

SNM Education Committee

The SNM Committee on Education has had a busy year developing online educational materials and organizing workshops to meet the educational needs of physicians, technologists, scientists, pharmacists, and other members. The SNM Web site was redesigned to provide faster and easier access to online resources and information about other educational opportunities.

SNM has been working with the American Board of Nuclear Medicine to provide physicians with the educational resources to meet the requirements for maintenance of certification (MOC) that became effective in 2007. SNM has 28 self-assessment modules (SAMs) available, providing 74 h of online education designed to meet the requirements of MOC Part 2, Life-Long Learning and Self Assessment Program (LLSAP) (www.snm.org/llsap). New SAMs will be added in 2008. SNM has also been working on educational resources to help physician members meet the requirements of MOC Part 4, Performance in Practice (PIP) Evaluation. More information will be available in 2008.

SNM has developed online sets of diagnostic CT and PET/CT cases that physicians can use to meet the credentialing recommendations of SNM and the American College of Radiology. The online cases are available at www.snm.org and currently include 50 diagnostic CT cases, covering every anatomical region and the disorders affecting those regions, as well as 100 PET/CT cases, covering every major tumor type detectable with PET/CT. The cases include detailed case reports with interactive Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) images to simulate actual practice. To emphasize the learning experience, questions and answers and an expert summary report are immediately provided for comparison. In addition, a case scoring report is provided after the completion of each set of cases (cases are released in sets of 50). To assist in identifying areas for improvement, the scoring report allows the user to sort his or her score by anatomic region (CT cases) as well as tumor type (PET/CT cases). An additional 50 PET/CT cases and 100 diagnostic CT cases will be available in 2008.

SNM, in conjunction with the Correlative Imaging Council, organized a live CT Case Review Workshop in Philadelphia, PA, in October 2007. One hundred CT cases were reviewed during the weekend workshop. More CT Case

Review Workshops are planned in 2008 (SNM Mid-Winter Meeting, February 15–16, Newport Beach, CA; SNM Annual Meeting, June 14–18, New Orleans, LA; August 2–3, Seattle, WA). Nuclear medicine physicians may use these workshops to meet the credentialing recommendations for diagnostic CT, which include review of 500 diagnostic CT cases.

The SNM Committee on Education and the SNM Continuing Education Committee held a meeting in November 2007 to formulate a new strategic plan for 2008–2010. This strategic plan aligns with the new Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education criteria, which focus on global review of the entire organization. Key elements of the plan include developing a speakers bureau to support SNM chapters, providing more education in nonscintigraphic molecular imaging technologies, and focusing on practice improvement throughout all educational activities. Additional efforts will be made to meet the educational needs of technologists, pharmacists, and young professionals in training. SNM will reach out to other professional groups, including referring physicians and hospital administrators, to leverage educational opportunities.

The Education Committee lost a valued member in 2007 with the death of Tom Miller, MD, PhD, who was the committee chair. Dr. Miller was a great leader whose expertise will be greatly missed. The committee will continue the work that was so important to him and to all SNM members.



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