

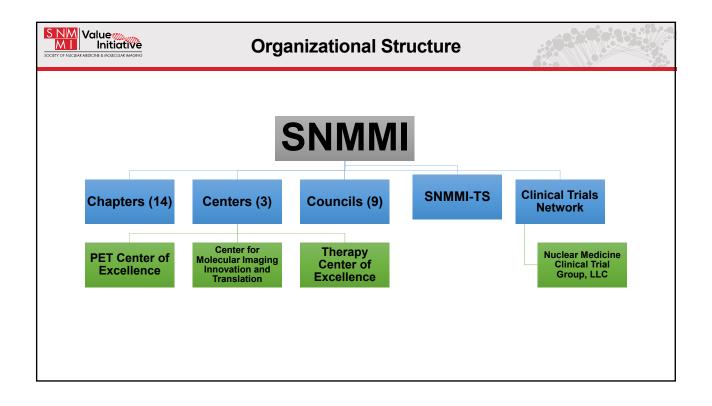


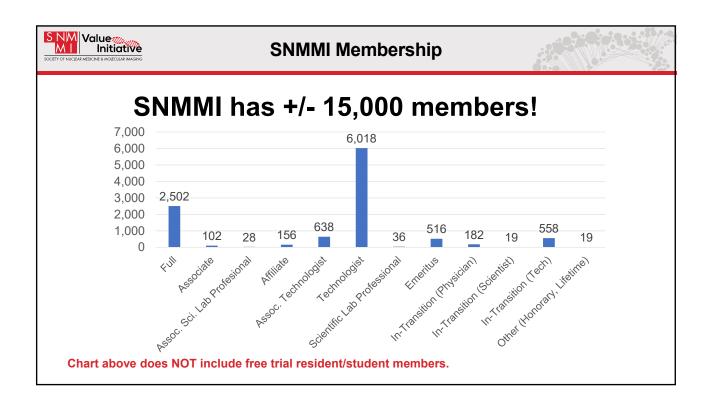
## **SNMMI's History**

- Founded in 1954
- The largest international scientific organization dedicated to nuclear medicine and radionuclide therapy
- · A multidisciplinary organization
  - More than 14,000 physicians, scientists, pharmacists and technologists
  - Industry partners interested in the diagnostic, therapeutic and investigational uses of molecular imaging and therapy agents, instrumentation and techniques











# **SNMMI** Value Initiative

# Updates and 2022 Priorities

Advancing the critical role of nuclear medicine, molecular imaging, and radiopharmaceutical therapy.



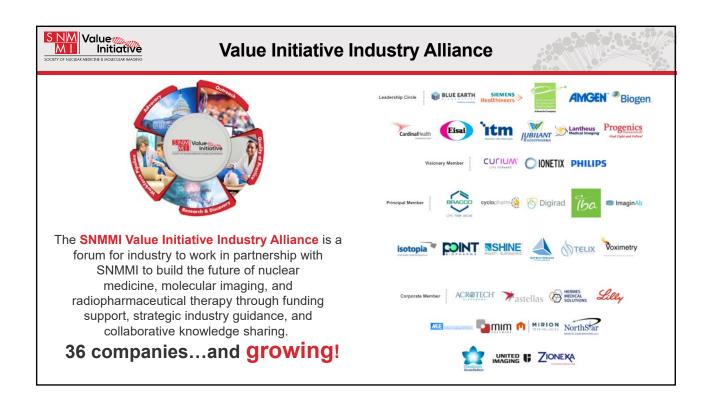


### **Value Initiative Leadership**

SNMMI is honored to have the following distinguished physicians and scientists serving on the Value Initiative Board:

#### Chair: Satoshi Minoshima, MD, PhD, Univ. of Utah (SNMMI Past President)

- Domain 1 Quality of Practice: Heather Jacene, MD, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
- Domain 2 Research & Discovery: John Sunderland, PhD, Univ. of Iowa
- Domain 3 Workforce Pipeline & Life-Long Learning: **Christopher Palestro, MD**, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell
- Domain 4 Advocacy: Cathy Cutler, PhD, Brookhaven National Laboratory (SNMMI Secretary/Treasurer)
- Domain 5 Outreach: Giuseppe Esposito, MD, Georgetown Univ. Hospital
- Domain 6 Organizational Strength & Stability: The SNMMI Board as a whole are responsible for this domain





### Value Initiative Industry Alliance Leadership

SNMMI is honored to have the following distinguished corporate leaders serving on the Value Initiative Industry Alliance Advisory Committee (Leadership Circle) in 2022:

Co-Chair (2022): Matt Shah, VP Global Sales & Marketing, Siemens Molecular Imaging

Co-Chair (2022): Terri Wilson, President, Blue Earth Diagnostics

- · Mike Rossi, General Manager, US, Advanced Accelerator Applications, a Novartis Company
- · Michael Groaning, PhD, Global Medical Affairs Lead, Genitourinary, Amgen
- Yvette Walker-Jones, MPH, Associate Director, Key Medical Expert Engagement, US Alzheimer's Disease Marketing, Biogen
- Michael Pintek, President, Nuclear & Precision Health Solutions, Cardinal Health
- · Teresa Cronin, Director, Corporate Advocacy, Eisai
- · Martina Herrmann, Head of Global Medical Affairs, ITM
- · James Kaufman, VP, Marketing, Jubilant DraxImage, Inc.
- · Huw Jones, Vice President of Commercial, Lantheus/Progenics



