

Member-at-Large

Candidate: Andrija “Kevin” Manestar, CMD, RT(R)(T)

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

I am truly passionate about our work! My experiences in radiation therapy and the opportunity to explore new trends and treatments have been inspiring. We're utilizing available resources well, and I see great potential for improvement through new technologies and processes that enhance patient care. Together, we can achieve so much, and the future holds even more promise with our innovations. I've had the privilege of serving on the AAMD directed journal reading committee, where I contributed to formulating questions for our booklet and reviewing abstracts for the 2025 annual meeting. I also serve on my employer's Radiation Therapy Safety Committee, where I've helped implement improvements to reduce risks to patients. The greatest satisfaction for me comes from helping others excel and simplifying processes to deliver the best and most efficient care possible. I am committed to advancing our profession and excited to continue building on the foundation we've established.

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

We must continually refine and define our roles as CMDs, always keeping in mind our primary purpose: to provide the best possible care for our patients. One critical aspect of achieving this is enhancing our understanding of how AI is reshaping our work environment. I believe it is essential to embrace AI and integrate it into our practice, not only to improve patient experience but also to elevate treatment outcomes. By staying informed and incorporating new technologies into our professional skill set, we can adapt and enhance our role as dosimetrists, ensuring that we are not replaced, but empowered. Collaborating, sharing experiences, and combining practices from as many of us as possible will help us exceed even our greatest expectations. Our commitment together will prepare our profession for the future, one in which our collective collaboration and innovative techniques will be a resounding success, benefiting both our profession and, most importantly, our patients.