Guidelines for Nuclear Medicine Resident Case Log Entry
Review Committee for Nuclear Medicine

Tracking resident experience with Case Logs has been used by many specialties to provide valuable data to the Review Committee and individual programs. These data will allow the Review Committee to use realistic, evidence-based benchmarks for establishing Program Requirements. Individual programs will be able to compare their residents’ experiences to each other and, by using national data, to those of residents in other programs. This information will in turn enable program directors to fine tune their programs and optimize individual resident educational experiences.

We realize that tracking resident experiences using Case Logs is a new concept to the nuclear medicine GME community, and that this change represents a compromise between obtaining important data and adding burden. We appreciate your patience during the transition to the Case Log System.

The ACGME Case Log System is HIPPA-compliant, and there are agreements in place, created by the ACGME, between the covered entities and the sponsoring institutions.

Guidelines
It is the responsibility of individual residents to enter their own case data accurately and in a timely manner. The data entered will be monitored by the program directors, and ultimately will be analyzed by the Review Committee for Nuclear Medicine. Separate analysis reports are created annually for the Committee, for program directors, and for residents.

Residents should enter ALL required procedures performed during their Nuclear Medicine residency into the Case Log System. Inaccurate data entry will not allow the Committee to set accurate or realistic benchmarks.

Required Key Index Areas/CPT Codes to be tracked

- PET/CT (No longer required)
- Parenteral Therapy (79101, 79445)
- Radiiodine Therapy (79005):
  - Less than or equal to 33 millicuries (mCi) I-131
- Cardiac Stress Test: Pharmacologic or Exercise portion of exam performed by resident (93015)
- Pediatric (0-18 years of age):
  - There are no specified CPT codes for pediatric procedures.
  - All pediatric cases should be logged using generic code 78999
  - Residents may enter the specific name of the procedure/therapy in the comment box.

Note: Several "Other" CPT codes in the system are grouped under "Non-Required Additional Procedures."

Updates to the System
The System has been recently updated for nuclear medicine, including:

- Removal of the “Attending” field
- “Case ID” field not required

For additional specific information on logging cases, please refer to the following:

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Program directors are expected to ensure that:
• Residents understand how to use the system
• Entries are accurate and complete
• Case Logs are reviewed with residents during semi-annual evaluations

If you have any additional case log questions, please e-mail: webads@acgme.org