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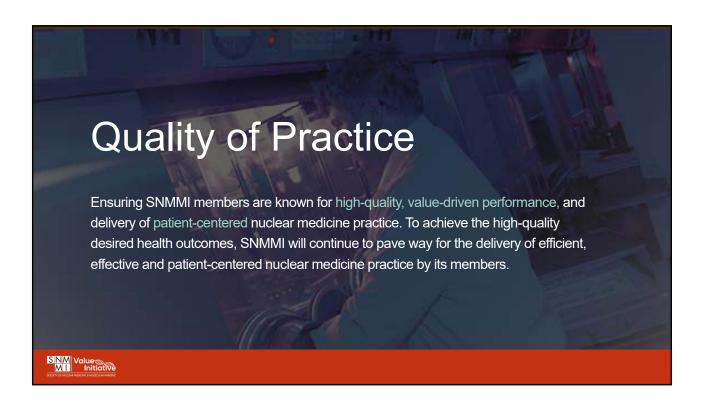
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# Quality of Practice

# 2021-2022 Priorities

1

Increase the development and dissemination of clinical guidance documents, including appropriate use criteria

2

Standardize best practices to enhance operational efficiency

2

Ensure the development of value/quality metrics for nuclear medicine

4

Expand continuing education options for practitioners



## New Appropriate Use Criteria

Completed the AUC for PSMA PET imaging and Musculoskeletal Infection Imaging; both were published in JNM.

#### Alzheimer's Disease AUC

Currently in peer review. This updated AUC, developed in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association, includes tau imaging and imaging for management of disease-modifying therapy.

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Standardize best practices to enhance operational efficiency

## Procedure Standard Development

In conjunction with ACR and EANM continues.

Upcoming procedure standards include:

- Imaging with 18F-FESUse of 177Lu-PSMA Therapies
- SSTR PET (including 64Cu-dotatate, 68Gadotatate, and 68Ga-dotatoc)

\*All new and updated procedure standards will have a statement about appropriate agent administration and a template report language.



### **Procedure Standards Development**

Standardize best practices to enhance operational efficiency

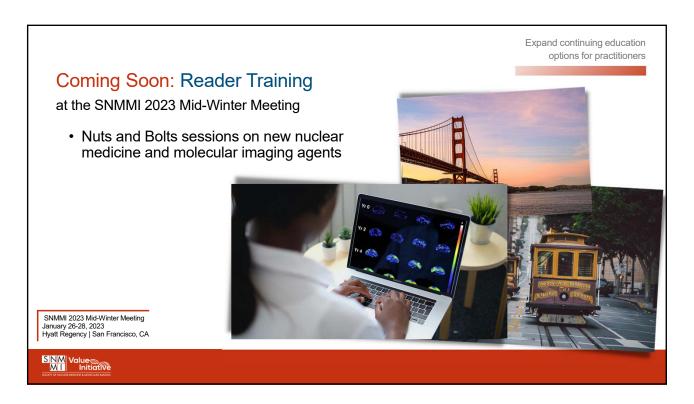
#### Approved and available on SNMMI's website:

- Joint SNMMI Procedure Standard/EANM Practice Guideline for Nuclear Medicine Evaluation and Therapy of Differentiated Thyroid Cancer
- SNMMI Procedure Standard/EANM Practice Guideline for Molecular Breast Imaging with Dedicated Gamma-Cameras
- Joint EANM/SIOPE/RAPNO practice guidelines/SNMMI procedure standards for imaging of pediatric gliomas using PET with radiolabeled amino acids and <sup>18</sup>F- FDG: version 1.0.
- 18F-FDG PET/CT Used During Immunomodulary Treatments in Solid Tumors



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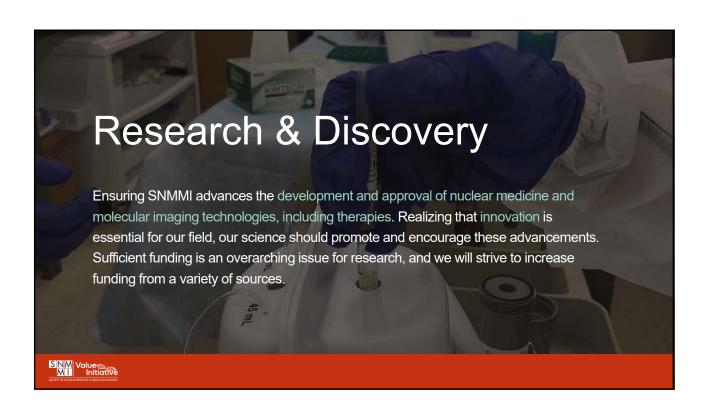
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# Research & Discovery

# 2021-2022 Priorities

1

Encourage and promote research in the field

2

Increase the number of initiatives targeting the discovery and validation of diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals, radiotherapeutics, and instrumentation

3

Improve the quality of nuclear medicine trials and literature

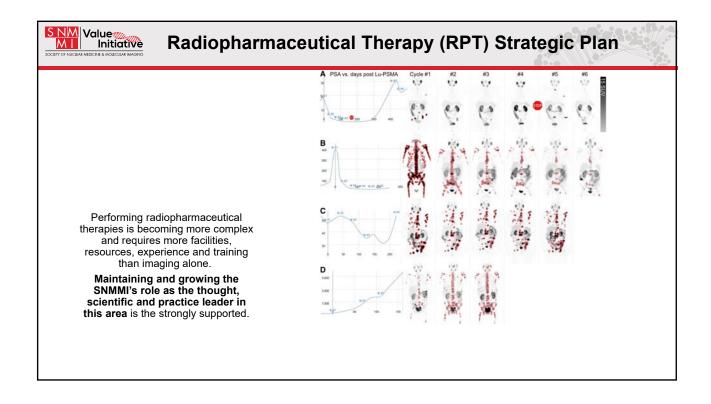
4

Enhance research on how artificial intelligence, machine-learning, and deep learning can be applied to nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

5

Develop and organize resources (with Outreach) to help hospitals implement theranostics, including guidelines on physical space, personnel, dose handling, dosimetry, patient discharge







## Radiopharmaceutical Therapy (RPT) Strategic Plan

#### Goals:

- Ensure adequate Reimbursement for RPTs and Dosimetry
- Develop processes and standards for performing dosimetric measurement of RPT in research and clinical settings (Dosimetry Task Force)
- Provide appropriate education and training for NM practitioners without RPT experience and residents/fellows, CE for current NM physicians
- Therapy Web Portal ( therapy.snmmi.org ) for all RPT information
- Establish a RPT Registry (RaPTR) to collect both image and clinical data
- Initiate a Radiopharmaceutical Therapy Centers of Excellence program to recognize facilities that provide excellence in RPT



