

McEwan Takes Office as SNM President; Gilmore Begins Term as Technologist Section President

SNM installed new officers and announced the results of its 2007 elections during the society's 54th Annual Meeting June 2-6 in Washington, DC.

Alexander (Sandy) J. McEwan, MD, of Edmonton, Canada, was invested as president of SNM on June 4. McEwan is director of oncologic imaging at Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton as well as professor and director of the division of oncologic imaging in the oncology department, Faculty of Medicine, University of Alberta (Edmonton). He is a past president of the Canadian Society of Nuclear Medicine.

"SNM faces many opportunities and challenges in bringing the promise of molecular imaging to patients and to personalized medicine," McEwan said.

Robert W. Atcher, PhD, of White Rock, NM, became SNM president-elect. Atcher is program manager for the Department of Health and Human Services Programs with Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico). He is currently the University of New Mexico/Los Alamos professor of pharmacy in the College of Pharmacy at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Michael M. Graham, MD, PhD, of Iowa City, IA, was elected vice president-elect. Graham is professor of radiology and radiation oncology and director of nuclear medicine at the University of Iowa College of Medicine (Iowa City). He will serve as vice president-elect through June, 2008; then



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as president-elect for 1 year and as president from June 2009 through June 2010.

David Gilmore, MS, CNMT, NCT, RT(R,N), of Boston, MA, was invested as president of the SNM Technologist Section during the section's business meeting on June 5. Gilmore is the program director for the School of Nuclear Medicine Technology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA).

"Over the next few years, SNMTS will shape and define its role in molecular imaging, developing a curriculum to prepare technologists to take advantage of the opportunities offered by advances in this field," Gilmore said.

SNMTS announced the election of Mark Wallenmeyer, MBA, CNMT, RT(N), of Springfield, MO, as president-elect. Wallenmeyer is an instructor/clinical coordinator for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Little Rock), College of Health Related Professions, Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences. He is also the chief executive officer and co-owner of Trajecsyst Corporation, an online educational data management firm. ✧



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its 2008 Medicare regulations. It is expected that the changes could be more permissive of off-site rules while at the same time attempting to curtail some of the perceived abuses of self referral. Payment for the remote read cannot be reassigned to the group practice.

Conclusion

The long-standing uncertainty over whether nuclear medicine services will be part of the Stark antireferral restrictions was finally resolved by CMS. Effective January 1, 2007, nuclear medicine services and supplies came under

the Stark rules. Nevertheless, physicians can still refer their Medicare patients in a manner that permits their group practice to bill for the services, provided the referral fits in the proper Stark exception. But no exception will permit an off-site interpretation by an independent contractor physician to be billed by the referring physician's group practice. The next round of CMS rulemaking may modify this restriction.

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