

Committee Report  
SNMMI Board of Directors  
June 5-6, 2014  
**Quality Assurance Committee**

**Committee Charges for 2014-2015:**

- 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 2015 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.
- To further explore the possibility of an intern program for the Quality Assurance Committee.

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

- The 2014 Lumbosacral Spine Patient Simulator was shipped on Oct 16, 2013 with a due date of December 13. The grading has been completed. 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 eight individual patient simulators through HPRA's marketing campaign to hospitals, education facilities and interested medical facilities since SNMMI's 2014 Mid-Winter Meeting. Six of which were purchased by the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine (CANM).
- 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 Added for 2014-2015:**

- 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.