#### Highlights include:

- ➤ Mock Tumor Board session
- Sessions on Operational Issues, Dosimetry, MIBG, Prostate, Neuroendocrine, Thyroid, and Leukemia/Lymphoma cancers
- > Over 211 attendees and 40 exhibitors







### **Dosimetry Task Force**



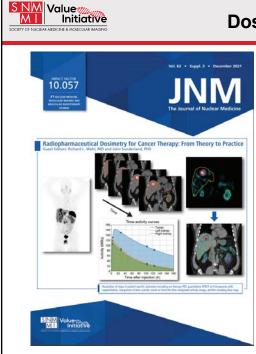
Dosimetry Challenge results published in 5 forthcoming papers:

- General results software used, variability in planar and SPECT
- Segmentation with recommendations on how to and reporting
- Time activity curves
- Variability when all components provided (Task 5)
- Model of the areas of variability and those with the largest impact

- Webinar: Overview of the Lu-177 Challenge
  - Thursday May 5 @ 4pm ETD Carlos Uribe, PhD
- Hands on Dosimetry Open House:

Dosimetry software vendors will have their software available to a 'test drive'

- Monday June 13 @ 6:00-7:45 am
- CE10: Nuts and Bolts Dosimetry and Case Studies
  - > Saturday June 11 @ 3:15 pm



# **Dosimetry Task Force**

- Dosimetry Task Force supplement to JNM was published in December 2021
- Exceptionally strong interest in the supplement to date.
- Accessed over 12,000 times with each article accessed 1,500 on average.
- Social media engagement is also high
- Commercial support was exceptional and represents the fields' interest in dosimetry



# Radiopharmaceutical Dosimetry for Cancer Therapy: From Theory to Practice

Richard L. Wahl1 and John Sunderland2

<sup>1</sup>Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, St. Louis, Missouri; and <sup>2</sup>University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa



# **Dosimetry for Radiopharmaceutical Therapy: Current Practices and Commercial Resources**

Jacek Capala<sup>1</sup>, Stephen A. Graves<sup>2</sup>, Aaron Scott<sup>3</sup>, George Sgouros<sup>3</sup>, Sara St. James<sup>4</sup>, Pat Zanzonico<sup>5</sup>, and Brian E. Zimmerman<sup>6</sup>



# Tumor Response to Radiopharmaceutical Therapies: The Knowns and the Unknowns

George Sgouros<sup>1</sup>, Yuni K. Dewaraja<sup>2</sup>, Freddy Escorcia<sup>3</sup>, Stephen A. Graves<sup>4</sup>, Thomas A. Hope<sup>5</sup>, Amir Iravani<sup>6</sup>, Neeta Pandit-Taskar<sup>7</sup>, Babak Saboury<sup>8</sup>, Sara St. James<sup>5</sup>, and Pat B. Zanzonico<sup>9</sup>



# Normal-Tissue Tolerance to Radiopharmaceutical Therapies, the Knowns and the Unknowns

Richard L. Wahl<sup>1</sup>, George Sgouros<sup>2</sup>, Amir Iravani<sup>1</sup>, Heather Jacene<sup>3</sup>, Daniel Pryma<sup>4</sup>, Babak Saboury<sup>5</sup>, Jacek Capala<sup>5</sup>, and Stephen A. Graves<sup>6</sup>



# **Dosimetry in Clinical Radiopharmaceutical Therapy of Cancer: Practicality Versus Perfection in Current Practice**

Neeta Pandit-Taskar<sup>1</sup>, Amir Iravani<sup>2</sup>, Dan Lee<sup>3</sup>, Heather Jacene<sup>4</sup>, Dan Pryma<sup>5</sup>, Thomas Hope<sup>6</sup>, Babak Saboury<sup>7</sup>, Jacek Capala<sup>7</sup>, and Richard L. Wahl<sup>2</sup>



# Reimbursement Approaches for Radiopharmaceutical Dosimetry: Current Status and Future Opportunities

Stephen A. Graves<sup>1</sup>, Alexandru Bageac<sup>2</sup>, James R. Crowley<sup>3</sup>, and Denise A.M. Merlino<sup>4</sup>



# **Dosimetry for Radiopharmaceutical Therapy: The European Perspective**

Michael Lassmann<sup>1</sup>, Uta Eberlein<sup>1</sup>, Jonathan Gear<sup>2</sup>, Mark Konijnenberg<sup>3</sup>, and Jolanta Kunikowska<sup>4</sup>



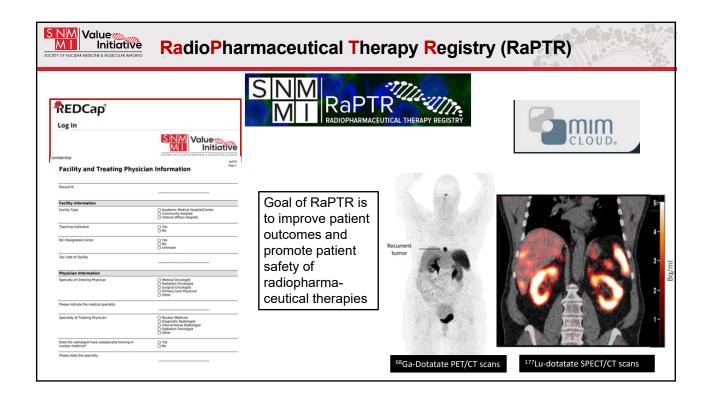
An International Study of Factors Affecting Variability of Dosimetry Calculations, Part 1: Design and Early Results of the SNMMI Dosimetry Challenge

