

SNMMI Honors New Fellows for 2020

On July 13, as part of its 2020 Annual Meeting: Virtual Edition, 10 new SNMMI Fellows will be recognized at the SNMMI Business Meeting. The SNMMI Fellowship was established in 2016 to recognize distinguished service to the society as well as exceptional achievement in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. It is among the most prestigious formal recognitions available to longtime SNMMI members. Vasken Dilsizian, MD (University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore), the 2019–2020 SNMMI president, will join the new fellowship ranks. Also recognized as new fellows will be Xiaoyuan Chen, PhD (National Institute of Biomedical

Imaging and Bioengineering, Bethesda, MD), Paul E. Kinahan, PhD (University of Washington, Seattle), Michael A. King, PhD (University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester), Suzanne Lapi, PhD (University of Alabama at Birmingham), J. Anthony Parker, MD, PhD (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA), Todd Peterson, PhD (Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN), Terrence Ruddy, MD (University of Ottawa Heart Institute, Canada), Heinrich Schelbert, MD, PhD (University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine), and Arnold Strashun, MD (State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University; Brooklyn, NY).

2020 Henkin Fellows Named

SNMMI and the Education and Research Foundation for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging announced on May 18 the selection of Dominique Newallo, MD, RT(R)(CT), and Justin Peacock, MD, PhD, as the 2020 Robert E. Henkin Government Relations Fellows. Each year, fellowship recipients travel to Washington, DC, and spend a week with SNMMI staff, visiting Congress, federal agencies, and other medical societies. Throughout the visit, fellows learn about ways in which federal legislative and regulatory processes affect nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. The program is designed for young professionals, defined as residents or fellows (physicians, scientists, or technologists) who have completed training within the last 10 years. Contributions from Robert E. Henkin, MD, made possible the creation and continuation of this fellowship opportunity. “This year we are very happy to award the Henkin Fellowship to not 1 but 2 very qualified recipients,” said Munir Ghesani, MD, chair of the SNMMI Government Relations Committee. “The society is busier than ever during COVID-19, and we are certain that both Justin and Dominique will have very enriching experiences.”

Newallo is currently completing her nuclear medicine residency at Emory University (Atlanta, GA). She earned her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston) in 2017 and completed her surgery internship at Grand Strand Medical Center (Myrtle Beach, SC). Before becoming a physician, she served in the U.S. Army, where she worked as an x-ray and CT technologist until 2004. As a nuclear medicine resident, Newallo was awarded the Academic Council Board of Directors SNMMI internship for 2019–2021 and is an elected officer of the American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) Nuclear Medicine Residents Organization (NMRO). She is also

a recent graduate of the 2020 SNMMI Future Leaders Academy. As part of the Henkin fellowship, she expressed an interest in exploring “the relationship between economic and regulatory models of health care policy to hopefully advance a more holistic perspective on why policies are put in place and the effects they have on patient care.”

Peacock is a nuclear medicine fellow at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium (TX). He received his doctorate in molecular biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University (New Haven, CT) and his MD from the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine (Rochester, MN). His internship and residency in radiology were completed at Brooke Army Medical Center (Fort Sam Houston, TX). He has served as vice president and president of the ACNM NMRO and vice chair of the SNMMI In-Training Committee. He was a 2019 graduate of the SNMMI Future Leaders Academy and also recently contributed to an SNMMI/ACNM ad hoc workgroup addressing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s “Draft Regulatory Guide DG-8057, Release of Patients Administered Radioactive Material.” His interest in health policy is directly related to his interest in improving care. On being named a Henkin fellow, he said, “When the evidence is seen and advocates push for change, I believe that health policy can change to ensure that all patients receive the care that they deserve.”



Dominique Newallo, MD, RT(R)(CT)



Justin Peacock, MD, PhD