



**Committee Report
SNMMI Board of Directors
September 28-29, 2013
Quality Assurance Committee**

Committee Charges for 2013:

- 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 2013 Parathyroid patient simulator analysis, scoring, and remediation in the VA's 2013 fiscal year, so there is no overlap with the 2014 Bone SPECT patient simulator that will ship on Oct 1, 2013.

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 2013 Parathyroid Patient Simulator was shipped on Oct 1, 2012 with a due date of November 21, 2012. The grading was completed, and result letters were sent out in July.
- The VA received SAM's credits through ABNM.
- 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 10 individual patient simulators through HPRA's marketing campaign to hospitals, education facilities and interested medical facilities in only 10 months.
- The 2014 Bone Patient Simulator will be shipped October 2, 2013 and is due on November 22, 2013 to Eric Novak for data processing.

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.

- Change the grading procedures for individual phantom purchases. Site Program Directors will receive the answers one month after obtaining the phantom simulator. The sites will then have the tools to self-grade.