Carlos Uribe<sup>1,2</sup>, Avery Peterson<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin Van<sup>3</sup>, Roberto Fedrigo<sup>4</sup>, Jake Carlson<sup>5</sup>, John Sunderland<sup>6</sup>, Eric Frey\*<sup>7,8</sup>, and Yuni K. Dewaraja\*<sup>3</sup>











#### **RaPTR**

#### Lu177-dotatate (Lutathera)

- 4 pilot sites applying for IRB approval
- Clinical data collected in REDCap
- Imaging data including PET/CT, SPECT/CT, and planar via MIM Cloud

#### RaPTR Lite

- · Clinical data only, no imaging data
- Will include Lu177-PSMA (Pluvicto) therapy



## **Radiopharmaceutical Therapy Education for Technologists**

# JNMT Therapy – September 2022 Issue

- Focus on five therapies:
  - I-131
  - Xofigo
  - Lu-DOTA
  - Lu-PSMA
  - Azedra

Will include information on patient selection, clinical, technical, and regulatory considerations, protocols, radiation safety, dosimetry, imaging, billing, and coding and how to make the therapy a success.



# **Therapy Badging**

- Comprehensive educational module for each therapy
- Upon completion of these modules, technologists will be awarded a "badge" which can be displayed on their curriculum vitae, LinkedIn or other social media and professional platforms.
- Proposed outline for each Therapy module:
  - Fundamentals
  - · Patient Preparation
  - Therapy Administration
  - Post-Therapy
  - Radiation Safety
  - Billing and Coding
  - Dosimetry





#### **New Awards**

- One-year Research Therapy Fellowship (2 awardees)
  - -Sophia O'Brien, MD University of Pennsylvania
  - -Ashwin Parihar, MD Washington University School of Medicine





- ❖ Cancer Cooperative Group Mentorship Program (2021-2022 awardees)
  - -ECOG/ACRIN: Liz Dibble/Dave Mankoff & Charles Marcus/David Schuster
  - -Alliance: Amir Iravani/Tom Hope & Courtney Lawhn-Heath/Heather Jacene
  - -SWOG: Erik Mittra/Tony Shields
  - -NRG: Dan Lee/Dan Pryma
  - > 2022-2023 applicants under review currently





## **Radiopharmaceutical Therapy Trials**



20 cm diameter certified tissue equivalent scatter/attenuation material phantom plus 250 ml sealable container for therapeutic radionuclide

#### **SPECT/CT Calibration**

To date, no one has developed an approach to validate the quantitative SPECT/CT image output, despite growing importance of dosimetry in radiopharmaceutical therapy.

SNMMI Clinical Trials Network is implementing a simple, reproducible radionuclide-specific SPECT/CT calibration approach for **clinical trials of radiopharmaceutical therapies** that include dosimetry.

Outreach

#### **Presentations and Symposia**

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# **SNMMI** Mars Shot

SNMMI has initiated the Mars Shot Fund with a goal of supporting innovative research in areas outlined in the Mars Shot for Molecular Imaging paper.

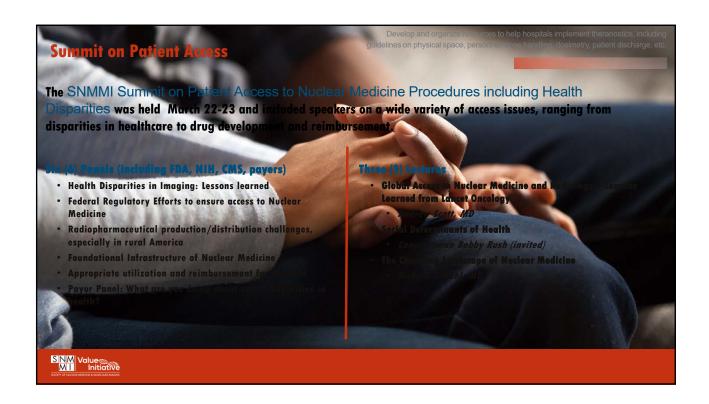
#### **Next Steps:** Developing a Roadmap to Approach Funders

Currently interviewing Mars Shot authors to identify specific Mars Shot-consistent, high-impact research projects, including relatable patient stories—to help make a compelling case to potential funders/investors.

Encourage and promote research in the field.







## PR/Media: Educating the Public About the Benefits of Nuclear Medicine

- UMBRELLA GOAL: Utilize consumer media to increase awareness of nuclear medicine and promote research
- · Messaging for Consumer Media:
  - MESSAGE 1 "PRECISE and EFFECTIVE" Nuclear medicine identifies the location of specific molecules within the body, allowing precise and effective diagnosis and treatment of disease
  - MESSAGE 2 "SAFE" Nuclear medicine procedures are among the safest diagnostic imaging exams available. Radiopharmaceutical therapy (RPT) is a safe treatment that has been successfully used for 80 years for cancers and hyperthyroidism
  - MESSAGE 3 "EXCEPTIONAL EXPECTATIONS" Nuclear medicine offers precise, tailored and painless
    diagnosis and treatment with minimal side effects and exceptional results for patients



#### PR/Media



- Gaining traction in efforts to attract consumer media attention to nuclear medicine
- CBS TV (DC)/Get Up DC Reaches 2.7 million
  - o Using Nuclear Medicine to Fight Diseases
  - Interview with Rich Wahl covering research arising out of SNMMI Annual Meeting
- Fox 5 (Washington, DC) Reaches 1.3 million
  - o Good Day DC morning program
  - o How Nuclear Medicine Could Be a Game-Changer
  - 5-minute interview with Rich Wahl and Mike Crosby, a prostate cancer survivor



# PR/Media: Patient Spotlight on Popular NYC Radio Show

Award-winning NYC 104.3 FM radio host, Shelli Sonstein of Sonstein Sundays interviews SNMMI patient advocate, Josh Mailman, and Dr. Richard Wahl—talking about how nuclear medicine helps Mailman successfully live with neuro-endocrine cancer for 15+years.

