

the use of PET amyloid- β under CED. Several groups, including SNMMI, warned that it is important to note that these billing instructions are not currently relevant, because no CMS-approved CED programs for such studies are in place.

SNMMI, along with the Alzheimer's Association, reported active work toward developing a registry for CMS approval. Such efforts often take months to approve and

implement. SNMMI will provide additional updates on its website. The February 6 CMS transmittal is available at www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R160NCD.pdf. The CMS Medicare Learning Network also offers a summary at www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM8526.pdf.

House of Delegates Votes for Task Force on SNMMI Governance

At the Mid-Winter Meeting in Palms Springs, CA, in February, the House of Delegates (HOD) discussed issues regarding the governance of SNMMI, including the role and function of the HOD and the makeup of the Board of Directors (BOD).

Concerns expressed were that the society bylaws give the HOD a very small role in governance, mainly to make recommendations to the BOD. The BOD, although made up of dedicated individuals, is not truly representative of the society as a whole. Most members of the BOD are academicians and technologists. Many segments of the SNMMI were felt to be underrepresented. Concern was expressed that the BOD needs to hear from all segments of the society, which is

made up of diverse individuals with different expertise and perspectives. This interaction of all segments of the society is what has made nuclear medicine great. In addition, it was of concern that the chairs of 3 of 5 of the important committees overseen by the HOD (Committee on Chapters and Centers, Committee on Councils, and Nominations Committee) are not selected by the committees or the HOD.

After discussion of these and other issues, the HOD voted to "establish an HOD task force to examine the state of the SNMMI governance, including the role of the HOD and membership representation on the BOD."

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