SNMMI: Cardiovascular Council
SNMMI Annual Meeting
June, 2013

Activities and Accomplishments

Thirteen CE Sessions were held at the 2012 SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting.

One Categorical - Update in Cardiovascular Molecular Imaging: Part I: Emerging Technology, Applications and Controversies in Cardiovascular Molecular Imaging. Part II:

Election of new Vice President-elect, Treasurer and 3 Board members, all newly elected offices will begin their terms June 2013.

Nominating Dr. Albert Sinusas to the SNMMI commission of government relations to serve as the representative of the society for NHLBI

Nominating Dr. Marcelo Di Carli to lead an effort in conjunction with ASNC to set up a task force to design a study the address the issue of half dose/half time MPI.

Assisting SNMMI in securing a representative on a think tank on radiation safety in cardiovascular care organized jointly with the DCRI, AHA, ACC and ASNC. Dr. Henry Royal was nominated by SNMMI leadership to serve as the SNMMI representative. Dr. Marcelo Di Carli was nominated as the alternate.

Nomination of Drs. Marcelo Di Carli, Rory Hachamovitch, Diwakar Jain and Ronald Schwartz to ACCF/AHA/PCPI/NCQA Cardiac Imaging Work.

Participation in the discussions on and the SNMMI response to, recent papers on radiation exposure risk associated with cardiac imaging studies.

Review of collaborative Hybrid Imaging Guideline prepared by SNMMI in collaboration with ACR, ASNC and SCCT

Proposing three joint sessions on cardiac molecular imaging, vascular molecular imaging, and radiation for the AHA annual meeting. None of these were included in the final program.

Participation in the planning of the third NIH Cardiovascular Molecular Imaging Symposium spearheaded by Dr. Albert Sinusas.

Sponsorship of the first Molecular and Clinical Cardiovascular Imaging Symposium in Geneva (organized in part by Dr. Thomas Schindler).

Looking Forward

There will be 12 Cardiovascular CE sessions at the SNMMI 2013 Annual Meeting, in Vancouver, British Columbia:

1. Technical Advances in Cardiac SPECT and PET
2. Preclinical Molecular Tracers for Cardiovascular Imaging: What is in the Horizon?
3. Non-coronary Artery Disease Applications of Nuclear Cardiology (SAM session)
4. RWE: SPECT and PET Myocardial Perfusion Imaging
5. Quantification of Myocardial Viability Imaging: Who, When and Which protocol? (SAM session)
6. Cardiology Boot Camp for Nuclear Medicine Physicians (SAM session)
7. Updates on Cardiac PET Perfusion Tracers
8. Cardiac MRI versus Cardiac SPECT in Assessing CAD. Objective Evidence or Publication Bias towards Cardiac MRI?
9. Imaging Cardiac Innervations
10. Assessment of Ventricular Function and Synchrony
11. Optimizing SPECT Myocardial Perfusion Imaging and Stress Protocols for your Laboratory (SAM session)
12. Vulnerable Plaque Imaging

CVC BOD meeting at the SNMMI Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 9, 2013.

CVC Business Meeting at the SNMMI Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on June 9, 2013.

Selection of 2013 Hermann Blumgart Award Winner: Award and lecture will be given at SNMMI Annual Meeting. The 2013 Hermann Blumgart award was presented to Rob Beanlands, MD.

Appointing Wengen Chen, MD, PhD to the position of CVC intern until June 2013

CVC Spring Newsletter is in progress

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The ultimate goal of the Cardiovascular Council (CVC) of the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNMMI) is to contribute to the enhancement of quality patient care using cardiac radiotracer techniques. The CVC works to achieve this goal via three basic endeavors: 1). Contribute to the development and promotion of methods and procedures for proper clinical applications of current nuclear cardiology techniques, including a key role in the development of practice guidelines 2). Educate health care providers both within and outside the Society of Nuclear Medicine regarding the most up-to-date and highest quality cardiovascular nuclear medicine care, and 3). Serve as a major contributor and facilitator to the basic research development of new cardiovascular imaging techniques, and in the clinical applications of such new techniques. Members of the CVC also work with the SNMMI and other cardiac imaging organizations in the interaction between providers of nuclear cardiology services, and government and 3rd party payers with regard to quality and appropriate compensation for services. Finally, the CVC contributes to the presentation and explanation of nuclear cardiology methods and benefits to the general public through print and other media.