

Response to Mark Harvey Regarding the Educational Curricula for Students Interested in Health Physics

Dear Editors:

WE WOULD like to voice our concurrence with Mark Harvey's recent *Health Physics Journal* Letter to the Editors regarding the educational curricula for students interested in health physics.

As Harvey mentions, here at UTHealth, we have experienced a significant shift in the use of radiation sources over the past 30 y, from mainly benchtop research with radioactive materials to an increased use of x-ray producing devices and lasers (Gutierrez and Emery 2022). We are similarly supportive of Harvey's comments about specifically supporting HBCU institutions in this regard, which is an effort that could be led by the Health Physics Society.

Our joint effort with Harvey and his students regarding the characterization of our cyclotron as part of decommissioning efforts proved to be mutually educational, with the students not only learning basic health physics but also the process to

move their work forward through the publication process so that others can learn from it (Zapata et al. 2021).

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