

Committee Report
SNMMI Board of Directors
February 7-8, 2014
Quality Assurance Committee

Committee Charges for 2013-2014:

- 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 2014 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 2014 Lumbosacral Spine patient simulator analysis, scoring, and remediation in the VA's 2014 fiscal year, so there is no overlap with the 2015 Gallbladder patient simulator that will ship on Oct 1, 2014.

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.

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

- The Quality Assurance Committee successfully completed the 2013 Parathyroid Patient Simulator (Phantom) and all result letters have been sent out to the appropriate sites. The remediation process has been completed.
- The 2014 Lumbosacral Spine Patient Simulator was shipped on Oct 16, 2013 and was due on December 13, 2013 to Eric Novak for data processing.
- 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 Patient Simulator web link is here: <http://interactive.snm.org/index.cfm?PageID=1044>
- Sold 13 individual patient simulators through HPRA's marketing campaign to hospitals, education facilities and interested medical facilities in 14 months.
- 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 ICANL 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 Added for 2013-2014:

- Phase the patient simulator program results packet submissions into an online process. This will enable SNMMI to collect and distribute the data more efficiently.
- Create a detailed plan for the Quality Assurance Committee that includes and designates all members to specific tasks and tentative deadlines.