

SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting in Palm Springs: Focus on Cardiovascular Imaging

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The SNMMI 2019 Mid-Winter Meeting and American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) Annual Meeting will be held January 17–19 at the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel (CA). This year's specialty focus will be on cardiovascular imaging, and we will offer a full 3-day track on this topic area. In addition, we will offer a general track that covers a wide variety of topics and the Exhibit Hall, which will feature the latest technologies and products in the field.

Nuclear medicine and molecular imaging play a pivotal role in the evaluation, risk stratification, and management of patients with cardiovascular disease. The Mid-Winter Meeting offers both nuclear medicine professionals and cardiologists an opportunity to collaborate, share research developments, and discuss common interests that will improve the care of patients.

The cardiovascular track sessions will cover topics such as:

- improving value and quality in nuclear cardiology;
- PET in the diagnosis and management of cardiac sarcoidosis;
- cardiovascular infection imaging;
- new directions in cardiac PET;
- nuts and bolts of stress perfusion imaging;
- amyloidosis imaging;
- starting a cardiac PET program;
- new SPECT techniques and cameras;
- viability assessment; and
- new developments in cardiology relative to imaging.



The ACNM Annual Meeting will run concurrently with the SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting. It will, as always, have a scientific program with oral and poster presentations, an exciting plenary session, and a 3-day program that will highlight the latest developments in the clinical practice of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. The annual ACNM Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held Friday, January 18, at 7 PM.

These educational programs are made possible by the work of many volunteers. Thank you to each person who is participating in their development. In particular, I would like to thank:

- SNMMI, SNMMI-TS, and ACNM leadership;
- SNMMI Scientific Program Committee members: Umar Mahmood, MD, PhD, chair; Alan B. Packard, PhD, general program chair; Eleanor S. Mantel, CNMT, RT(N), Technologist Section program chair; Donna J. Cross, PhD, associate chair, categoricals; Heather Jacene, MD, associate chair, continuing education; and Terrence D. Ruddy, MD, associate chair, Mid-Winter Meeting specialty track.
- ACNM Annual Meeting Committee members: Saabry Osmany, MD, cochair; Erica Cohen, DO, MPH, CCD, cochair; Gary Ulaner, MD, PhD; Twyla Bartel, DO, MBA; and Simindokht Dadparvar, MD.

There is still time to submit an abstract for the meeting; the deadline is Wednesday, November 7. Young professionals (including those in training and those in practice within 10 years of graduation) are invited to submit clinical or scientific abstracts on: nuclear cardiology, aspects of clinical and basic science in nuclear medicine, correlative imaging in nuclear medicine and radiology, nuclear pharmacy and physics, radionuclide therapy, or quality and safety in nuclear medicine.

While in Palm Springs, attendees may take advantage of the area's sunny weather and special destinations, from Downtown and the Uptown Design District to the San Jacinto Mountains.

Begin planning your Mid-Winter schedule now to take full advantage of sessions, courses, and opportunities to network and collaborate! Registration is open, and more information is available at www.snmmi.org/mwm.