to the future of the field.
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and the AAMD are pleased to present the 2018 Radiation Oncology Conference. This is the fourth year Roswell Park and AAMD are partnering to present this leading edge, educational event, which will expand your knowledge of:

• Increasingly complex treatments
• Treatment planning
• Clinical and administrative support issues
• Patient safety
• Quality assurance

Be inspired by learning about innovative breakthroughs and changing cancer treatments. You won’t want to miss the special Head & Neck Symposium, which will provide comprehensive knowledge from physician, dosimetrist and radiation therapist perspectives.

Learn what the future may hold for potentially transformative technologies and earn up to 14 MDCB CE credits (also valid for ARRT) in the process!

See the full program and register today!
Medical Dosimetrists Sharpened Their Skills “Deep in the Heart of Planning” at the 43rd Annual Meeting

By Rick Scherer, CMD, and Patty Sponseller, CMD
Annual Conference Committee Co-Chairs

The AAMD Board of Directors and the Annual Conference Committee (ACC) would like to thank all of the attendees who came to the 43rd Annual Meeting held “Deep in the Heart of Planning” in Austin, Texas, June 17-21, 2018. Over 600 attendees helped make this meeting a huge success. Attendance certificates can be accessed in the AAMD CE Center. Thank you to everyone who completed the post-meeting survey. It is your feedback that helps us improve our meeting every year. The ACC strives to bring our members a meeting that is well balanced with a variety of topics and engaging speakers while also providing an atmosphere of camaraderie. Based on the excellent reviews we received this year, it is safe to say we were successful! Here are some of the comments we received:

• Very professional and learned more than I had intended.
• Outstanding! Best one I have ever been to!!
• The ability to have CEU completed quickly was awesome!
• I had a wonderful experience. Thanks for all the hard work it took to make the meeting so nice.
• Kudos to all who planned this meeting. It was phenomenal!
• Again, this was the best meeting yet!! Keep up the good work. Thanks to all involved!! You outdid yourselves!
• It was one of the best I have attended. Very organized. Good lectures, excellent hotel.
• Thank you for the conference! I’ve only been to 2 AAMD conferences and I’ve enjoyed them both. Great presentations and organization!

All presentation PDFs are available on the AAMD website. Some of these presentations will be converted into Virtual Meeting presentations offering continuing education credits for those who were not able to attend the meeting.

Meeting Highlights:

• Over 600 registrants (includes attendees, speakers and exhibitors)
• 36 educational sessions (more from workshops and symposia) - provided by excellent speakers
• Four pre-conference workshops:
  - Radiation Oncology Documentation and Coding
  - Giving Scientific Presentations
  - Two Varian/ Eclipse Workshop-Advanced Users
• Three lunch symposia provided by Accuray, Elekta, and Philips
• Treatment Planning System Workshops for new and advanced users sponsored by Varian, Philips, Elekta and RaySearch
• Three breakout workshops: - Image Registration Workshop - MIM Software Users Training
• Career Development Workshop
• Successful day of concurrent sessions
• 32 exhibitors filled our exhibit hall
• 33 posters were on display
• Excellent hotel and friendly staff
• Great prizes given out throughout the week
• CAMPEP credits for medical physicists offered
• 57 students attended

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As Co-Chairs, we would like to thank our committee members who volunteer their time and effort in order to help make the annual meeting a success! In addition to our committee members we would also like to thank all the student volunteers. You were a big help! We would also like to thank the AAMD Headquarters Staff and our meeting planning team for all of the guidance, help and support they provided us this past year. Lastly, we need to thank our corporate sponsors and exhibitors for their financial support that helps us continue to provide quality meetings at reasonable prices:

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**Survey Winner Selected**

Congratulations to **Patrick Melby, CMD**, of La Crosse, WI, who was selected as the winner of a free annual meeting registration in a random drawing of annual meeting survey participants. Thanks to everyone who completed a survey. We value your feedback.
We are pleased to invite you to Anaheim, California, to share your knowledge with your medical dosimetry colleagues as a presenter for the 44th Annual Meeting, June 16–20, 2019 in Anaheim, CA.

As a speaker you’ll receive:
- complimentary meeting registration (attend sessions and earn 30+ MDCB CE credits - anticipated)
- one night of lodging
- up to 2 MDCB CE credits for a one-hour presentation
- valuable presentation experience for your daily work and your resume

Need topic ideas? How about one of these or anything else you have that’s of interest to your peers:
- Review of clinical anatomy and contouring
- Practical tips for community-based dosimetrists
- Safety culture in radiation oncology departments
- Case studies

Deadline for submission: October 31, 2018

Please note these important submission guidelines:
1. All abstracts submitted must be limited to 2000 characters or less and represent original work.
2. Presentation times are: General sessions (60 minutes), panel discussions (60 minutes) and workshops (120 to 180 minutes)

Visit the AAMD website for more information.

