“The scope of practice for nuclear medicine technologists in the U.S. is approved by SNMMI and supported by rigorous training, but states and institutions can choose to accept or limit the scope,” she said. “I will be working with others in the field for broader acceptance of the SNMMI Scope of Practice and Performance Standards.”

Johnson has almost 30 years of nuclear medicine experience. She started her career while on active duty with the U.S. Navy. She practiced nuclear medicine in Okinawa, Japan, and at bases throughout the United States. After leaving the Navy, she served as chief technologist at the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Medical Center and was also the founder and first program director of the UCSD Nuclear Medicine Technologist Program. She later worked in the commercial sector as a clinical specialist for DuPont and Bristol-Myers Squibb, specializing in nuclear cardiology.

Johnson has an associate degree from George Washington University (Washington, DC) and an MBA from the University of Phoenix (AZ). She holds the NCT certificate and was a coauthor of the *Nuclear Cardiology Technology Study Guide*. She has been involved with the SNMMI-TS at the local, regional, and national levels for many years and became an SNMMI-TS fellow in 2012.

**SNMMI-TS President-Elect**

Kathleen M. Krisak, BS, CNMT, a nuclear medicine technologist at the Holyoke Medical Center (MA) has been elected as the 2016–2017 president-elect of SNMMI-TS. “As president-elect of the SNMMI-TS, I will focus on providing expanded educational opportunities for nuclear medicine technologists to keep their skills current in a constantly evolving field and to stay abreast of new guidelines and regulations,” she said. “This includes appropriate training and credentialing for multimodality imaging.” She will also work to strengthen communication among technologists.

Krisak has been a nuclear medicine technologist for more than 30 years. At Holyoke Medical Center she first served as a clinical instructor and was department manager from 1986 to 2002. She holds an AS degree in nuclear medicine from Springfield Technical Community College (MA) and a BS in Natural Sciences from Worcester State College (BA), as well as NMTCB certification. As an SNMMI-TS Board member, Krisak has served as secretary; chaired the Finance, Scientific Program, and Abstracts committees; and been a member of numerous other committees. She has served as president of the society’s New England chapter 3 times and has been a moderator and presenter at SNMMI Annual Meetings and New England chapter meetings. She was named a SNMMI-TS fellow in 2008 and received the SNMMI-TS Technologist of the Year Award in 2014. She is a member of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology.

**SNMMI Creates Fellowship Status; First Fellows Announced**

During a special plenary session on June 13 at the SNMMI Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, society president Hossein Jadvar, MD, PhD, MPH, MBA, announced the creation of an SNMMI fellowship recognizing distinguished service to the society as well as exceptional achievement in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. “SNMMI fellowship is one of the most prestigious formal recognitions available to long-time SNMMI members,” said Jadvar. Selection of SNMMI fellows will be based on documented excellence in volunteer service to the society and at least 1 of 3 additional criteria: excellence in scientific discovery and innovation, educational efforts in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, and clinical practice of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. SNMMI fellowship will be recognized with the designation FSNMMI. Additional information and an application form are being posted on the SNMMI website.

All past SNMMI presidents were granted fellowship at the announcement of the program. The new fellows include: Naomi Alazraki, MD; Robert Atcher, PhD, MBA; Monte Blau, PhD; Robert Carretta, MD; Peter Conti, MD, PhD; James Conway, MD; Barbara Croft, PhD; Dominique Delbeke, MD, PhD; Gerald DeNardo, MD; Michael Devous, Sr., PhD; Gary Dillehay, MD; Frederic Fahey, DSc; James Fletcher, MD; Leonard Freeman, MD; Michael Gelfand, MD; Stanley Goldsmith, MD; Michael Graham, PhD, MD; William Hendee, PhD; Peter Herscovitch, MD; Richard Holmes, MD; Peter Kirchner, MD; Jonathan Links, PhD; Leon Malmud, MD; Alan Maurer, MD; C. Douglas Maynard, MD; Alexander McEwan, MD; Paul Murphy, PhD; Wil Nelp, MD; E. James Potchen, MD; Richard Reba, MD; Henry Royal, MD; Martin Sandler, MD; George Segall, MD; H. William Strauss, MD; and Mathew Thakur, PhD. In the future, outgoing presidents will be granted fellowship at the ends of their terms.
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