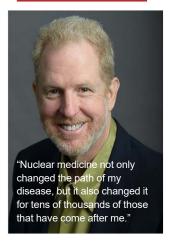
- Posted on 104.3 FM NYC YouTube channel
- Featured on Sonstein Sessions podcast channel
- COMING SOON: Sonstein will do a "Part 2" follow-up with Dr. Wahl on "How nuclear medicine helps with non-cancer related disease"





# PR/Media: Patients Spotlight Nuclear Medicine in Popular Magazine

#### **AUTHORITY MAGAZINE**



I Survived Cancer and Here is How I Did It — Inspirational Stories Of People Who Beat Cancer — Reaches 125 million

Two patients submitted and chosen for interviews in this series in Authority Magazine and Thrive Global.

- Josh Mailman discussed how nuclear medicine helped diagnose and treat his neuroendocrine cancer
  - Mailman interview chosen to be part of a book to be published on Amazon later this year.
- Theresa Wickerham discussed how nuclear medicine helped diagnose and treat her thyroid cancer





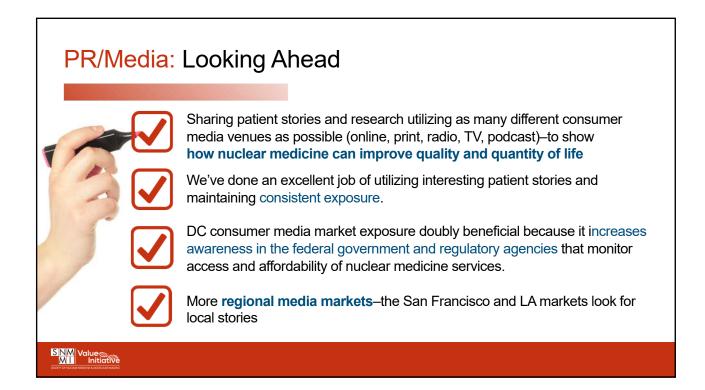


# PR/Media: Women in STEM

- Dr. Helen Nadel in Authority Magazine, online consumer publication
- Dr. Nadel talks about her journey to becoming a nuclear medicine physician and how she can inspire other women in STEM fields
- · 20 million reach







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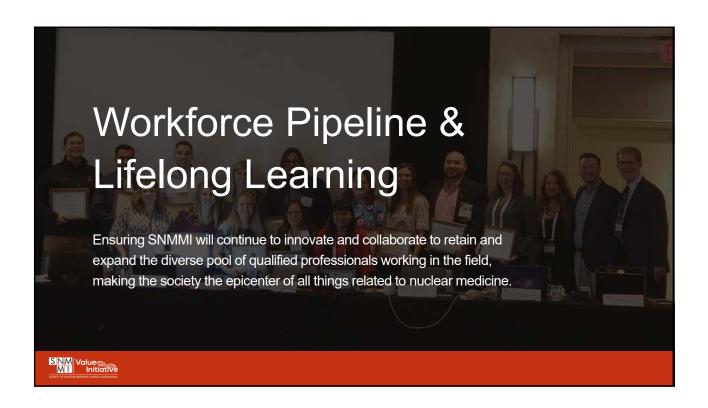
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# Workforce Pipeline & Lifelong Learning 2021-2022 Priorities

1

Ensure a sufficient # of professionals (physicians/scientists/technologists) qualified to practice all aspects of nuclear medicine/molecular imaging now and in the future.

2

Increase awareness of nuclear medicine/molecular imaging as an appealing and rewarding field for students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers. 3

Increase recognition of SNMMI as the professional home of all nuclear medicine professionals irrespective of the training pathway.



How Will We Accomplish These Three Priorities?



Ensure a sufficient # of professionals (physicians/scientists/technologists) qualified to practice all aspects of nuclear medicine/molecular imaging now and in the future.

Survey & Data Collection - Understand the landscape of the NM/MI MD community

- ABNM Data Backgrounds (& trends) of candidates sitting for Certification Exam and MOC
- NM RRC Data Program & Resident trends over past 10-20 years
- Survey/Other Data Needed NM Training, who is doing diagnostic NMMI, Who is doing Therapy, what are current needs, what are future needs (including geographic)

Create/Implement Three (3) NEW Pipeline Working Groups

· Physician, Scientist, and Technologist

Host Nuclear Medicine/Nuclear Radiology Program Director's Summit

 Attendees: Representatives from NMPD, NM RRC, ABNM, APDR, NR RRC, ABR, Others?



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# Develop Educational Content/Curriculum for Residents

(1) radiopharmaceutical therapies and (2) diagnostic procedures. Creating Working Group to begin development. Working Group to include representatives from:

Working Group to include:

- Residents (In-Training Committee and Early Career Professionals Committee)
- NM Program Directors
- ACGME NM RRC
- ABNM
- · Other?





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## **Exhibits & Participation/Outreach**

- Association of University Radiologists (AUR) March 22-25, 2022 (Phoenix, AZ)
- American Medical Student Association (AMSA) April 7-9, 2022 (Washington, DC)
- American Medical Association (AMA) June 11-15, 2022 (Chicago, IL)







## Medical Student and STEM Outreach Working Group

Includes individuals from the Women in Nuclear Medicine Committee; (2) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force; (3) Resident/In-Training Committee; (4) Early Career Professionals Committee; and (5) NM Program Directors

- Creation of NM Pathway Ambassadors Program
- Pairing Research Projects w/ Medical Students, Residents, Fellows
- Communicating with Medical Students via #MedTwitter; #TipsForNewDocs; The Student Doctor Network (website)





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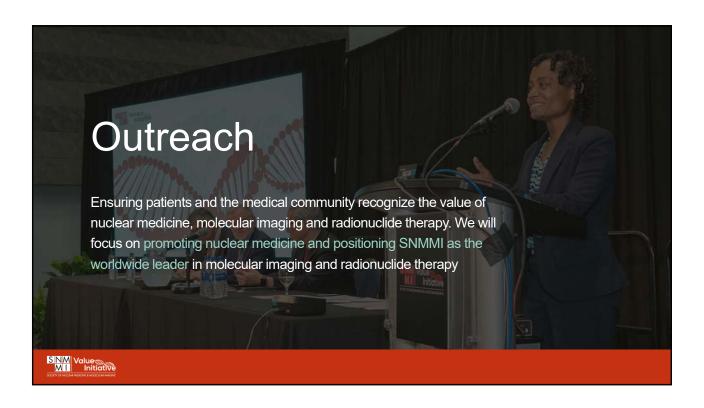
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# Outreach

# 2021-2022 Priorities

1

Increase the number of patients advocating in support of the value of radiopharmaceuticals.

