

**SNMMI House of Delegates Bi-Annual Report  
General Clinical Nuclear Medicine Council Goals –June 2017 Annual Meeting**

**Overview:** SNMMI Councils and Centers provide professional networking and educational programs for nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals in respective areas, while simultaneously serving as a resource for development and implementation of the SNMMI Strategic Plan and other Society policies.

*Reporting Instructions: Twice a year, councils and centers are asked to submit a written report to the House of Delegates (councils) and Board of Directors (centers of excellence). These reports help the HOD and BOD to keep up-to-date on the activities of the special interest groups, while also providing an opportunity for these groups to note any challenges they are having with respect to meeting their goals.*

**Goal 1:** Increase awareness of the GCNMC and its membership.

SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:

- Goal A: Advance the development and approval of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal B: Facilitate and support the availability and clinical utilization of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.

Current Progress: Current Progress

At the June 2015 annual meeting, the GCNMC decided to raise its dues from \$10 to \$20 making it more consistent with that of most of the other councils. Data available as of April 2017 shows that the increase had no impact on paid membership which has, in fact, increased. It totals 280 ((133 physicians/scientist and 147 technologists. We also offer free membership to residents-in-training and technologists-in-training. As of April, 2017, we have 1585 members-in-training (538 residents-in-training, 187 associate scientists-in-training and 860 technologists-in-training). The total number of members of the GCNMC (including affiliates and emeritus) is 1,894.

Next Steps: Continue promoting and increasing awareness, publish newsletters on the web 1-2 X/year

**Goal 2:** Increase collaboration with other councils in planning educational programs.

SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:

- Goal A: Advance the development and approval of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal B: Facilitate and support the availability and clinical utilization of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal D: Advance and promote quality, value and safety of Molecular Imaging and Nuclear Medicine.

**Current Progress:** The GCNMC has been successful in this collaboration and our board members are 100 % involved in CME planning. A--For the January, 2017 mid-winter meeting, we had 3 collaborative sessions with other councils which were:

1-Brain Death Update and Visual vs. Quantitative analysis of Dopamine Transporter imaging using I-123 Ioflupane SPECT (co-sponsored with both the Computer and Instrumentation Council and the

Brain Imaging Council)

2-Radioiodine Therapy of Benign Thyroid Disease (co-sponsored with the Therapy Council of Excellence)

3-Localization of Local-Regional and Advanced Differentiated Thyroid Cancer (co-sponsored by the Therapy Council of Excellence)

B-For the June,2017 Annual meeting, we will be co-sponsoring 3 CME Courses and 1 Categorical Course with other councils. They are:

1-V/Q Imaging-Part I-Clinical Challenges, AUC and Planar Imaging (co-sponsored with the Australian/New Zealand Society)

2-V/Q Imaging-Part II Tomographic Imaging and non-PE applications (co-sponsored by the Australian/New Zealand Society)

3-Major Myths and Controversies in Differentiated Thyroid Cancer (co-sponsored by the Therapy Center of Excellence)

4-Categorical Course on Radioiodine Theranostics in Thyroid Disease (co-sponsored by the Therapy Center of Excellence)

**Next Steps:** Continue to collaborate with other councils in presenting CME and Categorical Course sessions.

**Goal 3:** Offer GCNMC-sponsored educational sessions at the SNMMI Mid-Winter and Annual meetings.

**SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:**

- Goal A: Advance the development and approval of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal B: Facilitate and support the availability and clinical utilization of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal C: Advance and promote quality, value and safety of Molecular Imaging and Nuclear Medicine.

**Current Progress:** As outlined in Goal 2 above, we have successfully collaborated with other councils at both the 2017 mid-winter and annual meetings, and have GCNMC offerings.

A-Mid-winter meeting. In addition to the collaborative offerings reported above, we had additional CME sessions as follows:

1-Current and Emerging techniques in Molecular Imaging of Infection

2-Bone Densitometry for the 21st Century

3-Radionuclide Imaging of Inflammation and Infection: State of the Art and new developments

B-2017 Annual Meeting---Besides the 4 collaborative efforts, we will have 2 additional CME Courses and 1 additional Categorical Course which are:

1-Spondylo-discitis: Role of Imaging for Diagnosis

2-Six new AUC'S

3-Clinical Applications of SPECT/CT

**Next Steps:** The Council will soon be soliciting CME proposals for the January, 2018 mid-winter meeting. Continued cooperation with other councils will be sought, as well.

**Goal 4:** Continue to work with the Procedure Standards Committee on review of general nuclear medicine procedures.

SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:

- Goal B: Facilitate and support the availability and clinical utilization of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal D: Advance and promote quality, value and safety of Molecular Imaging and Nuclear Medicine.

**Current Progress:** As new guidelines are being written or revised, members of GCNMC are participating in their review (most recently the Guideline on Dynamic Renal Scintigraphy chaired by Dr. Andrew Taylor has been completed, approved by the GCNMC and submitted to the HOD at this meeting for approval).

**Next Steps:** Continue current practice.

**Goal 5:** Seek to educate and improve general knowledge about the use of general nuclear medicine procedures.

SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:

- Goal B: Facilitate and support the availability and clinical utilization of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal D: Advance and promote quality, value and safety of Molecular Imaging and Nuclear Medicine.

**Current Progress:** Our intern, Dr. Mohammed Taoudi, has been working in cooperation with the Montefiore Cancer Care Community and local primary care physicians to educate the general public and cancer patients about the role of nuclear medicine to help promote further awareness and development of our field

Dr. Taoudi also has been actively working on a project with pulmonology to explore the use of V/Q imaging in lung disease other than pulmonary embolism. This is approved by the Montefiore Medical Center IRB.

**Next Steps:** Our new intern, Kasha Balestriei, CNMT is a technologist in New York State. She plans to focus on patient education for Nuclear Medicine. As a student, she attended the SNMMI leadership academy.

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### **Open Comment Section**

**CHALLENGES** – Please provide information on any challenges you are having within your council/center that you would like assistance from the SNMMI to help overcome.

**OPPORTUNITIES** – Please provide information on opportunities that you believe exist within your council/center OR other related special interest groups (or outside stakeholders) that the SNMMI can help facilitate or should be aware of.