

Four Days, Four Events, One Magnificent Location

From Thursday, January 20, to Sunday, January 23, 2011, educators, researchers, physicians, technologists, radiologists, and pharmacists representing the world's top medical and academic institutions and centers will gather at the beautiful Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel in Palm Springs, CA, for SNM's 2011 Mid-Winter Meetings.

The SNM Mid-Winter Meetings combine 4 exceptional events—the SNM 2011 Mid-Winter Educational Symposium, the 2011 American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) Annual Meeting, the SNM Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation and Translation (CMIIT) Multimodality Molecular Imaging of Prostate Cancer Symposium, and the SNM Clinical Trials Network Workshop—to offer attendees an impressive range of scientific content in nuclear medicine, molecular imaging, and clinical trials.

We are very grateful for the work of Satoshi Minoshima, MD, associate chair of SNM's Scientific Program Committee; Twyla Bartel, MD, program chair of the ACNM meeting; and Ellie Zimmer, CNMT, RT(N), chair of the Technologist Section, in leading this year's educational sessions. In addition, the meeting serves as a 1-stop shop for continuing education credits and valuable networking opportunities with colleagues in all molecular imaging modalities.

The 4-d meeting begins on January 20 with the ACNM meeting. The driving force behind this 2-d meeting will be to expand the practice of nuclear medicine through the study, education, and improvement of clinical practice. Members of ACNM can look forward to educational sessions on many interesting topics, including: hybrid imaging (SPECT/CT and PET/CT) improving therapeutic decisions, EKG basics and reporting, imaging of cell proliferation, health care reform, and cooperation between nuclear medicine and radiology. There will also be a joint Young Professionals Committee-ACNM panel discussion on current issues related to nuclear medicine.

Following the ACNM Program, SNM's Mid-Winter Educational Symposium begins on January 21 and includes numerous educational sessions designed in collaboration with several of SNM's councils and centers. Included in this 3-d event are sessions focusing on advances in hybrid imaging, basic MR imaging principles and case review, basic science research, and cardiovascular imaging and instrumentation. Technologist topics include "Advances in Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging" and "Nuclear Medicine and the Technologist: What You Need to Know."

New to the program this year is an evening reception at which attendees can visit leading companies in the Exhibit Hall.

In addition, SNM and ACNM will offer the ever-popular CT case review course for nuclear physicians. On January 22 and 23, a total of 100 cases—25 each in head and neck, chest, abdomen, and pelvis—will be reviewed for credit, which can count toward the 500-case requirement of the SNM/American College of Radiology guidelines for PET/CT and SPECT/CT interpretations.

On January 21, SNM's CMIIT (previously the Molecular Imaging Center of Excellence) will provide an opportunity for attendees to delve into multimodality molecular imaging of prostate cancer. Addressing the need for synergism among diagnostic radiology, nuclear medicine, and the new molecular imaging modalities as they are applied to the care of prostate cancer patients, this 1-d symposium will bring together individuals from multiple clinical and scientific disciplines to provide an up-to-date survey of best practices for the diagnosis and treatment of patients with prostate cancer.

On January 20 and 21, SNM will once again offer a Clinical Trials Network Workshop to give technologists and physicians nuts-and-bolts training on how to participate in Pharma-sponsored, multicenter clinical trials. This year, the program is designed to help attendees learn the important details of participating in clinical trials and gain a greater level of understanding of the complexities of imaging clinical research and PET manufacturing regulations.

With beautiful sunny California as a background, SNM's Mid-Winter Meetings will certainly be a fulfilling event for all who attend. Attendees can expect to gain valuable knowledge and much more as they network with colleagues and friends. We hope that you will take advantage of all of the educational and scientific offerings and the rich experience that the meeting provides. Please visit the SNM Web site or call SNM headquarters for more information or to register.



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