We look forward to reviewing your submissions!
This year, the AAMD Formal Education Committee (FEC) conducted two events for the students and educators during the 43rd AAMD annual conference in Austin, TX.

The first event was a Student Gathering on June 18 where 49 students from various medical dosimetry programs attended. This meeting provided an opportunity for the students to network with their future colleagues, exchange information, and learn from informative presentations. MDCB President Paige Dalton, BS, RT (T), CMD, gave a presentation about the MDCB certification and answered students’ questions. Michael Rambaud, BS, CMD who is a recent graduate of the medical dosimetry program at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center spoke about life after dosimetry school. He provided students with great tips about job searching, board preparation, and first year expectations as a new medical dosimetrist. Arnold Able, MS, DABR who is the CEO of the Associates in Medical Physics talked about the practice of medical dosimetry in a private group setting. Students enjoyed a quiz bowl where they used student response system (clickers) to submit their answers and show off their knowledge. A unique feature of the student event this year was the introduction of the mentoring program. Each one of the 49 students were assigned to a seasoned medical dosimetrist to be mentored about resume writing, interview skills, and job hunting during the conference. FEC co-chairs extend their appreciation to all volunteer medical dosimetrists who served as mentors during the conference.

The second event was the Educators’ Workshop on June 19 where 19 educators were in attendance. This workshop began with the JRCERT update by Laura Borghardt, MS, CMD and Leslie Winter, MS, R.T.(R). They updated educators on standards revision for medical dosimetry programs and announced their call for CMD nomination for a new JRCERT board member to start in spring 2019. Diana Baacke, CMD provided MDCB updates and Craig McKenzie, CMD provided AAMD updates to the committee. There were three presentations in this workshop that offered a total of 2 CE credits: (1) Best Practices for Medical Dosimetry On-line Education by Dr. Nishele Lenards; (2) Medical Dosimetry Education via Distance Education by Dr. Scott Collins; and (3) Generational Differences: How to Optimize Medical Dosimetry Teaching Practices for All Learning Styles by Dr. Mahsa Dehghanpour and Dr. Jamie Baker. This event was concluded with an open forum where educators discussed topics such as international education in medical dosimetry.

Both events received positive feedback. The FEC continues to use this feedback to make improvements to the future events and to better serve the community of medical dosimetrists and students.
Congratulations to the AAMD Student Writing Competition Winners!
By Mahsa Dehghanpour, EdD, CMD; Mellonie Brown-Zacarias, EdS., CMD, R.T(IRT); and Jamie Baker, PhD, CMD

AAMD sponsored a Student Writing Competition in 2018. Winners received cash prizes of $500 (1st place), $250 (2nd place), and $125 (3rd place). The winner of this year’s competition will also be published in a special section in the Medical Dosimetry journal. Second and third place winners will have abstracts published in the journal and will undergo the peer review process for publication in a future edition of the journal.

Congratulations to the 2018 winners of this competition. Winning submissions are listed below.

1st Place:
The Dosimetric Differences in Calculating Lung SBRT Plans on Different Image Data Sets: Comparison of the Free Breathing Scan to both Average Intensity Projection Scan and to the Sum of Calculations on each Respiratory Phase of the 4DCT Scan
Authors: Francesco Gaetani Liseo, Tim Lautenschlaeger, Marvene Ewing, and Mark Langer at Indiana University School of Medicine-Department of Radiation Oncology

2nd Place:
IMRT Planning Parameter Optimization for Spine Stereotactic Radiosurgery
Authors: Gabriel Ayala, Edwin Santiago, Hie Ji Ko, Peter Park, and Kieu Doan at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

3rd Place:
Varian Halcyon Dosimetric Comparison for Multi-Arc VMAT Prostate and Head-and-Neck Cancers
Authors: Catalina Riley, Holly Havran, Christopher Cox, Sasha Graham, Bethany Kramer, Tyler Williamson, CMD, Tucker Netherton, DMP, Laurence Court, PhD, and Christine Peters at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Students in medical dosimetry education programs should submit an abstract for the 2019 AAMD Student Writing Competition by the deadline of April 15, 2019. Final manuscript submissions are due by May 1, 2019. Additional details can be found at the AAMD website. The AAMD Formal Education Committee looks forward to your Student Writing Competition submission.

