CARDIOVASCULAR COUNCIL

Council Mission: The Cardiovascular Council is a group within The Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Society, dedicated to the interchange of scientific and medical ideas among Society members who have interest in cardiovascular imaging using radiopharmaceuticals. The overall mission of the Cardiovascular Council is to:

(a) provide a forum for members with similar interests
(b) provide expertise in the field of interest to the membership
(c) foster research and education in the field of interest
(d) provide outreach to other professionals and organizations
(e) nurture new membership into the Society
(f) serve as a resource to SNMMI Leadership

Council Mission and SNMMI’s Strategic Plan: The work of the Cardiovascular Council applies to the following goals and objectives in SNMMI’s Strategic Plan:

Goal A: SNMMI members are known for high-quality, value-driven performance and delivery of patient-centered nuclear medicine practice.

Objective 1: Increase the development and dissemination of clinical guidance documents, including appropriate use criteria.

The CVC has jointly published and co-sponsored one document since the last report:

1. FDG-PET/CT(A) imaging in large vessel vasculitis and polymyalgia rheumatica: joint procedural recommendation of the EANM, SNMMI, and the PET Interest Group (PIG), and endorsed by the ASNC. European Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (2018) 45:1250–1269 https://doi.org/10.1007/s00259-018-3973-8

Goal B: SNMMI has advanced the development and approval of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.

Objective 3: Improve the quality of nuclear medicine studies and literature.
   a. Enhance the checklist for JNM submission; enhance editorial enforcement.
   b. Offer categorical session on study design.
   c. Develop a series of papers to publish in JNM focusing on study design and the appropriate areas to include in papers submitted to JNM.

Goal F: SNMMI has the organizational strength and sustainability to lead the field in a dynamic healthcare landscape.

Objective 1: Strengthen membership numbers.
   d. Ensure enthusiasm.
iii. Create a sense of community and networking opportunities among our members.

**Cardiovascular Council President:** Terrence Ruddy, MD

**Date of Last meeting:** January 2019

**Date of Next meeting:**
Confirmed: Board of Directors Meeting - June 23, 2019

**Update on Council Programs:**

*2019 SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting CE Sessions:*
- New Frontiers in Cardiology
- Evaluation of Cardiac Sarcoidosis
- Cardiac PET/CT Cases Workshop
- Starting a Cardiac PET Program
- PET Myocardial Blood Flow: Nuts and Bolts
- Improving Value and Quality in CV Nuclear Medicine
- Nuts and Bolts of Stress Perfusion Imaging
- Cardiac Amyloidosis Imaging
- Clinical Controversies Relevant to Cardiovascular Imaging
- Myocardial Viability Assessment
- Cardiovascular Inflammation & Infection Imaging

*2019 SNMMI Annual Meeting Categorical Session:*
- Image Guided Decision Making and Therapy for Optimal Cardiovascular Patient Care

*2019 SNMMI Annual Meeting CE Sessions:*
- *Cardiovascular Molecular Imaging & Theranostics*
- *Non-Invasive Evaluation of CAD in 2019*
- *Cardiac Amyloidosis: Introduction and Applications*
- *Nuts & Bolts of Myocardial Blood Flow: Clinical Applications*
- *Cardiovascular Boot Camp II*
- *Hermann Blumgart Award Lecture: Growing Research Opportunities in Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine*
- *Cardiac Image Quantification*

**Awards:**
- Hermann Blumgart Award 2019 - Dr Terrence Ruddy

**Action Items in Progress/Pending:**
- Preparation for 2020 Mid-Winter and Annual Meeting
- Appropriate Use Criteria for PET-Myocardial Perfusion Imaging Multi-Society Document (Chair Dr Thomas Schindler)
- Cardiac PET/MR Training Guidelines (Chair Dr Terrence Ruddy)
Action Items Completed: See programs above

Recommendations/Questions for the Board of Directors: N/A

Other Comments: N/A