

Member-at-Large

Candidate: Mahsa Dehghanpour, EdD, MS, CMD

1. Why do you wish to serve on the AAMD Board of Directors?

Serving as a Member-at-Large for the AAMD offers a unique opportunity to advance the medical dosimetry profession. My passion for this field, along with my dedication to improving patient care, advancing education, and supporting fellow professionals drives my desire to take on this role. In this role, I aim to bridge the gap between members and leadership, ensuring that diverse voices are heard. I will advocate for the needs of medical dosimetrists while working to expand educational and professional development opportunities, improve standards of practice, and promote innovative technologies. Additionally, I seek to elevate AAMD's influence within the healthcare community and raise awareness of medical dosimetrists' vital roles in cancer treatment. With two decades of experience in medical dosimetry and a background in leadership with AAMD and JRCERT, I am well-prepared to contribute meaningfully. This position is an opportunity to give back to a profession that has shaped my career.

2. Where do you believe the AAMD should focus efforts during the proposed 3-year term?

AAMD should prioritize initiatives that enhance patient care, advance the profession, and support dosimetrists. A major focus must be addressing the growing shortage of medical dosimetrists by advocating for education and training programs that develop a strong workforce capable of meeting the increasing demands of cancer care. This approach will also help mitigate mental health challenges and prevent burnout among professionals. Additionally, AAMD should promote the adoption of new technologies to improve treatment outcomes while expanding educational opportunities in emerging fields and enhancing access to continuing education and mentorship programs. As remote planning transforms dosimetrists' work, it's crucial to elevate standards of practice to ensure patient safety and quality care. Collaborating with other organizations to develop updated guidelines is essential for remote environments. Lastly, AAMD must raise awareness of the vital role dosimetrists play in cancer treatment by engaging with policymakers and advocating for greater recognition within the healthcare community.