

**SNMMI Brain Imaging Outreach Working Group Meeting**  
**February 27, 2017**  
**3 - 4 pm (ET)**  
**Minutes**

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**Present:** Jacob Dubroff, MD (Chair); Theodore Henderson, MD, PhD; Phillip Kuo, MD, PhD; Satoshi Minoshima, MD; Dan Pavel, MD; John Seibyl, MD; Dean Wong, MD

**SNMMI Staff Present:** Saima Hedrick, MPH; Linda Budzinski

**Not Present:** Tammie Benzinger, MD; Mehdi Djekidel, MD; Norman Foster, MD; Peter Herscovitch, MD; Jonathan McConathy, MD, PhD; Yvette Sheline, MD;

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- a) J. Dubroff welcomed the members of the committee to the call.
- b) Quorum was established.
- c) Committee members approved the minutes from their January 20, 2017, meeting with no changes.

**2. Florida Road Show Updates**

To date no known action has been taken on a proposed road show in Miami. D. Wong agreed to reach out to Dr. Ranjan Duara at Mount Sinai Medical Center to initiate discussion of a possible collaboration.

**3. Status Updates: 2017 InterSociety Activities**

- a) **ASNR/SNMMI:** J. Dubroff reported that programs for both sessions are set. ASNR sent their program details for the SNMMI Annual Meeting as follows:
  - Advanced Imaging in in MS Multiple Sclerosis – Moving Beyond White Matter Lesions; Justin M. Honce, MD
  - PET/CT from the Perspective of the Head and Neck Tumor Board; Marion A. Hughes, M.D.
  - Metabolic imaging of bacterial infection; David M. Wilson

SNMMI has secured the following speakers for the ASNR Annual Meeting:

- SPECT Brain Imaging of TBI and PTSD: Cyrus Raji, MD (UCSF)
- Amyloid Imaging: Ilya Nasrallah, MD, PhD (University of Pennsylvania)
- Tau: Christian Schiepers, MD (UCLA)



- b) **Society for Neuroscience:** D. Wong reported that SNMMI's proposal for a session at SFN was declined. He will inquire as to the reason so that we can develop future proposals accordingly.
- c) **American Psychiatric Association:** As previously reported, this session was accepted, though there has been a change in speakers. Speakers now are: Monica Crane, MD; Jacob Dubroff, MD; and John Seibyl, MD.

#### 4. Future Outreach Activities

The Working Group brainstormed and evaluated potential future outreach activities, as follows:

- **Outreach to state medical societies.** In addition to the outreach efforts currently underway at the national level, it has been suggested that the Working Group develop proposals for sessions at state medical society meetings. This will allow the group to reach deeper into the medical community. S. Hedrick will create and distribute a list of contact information for relevant societies within the states of each of the Working Group members. The group members are asked to reach out to those societies with the offer of a speaker on brain imaging. SNMMI will cover all costs for the speaker.
- **Online learning modules.** The group agreed that it would be worthwhile to develop online learning modules. D. Pavel has a brief document supporting the use of SPECT perfusion imaging in Psychiatry that might be of interest and, if amplified, could become a future module. He will distribute this document to the Working Group for review and discussion on the next call.
- **Additional online education.** The group discussed the possibility of holding online sessions such as quizzes regarding difficult cases and a live "ask the experts" session. It was expressed that because this would be education for members rather than referring physicians, these efforts would be more appropriately undertaken by the Brain Imaging Council.

#### 5. Other Business

- a) **Factsheets:** The Working Group was asked to review a series of three factsheet related to brain imaging for accuracy and updating. T. Henderson offered to take the lead on reviewing them. He also will assign appropriate members of the group to assist in reviewing/editing each of the sheets.

The group felt two additional factsheets are needed: one on mental disorders and one on epilepsy. D. Pavel will work with T. Henderson to develop a factsheet on mental disorders; and T. Henderson will take the lead in developing the factsheet on epilepsy and reach out to S. Minoshima to help as he is well-published in this area.

Those working on this project are asked to complete the development/revisions by the next call.

- b) **DiscoverMI Pages:** The Working Group was asked to review the brain-related pages on SNMMI's patient website, DiscoverMI.org. The pages may need to be updated/revised, and staff would like to add images to several of the pages. The images should be geared toward a lay audience, i.e., should have a robust legend. The group decided to address this after finishing the factsheets, as the work they will be doing on the factsheets will be used to inform the web pages.

## 5. Adjournment

### Action Items

- D. Wong will reach out to Dr. Ranjan Duara at Mount Sinai Medical Center to initiate discussion of a possible collaboration for an amyloid imaging roadshow in Florida.
- D. Wong will inquire as to the reason SNMMI's proposal to SfN was declined so that we can develop future proposals accordingly.
- S. Hedrick will create and distribute a list of contact information for relevant societies within the states of each of the Working Group members.
- Group members will reach out to the relevant medical societies in their states to offer a speaker on brain imaging.
- D. Pavel will distribute to the Working Group a document on SPECT in Psychiatry for review and discussion on the next call.
- T. Henderson will take the lead on reviewing SNMMI's three existing brain-related fact sheets. He also will assign appropriate members of the group to assist in reviewing/editing each of the sheets. Edits will be ready for review on the next call.
- D. Pavel will work with T. Henderson to develop a factsheet on mental disorders.
- T. Henderson will take the lead in developing the factsheet on epilepsy and reach out to S. Minoshima to help as he is well-published in this area.