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If you have checked the job boards lately, chances are you’ve seen a few job postings for one of the many proton centers popping up across the country. Proton technology, which has been around since the 1950s, has developed very rapidly in the last 5-10 years, and the demand for proton planners is increasing. Here in Baltimore, the University of Maryland Medical Center recently built a state-of-the-art proton center, and I found myself wondering if I should be making the leap and learning to plan protons. Some of you may be wondering the same thing as proton centers are being built in your own hometowns, or if you are looking for the next phase of your career. I sat down and chatted with two of my colleagues to get their perspectives on proton planning and making the transition from photons to protons.

First up is Julie Moreau, CMD, who started working for the Maryland Proton Treatment Center in 2016. Previously she had been a photon dosimetrist at the Brigham and Women’s/ Dana Farber Cancer Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

**So, Julie, what made you want to transition to protons?**

When I decided to make the switch to protons I had been working in photons for about 3 years. I was making a move geographically to the Baltimore region and was looking for new opportunities in the area. I came across a job opening at the Maryland Proton Treatment Center (MPTC) when the center was just starting treating patients. I had always had a fascination for protons that began when I was in dosimetry school. The implications for sparing more normal tissue for pediatric and adult patients was exciting. The challenge of making the switch also drew me in.

**What was the most difficult part of learning protons and transitioning from a photon mindset to a proton one?**

The importance of every detail in planning is magnified in the proton world. The general workflow for proton cases is much longer than a photon plan. In addition, protons are very sensitive to any changes the patient might present during treatment. The re-plan rate is much higher in proton planning so carefully monitoring your patients is critical.

**Do you think having more experience as a photon planner or being fresh out of school would matter when learning protons?**

Having been a photon planner, I have a greater appreciation for the differences between the two modalities. However, I don’t think it matters where you are in your career when you decide to make the switch. Protons are so different from photons that whether you are experienced or not we all have to start at the same place. It just takes some self-motivation and dedication to really wrap your mind around something new.

**In what ways are planning protons different than planning photons? Did anything surprise you when you started learning protons? What struck you as being the largest obstacle to overcome?**

The largest obstacle in learning proton planning for me was beam arrangement. It is truly a different mindset and there aren’t too many overlaps with photon planning. It can take some time to become comfortable but if you are open to the new experience and willing to put in the work to learn, I do not see any reason not to leap. I’ve really enjoyed my adventure in the proton world so far and I’m excited to see it continue to advance in the future.

Next up is Patrick Vadnais, CMD, who has worked at the University of Maryland since 2010 as a photon planner and made the transition to planning protons in 2017.

**What is the most rewarding part of being a proton planner?**

The most rewarding part for me is to see the final result of my efforts and being able to reduce the dose in a way that only proton allows us to do. The plans [between photon and proton] can be night and day in comparison. It gives so many people hope who are fighting this disease. Retreatment area and sites – we can really push the envelope to give those patients hope. Pediatrics is also something I have enjoyed being a part of. Some of these kids have not much to rely on when it comes to treatment, so being a part of their planning is just wonderful.

**Do you feel like you still use your photon skills regularly?**

Daily! When it comes to optimizing a plan, things can seem pretty similar. The beam is very sensitive to heterogeneities within the body so the results can really throw you off. If I did not have my bag of tools from photons it would have been much more difficult I to manage. Managing patient paths to treatment machines are pretty similar to our photons sites.

**Do you feel like there is a significant difference in your market value being a proton planner?**

Absolutely. I already felt that I was doing something special, this just drives it home. When you read and listen to some folks, they say that there is no difference and facilities are doing it for the money, I disagree. I truly feel that protons are going to be a major player in the fight against cancer. How could you say no when you look at some of these plans coming out? I feel making the move to a proton facility has added an invaluable skillset. Having the ability to plan both photon and protons is definitely an advantage.

**Would you recommend more photon dosimetrists explore proton planning and make the leap? What advice would you give them?**

My recommendation is that yes, you should consider transitioning over. I think there are many photon dosimetrists contemplating the move, but they are a bit apprehensive because of what we have heard in the news about proton centers popping up and closing. If you have the chance to get with a group that is managing their centers well and moving in the right direction, it’s worth the risk. The job satisfaction has been overwhelmingly high and I feel will continue to grow on top of that.

