

Particle Therapy Co-Operative Group

North American Chapter

MEMBERSHIP DEFINITIONS

➤ Full Members

Eligibility Requirements: Physicians, radiation physicists, and radiation/ cancer biologists who meet one or more of criteria below are eligible for Full Membership:

- A physician who is certified in radiation oncology or therapeutic radiology by the American Board of Radiology (ABR) or by another board recognized as being of equivalent rank; or board eligible physician .
- A radiation physicist who is certified in radiological physics or therapeutic radiation physics by the American Board of Radiology, or by another board recognized as being of equivalent rank; or a physicist who holds a graduate degree in physics and has a minimum of 3-years' experience in particle therapy research, system operation, or system design.
- A radiation or cancer biologist who holds a graduate degree and/or devotes a substantial portion of his/her professional time to radiation oncology or radiation sciences.

Members who qualify for full membership will not be accepted as associate or in-training members. Board certification requirements may be waived for individual applicants based on their contributions to the field of particle radiotherapy at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Membership Benefits: Full Members are eligible to receive all benefits at special Member rates. In addition, Full Members have voting rights in the Society, may participate on Society committees, and are eligible to hold elected office in the Society.

➤ Associate Members

Eligibility Requirements: Non-physician specialists with recognized interests in the aims of the Society, including but not limited to: medical physicists, medical dosimetrists, radiation or cancer biologists, radiation therapists, radiation oncology nurses, and others with occupations and interests in particle radiotherapy.

Membership Benefits: Associate Members are eligible to receive all benefits at special Member rates. In addition, Associate Members may participate on Society committees. Associate Members shall have no voting rights in the Society. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, Associate Members may be appointed to the Executive Committee as representation for their respective discipline.

➤ In-Training Member

Eligibility Requirements: Physicians, radiation physicists, and radiation/cancer biologists with an interest in particle radiotherapy still undergoing training in their respective specialty.

Membership Benefits: In-Training Members are eligible to receive all benefits at special Member rates. They may participate on Society committees and shall have voting rights only on matters before their committee. In-Training Members have no voting rights regarding general Society matters. They are not eligible either to hold office in the Society or to be appointed to the Executive Committee.

➤ Honorary Membership

Eligibility Requirements: Retired Physicians, radiation physicists, and radiation/cancer biologists who made significant contributions within the field of particle radiotherapy; such status will be granted by the executive committee.

Membership Benefits: Honorary Members will be exempt from Membership fees and may qualify for other discounts. In addition, Honorary Members have voting rights in the Society, may participate on Society committees, and are eligible to hold elected office in the Society.