In This Issue:
President’s Message
2023 Distinguished Service and Tom Miller Lectureship Awardees
Meet Some of Our AC Leaders
ABNM Updates
Past and Upcoming Sessions and Webinars

President’s Message  Twyla Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM, FSNMMI

The Academic Council has been very busy planning and providing current/future items, especially several educational offerings. I would like to thank our AC “Team” to include our immediate past board members and intern as well our current and new board members and intern for such a cohesive and involved group of individuals who have and continue to contribute much of their ideas and time to making the AC successful for the SNMMI. A special thanks to our outgoing Intern, Dr. Andrezza Dambroza from Brazil, and board members, Dr. Shana Elman, James Tyler Middlebrooks, MS, NMTCB(RS, and Keisha C. McCall, PhD.

It is so nice and refreshing to have been able to see many of you in person at the last two meetings! I will make this section short to share pics of some of our AC team at these meetings! Please read through the rest of this newsletter to see our past and upcoming activities. If you are interested in becoming involved more, please email Teresa Ellmer @ tellmer@snmmi.org.
2023 AC Distinguished Service & Tom Miller Lectureship Awardees

The Academic Council offers different awards to recognize individuals within the field who have made significant contributions to Nuclear Medicine. Two of these were awarded just recently, and a webinar will soon occur with lectures from these individuals.

The Academic Council Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize individuals within Nuclear Medicine who have distinguished themselves through a career dedicated to the advancement of patient care through academic achievement and education. This individual must have also demonstrated extraordinary leadership and dedication to the council. We also congratulate Dr. Erica Cohen as the recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Service Award.

Erica Cohen Major, DO, MPH, CCD, FACNM
Assistant Chive of Nuclear Medicine
Henry Hines VA Hospital
Chicago, Illinois

The Academic Council also congratulates Dr. Twyla Bartel as the 2023 Tom Miller Lectureship Award recipient. This was established recognizing Dr. Miller’s dedication to the society and our field. He was one of SNMMI’s Scientific Program Chairs for many years.

Twyla Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM, FSNMMI
Co-Owner
Global Advanced Imaging, PLLC
Little Rock, Arkansas
Meet Some of the AC Leaders & Intern

Following is your Academic Council Leadership:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Twyla B. Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM, FSNMMI</td>
<td>President</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Erica J. Cohen, DO, MPH, FACNM</td>
<td>Immediate Past President</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bital Savir-Baruch, MD, FACNM</td>
<td>Vice President</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Justin G. Peacock, MD, PhD</td>
<td>Treasurer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lesley Flynt, MD, FACNM</td>
<td>Secretary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gholam Reza Berenji, MD, FACNM</td>
<td>Board of Directors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ishani Dalal, MD</td>
<td>Board of Directors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Somali Gavane, MD</td>
<td>Board of Directors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blaine T. Mischen, MD</td>
<td>Board of Directors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jian (Michael) Q. Yu, MD, FACNM, FSNMMI</td>
<td>Board of Directors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Twyla B. Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM, FSNMMI</td>
<td>SNMMI Board Liaison</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Erin Grady, MD, CCD, FACNM, FSNMMI</td>
<td>Officer/NMPD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emmanuel Carrodeguas</td>
<td>Intern</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Keisha McCall  
Immediate Past Board Member

Where did you receive nuclear medicine and/or radiology training? University of Wisconsin – Madison (Graduate school); Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (Post-doctoral fellowship)

Where are you currently practicing at? Henry Ford Health

What are your primary nuclear medicine interests? Quantitative imaging (PET, SPECT); Dosimetry

Name at least 1 of your hobbies. Hiking

What is a single piece of advice for our trainees? Be actively involved in SNMMI and other professional societies, e.g., volunteer, join a committee or task group, teach courses/present papers.

Why do you think someone should join the Academic Council? Membership is crucial to support the Academic Council’s mission of promoting medical education, research, and patient care. Additionally, membership benefits include professional career development resources, education, training, and mentoring.
Where did you receive nuclear medicine and/or radiology training? Nuclear medicine was at William Beaumont Hospital. Radiology at Henry Ford Hospital.

