



Quality Assurance Committee
SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting, Palm Springs, CA
Saturday, February 8, 2014 8:00 a.m. - 11:00a.m.

MINUTES

Attendees: Kent Friedman, Sue Abreu, Keith Brigham, Paul Christian, Lorrain Fig, Leonie Gordon, Bennett Greenspan, Jonathan Nye, Robert Pagnanelli, Sue Bunning (staff), and Eric Novak (staff)

1. Welcome and Call to Order (*Dr. Kent Friedman, Chair*)

- Dr. Friedman called the meeting to order at 8:05.

2. Old Business (*Dr. Kent Friedman, Chair*)

- a. Approval of minutes
- Minutes from the Quality Assurance 2013 Annual meeting were approved.
- b. Approval of Agenda
- Agenda for the Quality Assurance 2014 Mid-Winter meeting were approved.
- c. Other Updates
- Sue Bunning leads discussion of the Phantom contract with the VA.
 - ACTION: Sue Bunning will get in contact with the VA following MWM.
 - ACTION: SNMMI will put together a letter containing statistics, survey results, and critiques from the past 5 years of the phantom exercise to encourage continuation with the VA.
- SNMMI is in the process of developing a new department: the Evidence and Standards (Quality) Department. The Oversight Committee and the Quality & Evidence Committee would be housed in this department. The current Committee on Guidelines will be changed to the “Committee on Procedure Standards” and still fall under HPRA.
- The Quality Assurance Spring 2014 Meeting will be held in Reston, VA from Friday, April 4 to Sunday, April 6.

3. Update on Individual sale of Patient Simulators (*Eric Novak*)

- A total of six 2012 Cardiac Phantoms have been purchased since the 2013 Annual Meeting. The CANM is interested in purchasing eight 2012 Cardiac Phantoms. Paul Christian will be the new grader for individual sites. The position will rotate throughout the committee every few batches.
- The IAC packet requires sites to submit images and technical parameters to SNMMI for grading. A Certificate of Achievement and post-test analysis report is sent back to the site. The non-IAC packet requires no submission; the post-test analysis report is sent to the site four weeks after the phantom was sent. The analysis report has examples of good images, feedback, and answers to the physician section. Per

both packets, upon completion of the phantom exercise the sites should distribute the analysis report to physicians for self-grading.

- ACTION: Eric will send the IAC version, non-IAC version, and the post-test critique to the entire committee.
- ACTION: Eric will send Leonie Gordon the images from the FL individual sale.
- ACTION: Eric will revise the VA 2010 Gastric Phantom packet to make acceptable for individual sales.
- Discussion on adding an additional exercise or using the 2009 Cardiac Phantom. Was determined that we would just wait to hear back from CANM about interest in purchasing the phantoms. Possibly have one CANM facility do phantom exercise first and have them mentor the others if any future questions; this will be determined once purchase is finalized. If the relationship with CANM builds, it might be beneficial to have a CANM member on the QA Committee.
- Discussion of the QA Committee keeping the revenue earned from individual phantom sales. Was determined the QA Committee could ask to keep the revenue from its products as individual phantom sales increase. Reach out to ASNC for individual sales.
 - ACTION: Contact the Government Relations Department at ASNC. Possibly set up a Phantom booth at the ASNC Annual Meeting in September in Boston.
 - ACTION: Eric will remind Leonie Gordon to contact ABNM.

4. Discuss process for future QA new members (*Dr. Kent Friedman, Chair*)

- The Committee is interested in adding one member. Every member is a provisional member, and renewal of membership is granted upon satisfactorily participating in the Committee, especially for a first year member. Committee members will actively advertise the open position to colleagues.
 - ACTION: Group members will email Dr. Friedman (CC Eric) any QA Committee candidates.
 - ACTION: Eric will update the Solicitation Letter and send to the YP. Dr. Friedman will review prior to sending to the YP group.
- Discussion of a possible two year internship program. The intern would be expected to attend the Mid-Winter meetings and Annual meetings. Travel expenses and a stipend would be covered by the internship program. SNMMI would advertise for this position on the website or in newsletters.
 - ACTION: Eric will talk to Sue Bunning about the possibility of having the intern program.
- Applications for the QA Committee member and the intern will be accepted prior to the Reston meeting. The applications for the two positions will be reviewed at this meeting. Invitations will be sent out mid-April or by May 1. Invitees will be required to attend the SNMMI Annual Meeting in June. Discrepancies between the two positions would be resolved at a later date.

5. Principal discussion (*Dr. Kent Friedman, Chair*)

a. Preliminary review of 2014 Bone SPECT Patient Simulator database

- Eric has entered 102 sites into the database. The remaining 25 sites will be entered before March 1. Jonathan Nye is analyzing the technician data. Kent Friedman will analyze the physician section.

b. Discuss 2015 Gallbladder Patient Simulator Result packet

- The 2015 Gallbladder is currently in prototype testing. The Committee is starting to create the 2015 Gallbladder packet. Tom Halpin will draft the instructions section and send to Kent Friedman. Sue Abreu and Rob Pagnanelli will develop the packet. The Committee should search for open-source references, no more than three for the final packet. Questions will be a group effort with Rob Pagnanelli focusing on the Technologist questions. The questions will be finalized at the Reston meeting.
 - ACTION: Dr. Friedman will find some interesting hida cases for Sue Abreu.

c. Discuss future phantoms

- The Committee suggested the Cardiac Phantom for 2016.

6. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:00.