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Currentlyt herearea bout4,000phy sicistsinChinaworkinginvarious fieldsrelatedto medicalandclinicala reas, inuniversities, medica lsc hools, hospitals, and clinic s. The ChineseSociet yofMe dicalPh ysics(CSMP)ha se ightcomm itteesc overingthemajor medicalphysicsfield s.S incela te1980, severalinternationalme etingsonme dical physicsinChinahelpedtode finethe fieldand establishedthe professionof medical physics. Several training progra msbegantoform in China. One of the driving orces is from adiation oncology de partments. The number of Ra diation Oncology Centers increasedalmost 400% inthelast20 years. There are about1200radiationonco logy physicistsinChinain2006,a nda tlea stdoublethe numberisneeded. MedicalImaging and N uclear Medicine alsonee dmedical physic ists. There are only four acade mic institutionsthathavede greepr ogramsin medical physics. The number of g notbeab letosupplythe demand.O n thejobtrainings mayproducesomemedical physicistswhowill helpe asethe pressureof demand. Toensurequa lity ofthework force, certifi cationpr ocessisinur gentn eed.