Both Patrick and Julie had great advice to offer any dosimetrists who are contemplating making the switch from photon planning to proton planning. For those dosimetrists who have been in the field for a while and are looking for a new horizon to explore, you may find learning how to plan protons is rewarding and an exciting opportunity to add to your existing skill set. For new graduates, take Julie’s advice and don’t be afraid to jump right into something new! As dosimetrists, we are constantly learning and evolving with the technology. Thank you to Patrick and Julie for sharing a bit about planning on the forefront of a relatively new and rapidly developing modality.
Your membership matters to the AAMD! The Membership Committee, under the direction of the AAMD Board of Directors, is hard at work making your membership count. Medical dosimetry is a small community with a large voice in radiation oncology. It is important to the AAMD that our voice is heard. For the AAMD to serve you better, watch your inbox soon for a membership survey that will help us understand how we can enhance your membership.

The AAMD currently has over 3,000 members, and our membership spans across the world with 104 of those being International Members. Right now, we also have 247 student members. It is so great to welcome new dosimetrists into our community. We are very grateful for our longstanding members, and we thank you for continually supporting the AAMD’s mission and vision.

The AAMD held a New Member gathering at the AAMD Annual Meeting in Austin. We loved hearing the stories of how they chose the field of Medical Dosimetry, their goals and future plans. Thank you to all who attended this event!

The Membership Committee has been working hard on developing a New Member packet, which will help all new members get the most out of their membership. We are also excited for our existing members—watch your renewal this year, you will receive a new “Get the most of your membership” packet. Each packet ensures that you are utilizing your membership to its full potential, which is important for you and the AAMD. Until then, take some time to navigate the AAMD website as there are many educational and professional development resources available to our members.

AAMD has many committees working hard to make your membership the best, and we are always looking for volunteers for these committees and task groups. Remember that it’s your experiences and ideas that make our community thrive. August 15 is National Medical Dosimetrist’s Day, and we challenge our members to step up and volunteer. Take the challenge, fill out a volunteer application today and let’s see what we can accomplish together!

Happy National Medical Dosimetrist’s Day to all our members!

Salary Survey Data Coming this Fall

By Brittany Stoller, CMD
Career Services Committee Co-chair

Thank you to all participants who completed the 2017 AAMD Salary Survey! Your responses are crucial to conduct an accurate analysis, so your time and effort are appreciated.

The salary survey, which is designed by the AAMD Advisory Committee and Michael Mills, PhD, compiles data regarding compensation in 2017. Demographics, training, and employment, among other factors, are considered. The salary survey is validated, making it useful for benchmarking and negotiating salary and benefits.

Currently, the 2017 data is being analyzed and prepared for the benefit of AAMD members and the medical dosimetry field as a whole. Previous salary survey reports are available on the AAMD website, and the 2017 Salary Survey report is expected to be published this fall and made available to Members as a benefit of membership. Watch your email and the AAMD website for details.
AAMD Foundation Announces 2018 Scholarship Winners

The AAMD Education and Research Foundation is a non-profit organization that strives to empower medical dosimetrists in their pursuit for higher education. This year, we gave $48,675 in scholarships to current and aspiring medical dosimetrists. Congratulations to the winners!

Check out the winners videos on our website

Gunilla Bentel Scholarship:
Matthew James Susen

Eclipse Training Grant:
Jenny Nguyen
Ruth Crawford

MDCB Voucher Winners:
Brittany Bird
Cynthia Upham
Edwin Santiago
Holly Havran
Jenny Nguyen

Varian Student Scholarship:
Alicia Stanhouse
Amy Elaine Rzepczynski
Benjamin Mowbray
Brittany Butler
Dana Paulus
Giang Hoang
Gabriel Ayala
Hilary Rose Surmeier
Jenny Nguyen
Melissa Mitchell
Peter Park
Vandana Puri
MDCB Scholarship Recipients
The MDCB is a proud supporter of the AAMD Foundation Scholarships. In 2018, five exam registration vouchers were presented to students of JRCERT accredited program:

• Brittany Bird
• Cynthia Upham
• Edwin Santiago
• Holly Havran
• Jenny Nguyen

To learn more about scholarship recipients, view their profiles at www.mdcb.org

Learning Plan Submission
CMDs whose five-year cycles end on December 31, 2018 are reminded to submit Learning Plans for completion by November 30, 2018. Once Learning Plans are completed, the annual credential fee can be submitted. Certificates for practitioners who have met the requirements for credential renewal will receive a new certificate in mid-January 2018.

Credit Transfer
CMDs attending upcoming conferences in the summer and fall can learn about credit transfer to Learning Plans by reviewing MDCB Frequently Asked Questions, available at https://mdcb.org/about-mdcb/faqs