

## Winter 2016

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### **President's Message**

*Leonard M. Freeman, MD, FACNM, FACR*



For our new members, I would like to welcome you to the GCNMC and this winter's 2015-2016 Newsletter. For our old members, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our educational activities. Our membership has grown due to a great extent by the efforts of our immediate past president, Dr. Helena Balon. This year, the board has voted to extend complimentary council membership to Nuclear Medicine residents and technologists who are in-training. We encourage you all to attend our annual council membership meeting this coming June in San Diego, California.

Our primary mission is to provide a forum for council members with similar broad interests in radionuclide imaging. We have been very active in proposing and sponsoring educational activities at both the mid-winter and annual meetings of the SNMMI. These include both full day

Categorical Seminars as well Continuing Education (CME) courses throughout the meeting week. All of our educational programs offer SAM credits as well as CME credits.

This year, we have been very successful in having almost all of our proposals accepted by the scientific program committee. This has been both for the recent mid-winter meeting as well as the upcoming San Diego meeting in June. There were 4 CME course at the mid-winter meeting as well as 7 CME course and one Categorical course that will be offered at the June, 2016 annual meeting. They will be listed in the following two sections of this newsletter. For the upcoming annual meeting, the days and times are given so that you may have the opportunity to plan ahead and attend as many as you are interested in. I wish you all a happy, healthy and scientifically productive 2016.

### **GCNMC-Sponsored Education Sessions**

The GCNMC was pleased to sponsor the following CE sessions at the SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting, January 28-31, 2016 in Orlando, Florida:

- SPECT/CT and Lymphoscintigraphy (*co-sponsored with the Computer and Instrumentation Council*)
- Appropriate Use Criteria Working Groups
- Sialoadenitis after Radioiodine Therapy
- Radioiodine Therapy and Grave's eye disease

The GCNMC is pleased to offer the following educational sessions at the SNMMI Annual Meeting, June 11-15, 2016 in San Diego, California:

Categorical Session:

- Radionuclide Imaging of Inflammation & Infection: State of the Art and New Developments, *Saturday, June 11, 8:00am-4:00pm.*

Continuing Education Sessions:

- Gastrointestinal Bleeding Scintigraphy: Changing the Paradigm, *Sunday, June 12, 12:30pm-2:00pm.*
- Intestinal Transit Scintigraphy, *Sunday, June 12, 4:30pm-6:00pm.*
- Hepatobiliary Imaging and Acute Abdominal Pain, *Monday, June 13, 10:00am-11:30am.*
- Theranostics in Thyroid Cancer, *Monday, June 13, 12:30pm-2:00pm.*
- Diagnosis of Pulmonary Embolism: Update on the CTPA vs. V/Q Controversy, *Monday, June 13, 12:30pm-2:00pm.*
- Bone SPECT/CT Imaging in Orthopaedics, *Tuesday, June 14, 8:00am-9:30am.*
- Recurrent Clinical Issues with Breast Lymphoscintigraphy: Necessary Re-Evaluation Given Introduction of New Tracer and SPECT/CT, *Tuesday, June 14, 4:30pm-6:00pm.*

## Intern Report

*Zaid Al-Faham, MD*



I am currently a nuclear medicine chief resident at William Beaumont Hospital in Michigan, and will complete my residency training by the end of June 2016. I have had the honor of being the General Clinical Nuclear Medicine Council intern since 2015. During the first 6 months of my internship, I have focused on creating educational material about the nuclear medicine field for the medical students and residents. I have developed an educational lecture “introduction into nuclear medicine” and was able to present it to the family medicine residency program at Gross Point residency program in Michigan. The lecture is also available at the nuclear medicine residency program website, so any rotating radiology resident or medical student can benefit from it. My long term plans are presenting my lecture to multiple residency programs and medical students, and creating an educating poster about general nuclear medicine to post it in the hospital exhibit corridor. Support for Nuclear Medicine, in general, is important and I

encourage all residents/fellows to be involved and I am open to any suggestions.

## AUC Guidelines Update

*Kevin J. Donohoe, MD*



The Guidance Oversight Committee (GOC) has been busy this past year developing Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) for four nuclear medicine studies – Bone Scintigraphy in Prostate and Breast Cancer, Ventilation/Perfusion Imaging for Pulmonary Embolism; Hepatobiliary Scintigraphy; and FDG PET/CT in the Restaging of Neoplastic Disease. We hope to have all four of these AUC ready for approval at the annual meeting in June.

As expected, the development process has been a learning experience for the GOC; however, Dr. Sukhjeet Ahuja, Julie Kauffman and the rest of the knowledgeable staff have done a remarkable job of smoothing the bumps along the way. The GOC would also like to thank the current and recent past Presidents of SNMMI and SNMMI CEO Virginia Pappas for their enthusiastic support of this initiative.

The importance of nuclear medicine AUC for the future availability of nuclear medicine procedures has prompted the SNMMI leadership to approve the development of 5 more AUC in the coming year. These new documents will include

commonly performed nuclear medicine studies such as infection imaging and gastrointestinal motility as well as newer studies such as prostate imaging and imaging with somatostatin radiotracers. As the reimbursement landscape for diagnostic imaging procedures unfolds, these documents are essential to allow nuclear medicine procedures to be available to our patients as well as reimbursed in an efficient manner.

## **2016 GCNMC Board of Director Elections**

The GCNMC Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for the following positions on the GCNMC Board:

### **Two Board Members (*two-year term*)**

These elected individuals will take office at the conclusion of the SNMMI Annual Meeting in June 2016.

The GCNMC Nominating Committee would like to invite the GCNMC membership to nominate candidates for these positions. We ask you to remember that as a GCNMC Board Member, nominees will be tasked with helping the Council move into the new-year with new goals and initiatives as well as make an asserted effort to attend all Board meetings. Additionally, this is a great opportunity to get involved in GCNMC activities and we hope that, with your help, we are able to create a slate of candidates that will work hard to achieve the goals of this Council. The GCNMC Nominating Committee welcomes self-nominations.

Nominations should be forwarded to Ana Hilton at [ahilton@snmmi.org](mailto:ahilton@snmmi.org) by **February 29, 2016**. When sending in nominations, please include the specific position and attach the CV of the nominee if possible. Self-nominations are encouraged.

This is an exciting year for the General Clinical Nuclear Medicine Council, and we are glad you are a part of it. Please help us in finding new leadership to continue the success the council is known for.

**Save the Date! [SNMMI Annual Meeting](#), San Diego, CA – June 11-15, 2016**

**Please visit the [General Clinical Nuclear Medicine Council](#) website for more information and to join!**

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