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John P. Winston, July 30, 1961 – February 27, 2021 In Memoriam



John P. Winston passed away on February 27, 2021. He was a Radiological Health Physicist in the area of inspection/testing x-ray facilities, equipment and accelerators with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Bureau of Radiation Protection since 1986. During those years, he mentored many junior staff regarding the proper methods and procedures to inspect dental, medical and industrial facilities. John also assisted and counselled many dentists, technologists, doctors and clinicians on how to perform equipment quality assurance to reduce patient radiation exposure, while optimizing image quality. He led the recent effort to update the DEP's medical x-ray regulations.

John received his BS in Environmental Science from Pennsylvania State University in 1983.

Mr. Winston was first elected to the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) in 2018. He served as a Member of Program Area Committee 4 on Radiation Protection in Medicine, on Scientific Committee (SC) 4-6 that published NCRP Statement No. 11, *Outline of Administrative Policies for Quality Assurance and Peer Review of Tissue Reactions Associated with Fluoroscopically-Guided Interventions* (2014), and SC 4-11 that published Statement No. 13 on *NCRP Recommendations for Ending Routine Gonadal Shielding During Abdominal and Pelvic Radiography* (2021).

John drafted regulations on x-ray producing machines used in the Commonwealth and coauthored Pennsylvania studies on fluoroscopy, computed tomography, and dental panoramic x rays. He chaired several Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) committees on Quality Assurance in Diagnostic X Ray, Reducing Risk from Fluoroscopy Procedures, and Suggested Regulations for Diagnostic and Interventional X Ray. He previously served as a member of CRCPD's committees on Computed Tomography Brain Perfusion and Medical Events.

Mr. Winston served on CRCPD's Board of Directors for 7 y, including terms as the Chairperson and the Treasurer. While on the Board he was appointed as CRCPD's first Liaison to the American Society for Radiation Oncology and also served as their Liaison to the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. In recognition for his dedicated work, Mr. Winston was presented the James W. Miller Award and the Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit.

He was a member of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards Working Group on Medical Radiation charged with writing the *Federal Guidance Report No. 14: Radiation Protection Guidance for Diagnostic and Interventional X-Ray Procedures*.

As a friend and colleague, David J. Allard, wrote "He was a kind soul, and leaves behind many friends and colleagues that will miss his advice on technical matters, as well as his humor and quiet kind personal counsel on any subject that life might present."

John is survived by his wife, Chandra, a daughter and son, and six siblings.