

Committee Report  
SNMMI Board of Directors  
January 2015  
**Quality Assurance Committee**

**Committee Charges for 2015-2016:**

- Promote quality in the practice of nuclear medicine as directed by the House of Delegates. Direct the SNMMI's Quality Assurance Committee Proficiency Testing Program (PTP) and ensure timely distribution of the 2016 exercise to all participants. Oversee ongoing development of the patient simulator (phantom) VA program and individual sale for hospitals and other interested participants.
- Fulfill the Quality Assurance Committee's commitment by completing the 2016 Gallbladder Ejection Fraction patient simulator analysis, scoring, and remediation in the VA's 2015 fiscal year, so there is no overlap with the 2016 Cardiac Patient Simulator that will ship on Oct 1, 2015.

**Current Working Objectives/Goals** (please reference Strategic Plan):

- To develop, implement and maintain quality assurance programs that foster continuing improvement of the quality of nuclear medicine practice.
- To further explore the possibility of phantom exercises as an MOC part IV activity.
- To further explore the possibility of integration of QAC Phantom exercises into other national accreditation and/or certification programs.
- To further explore the possibility of an intern program for the Quality Assurance Committee.
- To further develop the program sales to non-VA sites, nationally and internationally

**Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:**

- Shipped the 2015 Gallbladder Ejection Fraction Patient Simulator on Oct 13, 2014 with a due date of December 1, 2014. Result letters to be sent out early July.
- Launched a marketing campaign to individually sell patient simulators (phantoms) to hospitals, labs, etc. Worked with IAC and ASNC to promote the campaign by email blasts and flyers. The phantom web link is here: <http://www.snmmi.org/ClinicalPractice/content.aspx?ItemNumber=4156&navItemNumber=10794>.
- Sold 3 individual patient simulators through HPRA's marketing campaign to hospitals, education facilities and interested medical facilities since SNMMI's 2014 Annual Meeting.
- The Quality Assurance Committee successfully changed the grading procedures for individual phantom purchases. Site Program Directors now receive a post-test analysis report one month after obtaining the phantom simulator. The sites will then have the tools to self-grade images and physician sections, with the option of submitting images to the Committee for further review. Individual sites using the phantoms for IAC accreditation have the option to receive a scan and technical review. Certificates of achievement will be distributed with the post-test analysis report.

**Additional Goals/Objectives:**

- Convert the patient simulator program results packet submissions into an online process. This will enable SNMMI to collect, and distribute the data more efficiently.