

SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting Heads to Palm Springs

In only a few months, SNMMI will host its 2014 Mid-Winter Meeting—an exceptional educational program of scientific content in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. The meeting, which will be held February 6–9 at the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel in Palm Springs, CA, brings together leading nuclear and molecular imaging physicians, technologists, laboratory professionals, pharmacists, and scientists representing the world's top medical and academic institutions and centers.

Kicking off the meeting, the SNMMI Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation and Translation and SNMMI Clinical Trials Network will cosponsor and organize a 1-day summit on Thursday, February 6, titled “Response to Therapy.” In the workshop, speakers and participants will discuss the technical factors that impact quantitative results, solid tumor response, response of tumor cells to a heme oxygenase inhibitor, and future trends in therapy.

Also on February 6, the American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) will sponsor a day-long program for attendees. A plenary session will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 AM, followed by resident abstract presentations and several focused talks on health care reform and the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate, radiologic emergency preparedness, career advancement, and clinical research. The program will conclude with the ACNM banquet and awards dinner to be held Thursday evening, where ACNM leadership will recognize outstanding leaders in the field as well as resident abstract winners.

Friday, February 7, begins the 3-day SNMMI/SNMMI-TS education program, which includes sessions designed in collaboration with several SNMMI councils. The education sessions cover a wide variety of topics, including simultaneous PET/MR imaging, MIBG in diagnosis and therapy, emerging radioligands, lymphoscintigraphy, α particle therapy agents, prostate radium-223 dichloride, clinical SPECT/CT, and others.

SNMMI and ACNM will once again offer the popular CT case review course for nuclear physicians. On February 7 and 8, a total of 100 cases—25 each in head and neck, chest, abdomen and pelvis, and the musculoskeletal system—will be reviewed for credit. In addition an MRI Case Review session will be held on February 8, including 20 cases on the brain and central nervous system as well as the body.

Running concurrently with the Mid-Winter Meeting will be a 2-day PET Review Workshop on February 6 and 7. This workshop is designed to assist nuclear medicine professionals in developing the required level of understanding in PET and PET/CT in preparation for the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) PET exam. The program will include comprehensive lectures covering the NMTCB content outline and will conclude with a mock exam.

I would like to express my appreciation to several volunteers who have been instrumental in building the education program for the SNMMI 2014 Mid-Winter Meeting. These individuals include Satoshi Minoshima, MD, PhD, chair of the SNMMI Scientific Program Committee; Amol Takalkar, MD, MS, program chair of the ACNM meeting; and Kathleen Krisak, CNMT, chair of the Technologist Section Program Committee. They have worked diligently to ensure that the program covers relevant topics with high-quality speakers.

The SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting also offers attendees the opportunity to network with peers and meet new colleagues who share similar interests. In addition to the ACNM banquet, SNMMI will host an evening social event in the exhibit hall on Friday, February 7. The exhibit hall will also be open during the day on Friday and Saturday, and attendees will be able to visit with top nuclear medicine and molecular imaging product and service providers to experience the latest in technology.

In addition to attending the scientific sessions while in Palm Springs, meeting participants will have the chance to explore the city. The desert resort town offers activities and attractions for all, including outdoor adventures, spa get-aways, museums, and a wide array of dining options.

Additional information about the meeting, including registration details, can be found at www.snmmi.org/mwm2014. I look forward to seeing you in Palm Springs in February.



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