2

Increase referring physicians' awareness of the value of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, with particular emphasis on new radiopharmaceuticals.

3

Improve collaboration with other medical societies.



#### Patient Advocacy Advisory Board (PAAB)

SNMMI collaborates with 14 patient advocacy organizations to develop patient-specific programs.

- Advocacy: PAAB members participate in SNMMI
  Hill Days and Virtual Fly-ins and sign on to letters of
  support for nuclear medicine access issues.
- Education: More than 1,000 patients and caregivers have viewed SNMMI's 2021 Virtual Patient Education Day program. We had excellent engagement, with 51 questions submitted during the live event.

It makes a difference! We ask patients: "On a scale of 1 to 5, how safe do you believe NM and MI procedures are?"

- Before Patient Education Day: Score = 3.34
- After Patient Education Day: Score = 4.34

#### #ReturnToCare Coalition

- SNMMI spearheaded this campaign to encourage patients to seek timely screenings, scans, vaccinations, and treatments during the pandemic.
- The coalition comprises a broad spectrum of 30 member organizations, including patient groups and medical societies.



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#### HCP Roadshows (Virtual and In Person)

SNMMI provides both in-person and virtual education for healthcare providers on disease-specific topics. Among the events held in 2021 and planned for 2022:

- Three webinars on lymph node mapping and sentinel node biopsy (355 total attendance)
- Two webinars on treatment of pheo/para, presented in conjunction with NANETS (160 total attendance)
- New series of in-person roadshows on prostate cancer imaging and diagnosis launching April 2022



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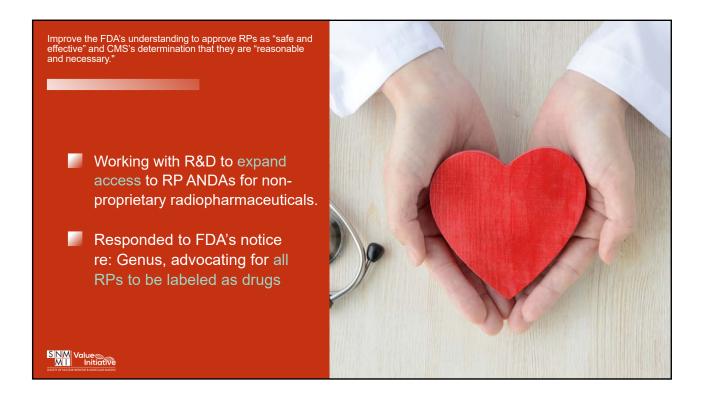
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Enhance state level advocacy

## Supporting NM Technologists

- Coordinating with ARRT, ASRT, and other societies on various NM technologist state licensure initiatives.
- Working to elevate the profession of the NMT through legislative action by supporting baccalaureate programs and opposing earnand-learn programs that jeopardize accreditation/certification/licensure.





Address U.S. pharmacopeia compounding issues.



## **USP**

- Q&As from membership re: USP<825> are now posted on our website
- Developing SOPs for USP <825>
- Submitted comments regarding <797> revisions



Increase visibility with federal legislators

## **Increasing Visibility**

- Supporting federal research funding opportunities
- Conducting virtual fly-ins for the FIND Act and extravasation education
- Participating/hosting Hill briefings and webinars for the FIND Act
- Launched various letter-writing campaigns, wrote letters of support for legislation, and assisted with Dear Colleague letters.



## Facilitating Innovative Nuclear Diagnostics (FIND) Act

Nuclear medicine scans are often the most effective **AND** cost-effective way to diagnose certain diseases, providing the best possible care for patients, **but**...

Patients lack access to nuclear medicine scans that could change the course of their treatment.

Physicians are less likely to administer a game-changing PET or other nuclear medicine scan because of *lack of appropriate reimbursement*.

**Hospitals** are facing the decision of *discontinuing certain nuclear medicine procedures*, because Medicare does not cover anywhere near full drug cost.

**Companies** that have innovated life-changing nuclear medicine drugs are *having trouble keeping them in production* and developing new ones.

**Medicare** is *paying for unnecessary therapies, surgery, and hospital stays* because it continues to treat these drugs as supplies and bundles them in with the scan.

The bi-partisan <u>Facilitating Innovative Nuclear Diagnostics (FIND) Act</u> will ensure patient access to these imaging procedures.

# **Ensure Patient Access to Innovative Diagnostic Imaging Drugs**

Cosponsor H.R. 4479/S. 2609, the Facilitating Innovative Nuclear Diagnostics (FIND) Act of 2021

As conditions such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, advanced cardiac disease, and cancers of the prostate, breast and brain continue to exact a heavy toll on elderly Americans, **Medicare's current reimbursement structure limits patient access to innovative imaging tools that improve diagnosis of these deadly diseases.** 

CONGRESS CAN INCREASE MEDICARE BENEFICIARY ACCESS TO ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING BY PASSING H.R. 4479/S. 2609, THE FACILITATING INNOVATIVE NUCLEAR DIAGNOSTICS (FIND) ACT



Keeping the website updated with isotope supply information

Seek improvements in the integrity of the isotope supply chain and components.

Responded to the DOE's RFI on the supply of Mo-99 produced without the use of HEU



## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use PLUVICTO safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for PLUVICTO.

