

Brain Imaging Outreach Working Group

Sept. 4, 2018

Minutes

Attendees: Phillip Kuo, MD, PhD; Jacob Dubroff, MD, PhD; G. Choudhary, MD; D. Russell, MD; Sepideh Skokouhi, PhD; Jim Hendrix; Wayne Powell; Linda Budzinski; Karin Brough

1) Commencement

P. Kuo called the meeting to order. Quorum was not established. SNMMI staff will discuss approval of previous minutes (from Sept. 2017 through June 2018) with Chair P. Kuo at later date.

2) DaT SPECT Reimbursement in Florida-W. Powell gave an overview of the DaT SPECT reimbursement issue and reported that SNMMI submitted comments on it last month.

W. Powell noted he was recently in Florida meeting with Congressman Buddy Carter, who is also a pharmacist, to lobby for support of legislation that would separately reimburse radiopharmaceuticals that cost more than \$500.

W. Powell explained that with funds from the Value Initiative SNMMI Health Policy and Regulatory Affairs (HPRA) staff have a coverage policy portal to monitor all the coverage policies around the country. When changes impact SNMMI membership, staff will be aware and can offer comment when necessary. W. Powell can be reached directly via email (wpowell@snmmi.org) with any questions or concerns regarding legislation or proposed regulatory changes.

3) What to Expect Video for FDG/Amyloid—The Working Group discussed its next project, to develop patient-focused videos for FDG-PET and Amyloid scans similar to the DaTscan videos. P. Kuo noted that technologists' versions that were circulated to the Working Group were very well done and that portions can be used in the new version with new footage added.

S. Shokouhi stated that portions of the videos are too technical for patients, but the "Optimal Patient Preparation" and "Working with the Patients" portions would be suitable for the new version. P. Kuo agreed and suggested adding an interpretive physician portion that explains a typical positive and typical negative scan.

P. Kuo asked about SNMMI resources for new versions of the video. L. Budzinski indicated that there is some money budgeted to cover editing for the new videos.

P. Kuo will send out a separate email to the full Working Group and ask for volunteers, one to lead the FDG/PET version and another to lead the amyloid version of the videos. P. Kuo volunteered to help with both versions of the new videos. J. Dubroff suggested that the group provide a narrative from the nuclear medicine physician's perspective of the edited or add-on portions of the video.

- 4) **NEW IDEAS Study**—J. Hendrix explained that the scanning phase of the study was completed in January and the AIM 1 paper is now in draft form. He stated that the original study hypothesis was that patient management would change approximately 30 percent, but the preliminary results indicate the percentage is closer to 67 percent. Hendrix noted that additional IDEAS Study data is scheduled to be released in October.

He noted that a proposed NEW IDEAS study will have a focus on both minority (African American & Latino) and younger populations. He stated that the next study would also address the role of APOE and its association to amyloid. As an add-on study, the plan is collect blood and bank plasma to also analyze the correlation to amyloid status.

P. Kuo noted that the Working Group may have role a getting the word out on the results of the study when they become available in the fall.

- 5) **ASNR 2019 Session Proposal**—The Working Group discussed the merits of submitting a proposal for an SNMMI-sponsored session on the program, as well as the possible session content. **L. Budzinski noted that a proposal is due at the end of the week.** She asked if this was an appropriate venue for the IDEAS Study data that would be available in 2019. J. Hendrix indicated that AA did not currently have a schedule for releasing the study results.

The group discussed whether it makes sense to submit a proposal for 2019 or if it would be better to take a year off. The session for 2018 was not given a good placement on the program and had a lower than expected turnout. SNMMI does not have a lot of control over the placement of the program, and it is disappointing to line up very respected speakers and not get the correlative exposure.

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6) **Meeting Schedule**

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The meeting adjourned at 1:54pm

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