



Committee Report
SNM Board of Directors
January 2012
Quality Assurance Committee

Committee Charges for 2012:

- Oversee all SNM programs related to the quality of the practice of nuclear medicine as directed by the House of Delegates. Currently these programs include: Proficiency Testing Program (PTP) assuring completion of critique and its timely distribution to all participants; and oversee ongoing development, production, distribution and results of future phantoms.
- To develop and validate phantoms and protocols for clinical practice.
- To progress the Quality Assurance Committee's commitment by completing the 2012 Cardiac phantom process in the VA's 2012 fiscal year, so there is no overlap and to ship out the 2013 Parathyroid phantom on Oct 1, 2012.

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 development of MOC part 2 for phantom exercises.

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

- The QA committee met at the Annual Meeting on June 3, 2011 to finalize grading of the 2011 PET-CT Chest Phantom and to discuss the 2012 Cardiac Phantom.
- The QA committee successfully completed the 2011 PET-CT Chest phantom and all result letters have been sent out to the appropriate sites.
- The 2012 Cardiac Phantom was shipped out Oct 1, 2011 and was due on November 21, 2011. SNM staff is currently entering the result information into the excel database for the QA grading process in February.

Additional Goals/Objectives Added for 2011-2012:

- Phase the Phantom Program results packet submissions into an online process. This will enable SNM to collect and distribute the data more efficiently.
- In process of developing a marketing plan to individually market future phantoms.