COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Committee Charges for 2010-2011:

Oversees operations of committees reporting directly to the commission and provides guidance to these committees. The committees included within the Commission on Education are

- SNM MOC
- SNM Continuing Education
- SNM Publications
- SNM Scientific Program
- SNM Young Professionals Committee
- SNMTS Publications
- SNMTS Continuing Education
- SNMTS Program
- SNMTS Educators Committee

The Commission’s responsibilities are:

- Identify strategic issues for the overall education needs for the SNM and recommend policies for BOD approval.
- Identify yearly goals of the overall education program in a concise manner.
- Identify the scope of education efforts and the characteristics of the potential participants.
- Describe the general types of educational activities and services to be provided by SNM.
- Develop a plan for implementation for optimum delivery of the SNM education program.
- Review compiled needs assessment results and offer organizational guidance to SNM education committees.

Current Working Goals (SNM Goal A):

Goal 1 – Incorporate hybrid/multimodality imaging into continuing education activities for all SNM member groups
Goal 2 – Encourage participation in practice performance improvement among physicians and pharmacists
Goal 3 – Foster professional development of young professionals
Goal 4 – Incorporate non-nuclear molecular imaging education into core curricula for the different SNM member groups
Goal 5 – Promote radiation dose reduction among nuclear medicine/molecular imaging professionals
Goal 6 – Provide education for radiologists in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging so that they recognize SNM as a top education provider
Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

Goal 1:
- Hybrid imaging is incorporated in the Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment Program, Online Lectures, Mid-Winter SNM Education Symposium, and Annual Meeting CE Program.
- CT and MR Case-review Workshops are planned for the 2011 MWM, a CT Case-Review Workshop is planned for the 2011 AM, and a PET/CT Case-review Workshop was held at the 2010 RSNA meeting.
- Cardiac PET and SPECT interactive online cases are in development.
- Technologists will hold an NCT Review Course at the 2011 AM and a PET Review Course in July.

Goal 2:
- Each organizer for CE sessions at the 2011 AM has been asked to devote 5-10 minutes of session time aligning session content with practice improvement.
- The first project of the Practice Performance Assessment Program was launched. A second project and project template are being reviewed by the ABNM. Two additional projects are in development.

Goal 3:
- A mentoring program is being developed by the YPC and ACNM-RO.
- Young professional were invited to submit abstracts for review for the Sino-American Conference that will be held in China in February. Twelve young professionals will be sent to China to present their abstracts and represent the SNM.
- The YPC is planning 4 CE sessions at the 2011 AM – the YPC Luncheon, the Robert Lull Forum, and two CE sessions, one focusing on young scientists.

Goal 4:
- The Molecular Imaging Basic Science Summary Session will be held at the 2011 AM.
- Nine CMIIT sponsored sessions will be held at the 2011 AM – one Categorical and 8 CE sessions, including a preclinical session and 3 Hybrid Track sessions.
- The Prostate Cancer Symposium will be held at the 2011 MWM.
- Education is working with CMIIT on planning a molecular imaging course for nuclear medicine residents. Preliminary proposals have been sent to program directors for their feedback and recommendations.

Goal 5:
- The topic of radiation dose reduction has been incorporated into sessions at both the 2011 MWM and 2011 AM.
- The 2011 AM Categorical will offer SAM credits and will be converted into a LLSAP module.

Goal 6:
- A PET/CT Case-review Workshop was held at the 2010 RSNA meeting.
- A session is being held at the 2011 AM focusing on the proposed combined nuclear medicine/radiology residency program. The YPC are sponsoring this session.

Additional Goals/Objectives Added for 2010-2011:

None at this time.