Where are you currently practicing at? Over the past 16 years, I have served as a senior staff member at the prestigious Henry Ford Hospital. Furthermore, I hold the position of a Clinical Associate Professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. In addition to that, I have taken on the role of Director of Radiology Research, particularly focusing on medical students.

What are your primary nuclear medicine interests? My clinical interests revolve around general nuclear medicine, nuclear cardiology, theranostics, and molecular imaging. I am dedicated to assisting medical students, radiology residents, and fellows with their research endeavors in the field of radiology.

Name at least 1 of your hobbies. In my spare time, I indulge in the art of writing poems in Gujrati, English, and Hindi languages, allowing me to express my creativity and emotions.

What is a single piece of advice for our trainees? Remember to trust your inner instincts and pursue what you genuinely believe is right. By working diligently towards your goals, you can achieve remarkable success.

Why do you think someone should join the Academic Council? The AC within the field of Nuclear Medicine presents a unique opportunity for education-focused professionals. It plays a pivotal role in training aspiring individuals and providing continuous education for seasoned practitioners. By joining the Academic Council, you can connect with like-minded individuals, contribute to the planning of impactful educational programs, and shape the future of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging.
Where did you receive nuclear medicine and/or radiology training? Loyola University Medical Center

Where are you currently practicing at? Stanford University

What are your primary nuclear medicine interests? I like it all! I can't choose one thing

Name at least 1 of your hobbies. Spending time with family and friends.

What is a single piece of advice for our trainees? Remember to keep an open mind. There is always more than one way to do anything and learning the "why" is always instructive.

Why do you think someone should join the Academic Council? If you are involved in academic medicine, the academic council always has its finger on the pulse of what is current. It's also a great way to network with others.

American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM) Updates

Gholam Reza Berenji, M, MS, FACNM

As we marked the 50th anniversary of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine, many achievements have been accomplished by the board to further improve the services to the ABNM diplomates and trainees.

New directors’ recruitment has been modified with introduction of a self-nomination process. This change was instrumental to keep the board diversity and inclusivity and offer an opportunity to all diplomates to contribute to the Board advancement.

Certlink 2.0, the longitudinal assessment tool, has been introduced with an upgraded delivery system, an improved interface and added functionalities.

To further facilitate question writing and archiving, a new question data bank system has been implemented. The full transition to the new system is near completion this year. The new system allows direct entry of new questions and facilitates reviews and selection of exam items.

Along with these changes, the Board has updated the exams blueprints and exam subcommittees to match the new changes in the practice of nuclear medicine such as newly-approved diagnostic and therapeutic radiotracers. Additionally, the in-service exam delivery which was paper-based has been converted to all electronic to improve image quality, ease of delivery, and potential cost savings.

As all of us have been impacted by the pandemic, The Board decided to decrease the MOC fees due to economic impacts on the diplomates. The cost was partially subsidized by additional savings due to converting the bi-annual board meetings from in-person to virtual during the pandemic. The Board has decided to extend the discount for another year in 2023.
Upcoming 2023 AC Webinars


NOVEMBER 2, 2023, 12 PM PT: Quick Tips for Planning and Execution of Bringing Radiopharmaceuticals to Your Institution and Operating a Theranostics Center – Drs. Shana Elman and Bital Savir-Baruch

Upcoming 2023 Virtual Nuclear Medicine Review Course

This course will be virtual on September 9 and 10, 2023. Look for registration and further details soon on the SNMMI website and in your emails.

Completed AC-Sponsored Sessions:

2023 SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting

Jeopardy Style Game to Review Important Aspects of Nuclear Medicine You Need to Know (In collaboration with Nuclear Medicine Program Directors’ Group, Early Career Professionals, Advanced Associate Council)

SNMMI Annual Meetings

Categorical - Boost Your Brain Metabolism and Knowledge with Interactive Difficult and Interesting Nuclear Medicine Cases (In collaboration with multiple councils and centers)

How am I supposed to do something I’ve never seen before? Accelerating Nuclear Medicine Education through simulation.

JOIN THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Council membership is voluntary. Society members are eligible for council membership and can belong to as many councils as they wish. The Academic Council dues are $15.00.

You can join online at www.snmmi.org/join or send an email to memberinfo@snmmi.org