

## SNMMI Mid-Winter and ACNM Annual Meeting

The SNMMI Mid-Winter and American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) Annual Meeting, held entirely online January 28–31, featured a full range of educational, scientific, and professional offerings and was attended by more than 800 participants from around the world. The virtual platform featured 3 educational tracks highlighting the latest innovations and techniques in the field, with a special track focusing on therapy. Scientific sessions and technologist-focused programming were also available, with technologist sessions extending beyond the 3.5 days of the formal joint meeting. Sessions were available both live (with chat functionality) and on demand. In the dedicated Science Pavilion, recorded oral presentations, abstracts, and posters could be viewed, with questions submitted to authors.

Industry vendors and suppliers in the Virtual Exhibit Hall featured customized booths with videos and downloadable presentations. Direct text and video chat were also available to connect attendees and exhibit personnel. Industry-sponsored symposia covered “Precision imaging for detection and localization of recurrent prostate cancer” (Blue Earth Diagnostics, Inc.), “Role of Cerianna (<sup>18</sup>F-fluoroestradiol) in breast cancer imaging” (Zionexa), “Detectnet (<sup>64</sup>Cu-DOTATATE injection): A novel agent for PET imaging of neuroendocrine tumors” (Curium), “Expanded SPECT/CT integration

into clinical nuclear medicine” (Siemens Healthineers), and <sup>68</sup>Ga-PSMA-11: Advances in technology, demand, and supply: Industry leaders’ round-table discussion” (Telix Pharmaceuticals).

The ACNM Awards Ceremony, held on January 29, highlighted the ways in which meeting planners were able to successfully celebrate milestones and achievements despite the challenges associated with the pandemic. During this event, ACNM honored 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award winner Twyla Bartel, DO, MBA, and 2021 Gold Medal Award winner Jay Harolds, MD; inducted its 2021 class of ACNM fellows; and presented scientific and educational abstract awards.

Umar Mahmood, MD, PhD, chair of the SNMMI Scientific Program Committee, emphasized in welcoming remarks the collaborative effort that went into the complex planning and delivery of the SNMMI/ACNM meeting content: “As we continue to navigate this unprecedented time, I would like to sincerely thank the many planners of this year’s meeting—the SNMMI Scientific Program Committee, SNMMI Councils and Centers of Excellence, the SNMMI Technologist Section, and the ACNM. Despite all the personal and professional challenges that everyone is facing, they once again collaborated on a truly exceptional meeting.”

## SNMMI 2021 Annual Meeting

*To the nuclear medicine and molecular imaging/therapy community:*

While the initial rollout of the COVID vaccine is a positive first step, we all know that there is still a long road ahead before this pandemic is fully behind us. As the highest priority is the health and safety of everyone involved in our meeting, the decision has been made to transition the SNMMI 2021 Annual Meeting to a fully virtual event.

Like you, we were hopeful to return to an in-person meeting and are disappointed that we won’t be able to be together in Washington, DC. However, given SNMMI’s highly successful rollout of the 2020 Virtual Edition of our Annual Meeting, as well as subsequent virtual events, we are confident we can build on those successes and provide you with a dynamic virtual experience at the 2021 Annual Meeting this June 12–15.



Look for additional details on everything you’ve come to expect from the SNMMI Annual Meeting—cutting-edge educational programming, the latest scientific research, interactive exhibit hall, lively networking events, and more—at [www.snmmi.org](http://www.snmmi.org).

We look forward to seeing each of you virtually this June!

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