 $PLUVICTO^{\text{TM}}$  (lutetium Lu 177 vipivotide tetraxetan) injection, for intravenous use

Initial U.S. Approval: 2022

## ---INDICATIONS AND USAGE---

PLUVICTO is a radioligand therapeutic agent indicated for the treatment of adult patients with prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)-positive metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) who have been treated with androgen receptor (AR) pathway inhibition and taxane-based chemotherapy. (1)

## ---DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----

 Select patients for treatment using LOCAMETZ® or an approved PSMA-11 imaging agent based on PSMA expression in tumors. (2.2)



## Other Initiatives/Programs



## **Other Initiatives/Programs**

#### EDITORIAL

## At Last, <sup>18</sup>F-FDG for Inflammation and Infection!

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## Radiopharmaceutical Supply



Current and resolved drug shortages and discontinuations reported to FDA are found here. Below, please find shortages and other isotope supply news reported by our members and industry partners. If you have specific questions about shortages and would like to connect with other members, please visit SNMMI Connect.

A communication from the NMEu Emergency Response Team (ERT) announced the resumption of IRE HEU Mo-99 and 1-131 operations. All IRE technical operations have been completed. The release of the first batch of HEU-based Mo-99 is planned for February 17 and HEU-based 1-131 for February 28. Read the full notice here.

#### February 08, 2022

#### Radiopharmaceutical Tc99m Kit Supply Update

Sun Radiopharma is experiencing a supply interruption for several radiopharmaceutical products. In order to successfully re-enter the market, their current strategy is to continuously manufacture one product at a time until sufficient inventory is obtained. The most critical product, Sulfur Colloid, re-entered the market on January 11, 2022. The next anticipated lot release date is noted below. Lots will continue to be released over the next few months. Read the full notice here.

#### **Product Release Schedule**

- 1. Sulfur Colloid: February 18, 2022
- 2. Mebrofenin: April 15, 2022
- 3. Mertiatide: April 21, 2022 4. Pyrophosphate: May 9, 2022
- 5. Sestamibi: June 14, 2022
- 6. Medronate: June 30, 2022



## NRC Rulemaking 10 CFR Part 35

The NRC has approved initiating rulemaking to modernize 10 CFR Part 35 to address rubidium-82 generators, GSR units, Y-90 microspheres and emerging medical technologies. http://ow.ly/WYRa30s9XJF#NuclearMedicine#SNMMI



NRC Approves Rulemaking to Modernize 10 CFR Part 35

- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently voted on <u>training and experience requirements (T&E)</u> <u>for Authorized Users (AUs)</u> and disapproved their staff's recommendations. SNMMI strongly supports this long-awaited decision.
- Current pathways for obtaining AU status are:
  - Certification by a medical specialty board whose certificate is recognized by the NRC or an Agreement State (e.g., ABNM)
  - Completion of 200 hours of classroom training and 500 hours of supervised work experience in an ACGME-accredited program (i.e., Nuclear Medicine, Diagnostic Radiology with a 16-month NM/NR pathway, or Radiation Oncology)
  - Previous identification as an AU on an NRC or Agreement State license or permit



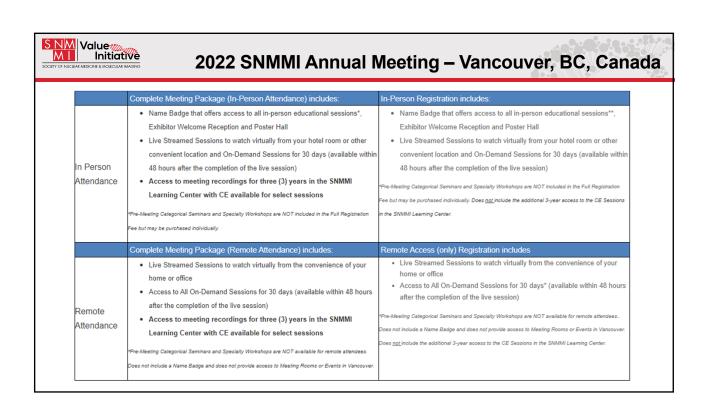
## \*NEW\* - Quality and Patient Safety

**Mission:** Ensure that the members of SNMMI provide high quality care to their patients during examination and treatments they perform.

The committee will identify top issues and address each area for vigilance and continued improvement

- · Survey of nuclear medicine practices to inform the efforts of the group
- · Delivery of radiopharmaceuticals
  - o Develop/revise policy on extravasation, including documentation of scope of extravasation
- · Quality of injections
  - o Improve and standardize injection techniques
  - o Develop statement on quality of injections on the website
- Communication
- · Qualifications of nuclear medicine personnel
- · Patient falls
- · Emerging areas in RPT therapy
- Image Quality
- Work Group on Quality and Safety of FDA Inspections (Co-chairs; Drs. Ghesani and Cutler)







## **Department of Energy Grant**

SNMMI in June 2020 received a \$750,000 three-year grant from the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration to increase nuclear medicine capacity in sub-Saharan Africa.

- Partnering with Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, Ghana
- Providing education (primarily virtual to date)
- Purchasing equipment to allow them to expand their radiology department's PACS system and to help them with their goal to begin doing cardiac procedures





## **International Collaboration**

## **WFNMB**

- · Members of the WFNMB Governing Council
- Participating in a strategic committee to look at structure and function of WFNMB

## **EANM**

- Collaborative SNMMI Procedure Standards/EANM Practice Guidelines
- Sessions at SNMMI Annual Meeting and EANM Annual Congress

## **MOU's** signed with the following organizations:

- European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM)
- Korean Society of Nuclear Medicine (KSNM)
- Japanese Society of Nuclear Medicine (JSNM)
- India Society of Nuclear Medicine (India SNM)

## **IAEA**

- Webinars about the latest techniques and developments in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging (offered in Spanish and English).
- Generous support of IAEA livestream the 2019 Annual Meeting to IAEA Member States.
- Speakers and Leadership representation at IAEA meetings.
- Free registration to the SNMMI annual meeting for select young investigators.
- Representation and collaboration on guidance documents and positions.
- Support the virtual 2020 meeting.











