

SNM 2006 Scientific Program Explores Expanding Imaging Technologies

The rapid multiplication of imaging technologies is driving much of the educational content of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the SNM, June 3–7 in San Diego, CA. The continuing advances in therapy and molecular imaging that have resulted from the expanded molecular targets available in both the clinical and research settings along with fusion imaging and CT training will be recurring themes.

Recently named one of the top 10 imaging-related educational events by the readers of *Medical Imaging* magazine, the SNM Annual Meeting will again include the popular educational exhibits that were added last year. These exhibits are designed to teach or review common nuclear medicine techniques, problem solving skills, pattern recognition, imaging skills, or use of correlative imaging. New computerized “Case of the Day” posters will allow attendees to test their nuclear medicine acumen and earn continuing education credits by reading and interpreting actual cases. Correct diagnoses will be entered into a lottery for complimentary registration at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

Even before the meeting officially gets underway, full-day categorical seminars on Saturday, June 3, will offer physicians, scientists, and technologists in-depth instruction on single topics. Organized by the SNM councils, the PET Center of Excellence, and the Technologist Section, the courses cover:

- Diagnosis and Management of Breast Cancer: Current Practice and New Frontiers
- Biomarkers in CNS
- Molecular Imaging and Therapy and the NIH Roadmap: Perspectives and Potential
- PET/CT in Oncology: Focus on the Referring Physician: What Does Your Referring Physician Want from PET/CT?
- PET/CT Scanners: What’s Available and How They Work
- Expanding the Use of Nuclear Cardiology: Advances in Radionuclide Imaging and Integration with Other Developing Image Modalities
- Pediatric Oncology: From Bench to Bedside and Beyond
- New Horizons in Oncology and Neurology
- Opportunities and Challenges in Modern Medicine Technology
- PET/CT: An Atlas in Application in Technology
- Cardiology: A Comprehensive Look at Nuclear Medicine Today



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Technologists and physicians planning to sit for professional exams may take advantage of weekend exam review workshops. Two-day workshops on Saturday and Sunday will cover topics of interest for those currently studying for the Nuclear Medicine Board Exam and the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board exam. A 3-day workshop designed to help prepare nuclear medicine technologists for the CT certification exam will be offered Saturday through Monday.

The heart of every scientific meeting is the presentation of original research. Scientific sessions will run Sunday afternoon through Wednesday morning, with basic science summary sessions highlighting the most important research presented in the radiopharmaceutical sciences and computer and instrumentation tracks on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

SNM is implementing a new CE credit reporting process at this annual meeting. Credit reporting forms are being eliminated. Instead, all registered attendees will receive a CE session tracking card that can be scanned as they enter and exit each CE session. Attendance will be tracked and, for SNM members, credit will be automatically entered into their CE transcript.

The 2006 SNM Annual Meeting will offer up to 31.75 hours of category 1 credit toward the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award and 30.25 hours of Verification of Involvement in Continuing Education credit for technologists. Continuing education credit for designated sessions will also be available for pharmacists from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and for medical physicists from the Committee on Accreditation of Medical Physicists Education Programs. ❄