



Committee Report
SNMMI Board of Directors
September 2012
Quality Assurance Committee

Committee Charges for 2012:

- 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 2013 exercise to all participants. Oversee ongoing development of future phantoms and phantom exercises.
- Fulfill the Quality Assurance Committee's commitment by completing the 2012 Cardiac phantom analysis, scoring and remediation in the VA's 2012 fiscal year, so there is no overlap with the 2013 Parathyroid phantom that will ship 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.
- The VA is going through the process to receive SAM's credits through ABNM.
- 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 met at the SNMMI Headquarters for the Spring Meeting in February and discussed and graded the 2012 Cardiac Patient Simulator. The assessment was discussed and approved.
- The Quality Assurance Committee successfully completed the 2012 Cardiac Patient Simulator (Phantom) and all result letters have been sent out to the appropriate sites.
- The 2013 Parathyroid Patient Simulator will be shipped Oct 1, 2012 and is due on November 21, 2012 to Jessica Lloyd for data processing.

Additional Goals/Objectives Added for 2012-2013:

- Phase the Phantom Program results packet submissions into an online process. This will enable SNMMI to collect and distribute the data more efficiently.
- Launch a marketing campaign to individually sell future Patient Simulators (Phantoms) to hospitals, labs, etc. The Patient Simulator web link is here:
<http://interactive.snm.org/index.cfm?PageID=1044>