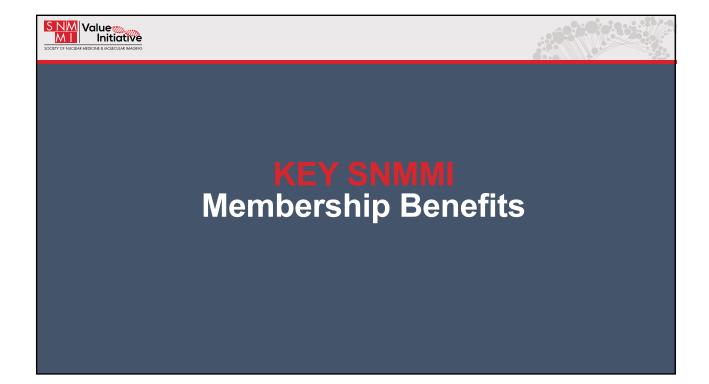


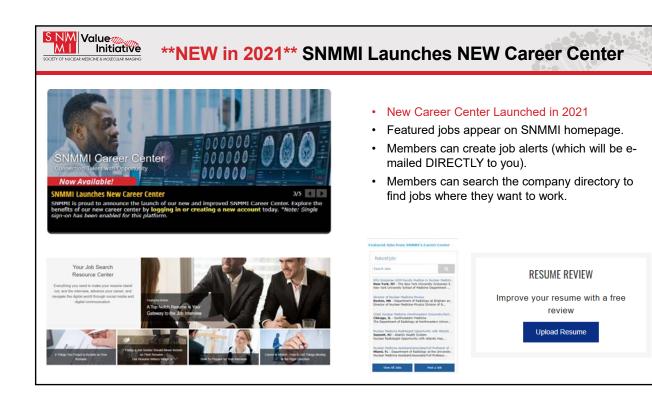


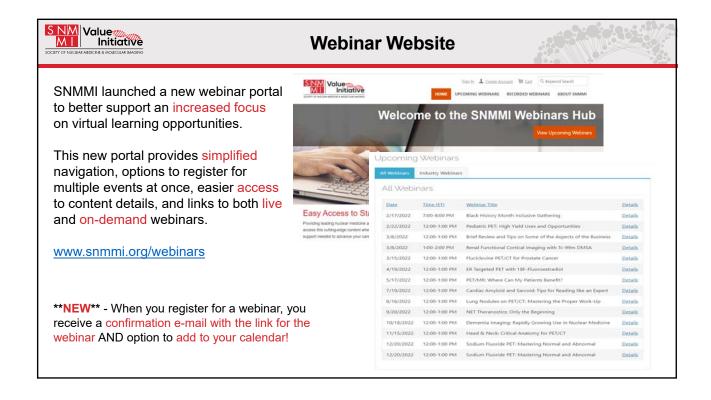
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## **Nuclear Medicine Global Initiative**

- To encourage global collaboration in education; to harmonize procedure guidelines and other policies or to improve quality and safety.
- · Organizations involved:
  - · Nuclear medicine societies China, Japan, Korea, India, Australia/New Zealand, Canada, South Africa
  - Multinational organizations EANM, IAEA, WFNMB, ALASBINM, AOFNMB
- Projects
  - 1st Project—Standardization of Administered Activities in Pediatric Nuclear Medicine
  - 2nd Project—Availability of Radiopharmaceuticals
  - 3rd Project—Theranostics: an evidence-based NM value as the third topic









## **Keeping You Certified**

### **Continuing Education**

You can earn all the CE credits you need in one place with free registration to quarterly, live webinars, and access to years of ondemand educational programs. Credit programs are available in the SNMMI Learning Center, including online journal exams from the JNM and JNMT.

#### Manage Your VOICE credit

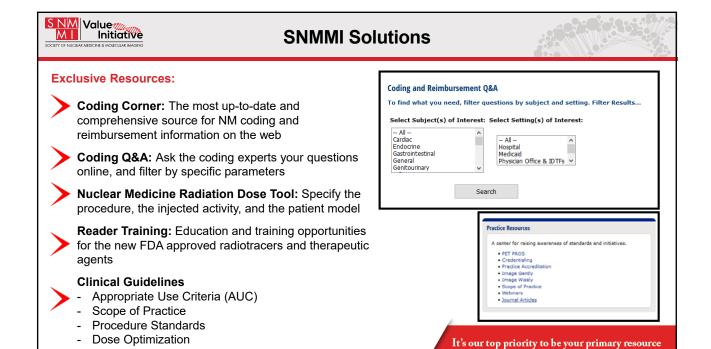
SNMMI-TS provides the ARRT and NMTCB reports of members who have participated in SNMMI-TS education activities upon request. Enroll in the VOICE Credit Sharing program by logging on to the SNMMI website.

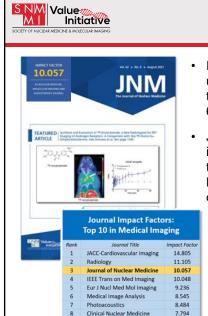
## **VOICE Program**

SNMMI-TS members receive automatic enrollment in the computerized continuing education accounting system, VOICE. Members will receive an annual computerized transcript during their birth month of any submitted credit forms.



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## The Journal of Nuclear Medicine

- In June, JNM's impact factor s urged more than 27% to 10.057 — the highest in its 60-year history
- JNM is now the 3rd most influential journal of all 218 in the "Radiology, Nuclear Medicine and Imaging" category

- PET/CT in Oncology—Part 2



#### New in FY2021-22:

- "Complete PDF" download option
- Altmetrics tools for new insight into usage of each article
- Dosimetry supplement December 2021
- Neurology supplement June 2022



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