Council Report to the SNMMI Board of Directors
January 2020

CARDIOVASCULAR COUNCIL

Council Mission: The Cardiovascular Council is a group within The Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Society, dedicated to the interchange of scientific and medical ideas among Society members who have interest in cardiovascular imaging using radiopharmaceuticals. The overall mission of the Cardiovascular Council is to:

(a) provide a forum for members with similar interests
(b) provide expertise in the field of interest to the membership
(c) foster research and education in the field of interest
(d) provide outreach to other professionals and organizations
(e) nurture new membership into the Society
(f) serve as a resource to SNMMI Leadership

Council Mission and SNMMI’s Strategic Plan: The work of the Cardiovascular Council applies to the following goals and objectives in SNMMI’s Strategic Plan:

Goal A: SNMMI members are known for high-quality, value-driven performance and delivery of patient-centered nuclear medicine practice.

Objective 1: Increase the development and dissemination of clinical guidance documents, including appropriate use criteria.

The CVC has jointly published and co-sponsored two documents since the last report:


Goal F: SNMMI has the organizational strength and sustainability to lead the field in a dynamic healthcare landscape.

Objective 1: Strengthen membership numbers.
d. Ensure enthusiasm.
   iii. Create a sense of community and networking opportunities among our members.

The CVC publishes newsletters 2-3 times per year and has two active council interns. The Council actively seeks involvement of the membership in educational programs and encourages new members to join the community. The CVC also sponsors two major awards. The Hermann Blumgart Award recognizes scientific contributions to the field and service to the society while the Outstanding Educator Award recognizes teach contributions and service to the society.

**Cardiovascular Council President:** Venkatesh L. Murthy, MD, PhD

**CVC 2019-2021 Intern/Mentor:** Matthieu Pelletier-Galarneau/Albert Sinusas Réne Packard/Venkatesh Murthy

**Date of Last meeting:** June 23, 2019

**Date of Next meeting:** Confirmed: Board of Directors Meeting – January 2020

**Update on Council Programs:**

**2020 SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting CE Sessions:**
- The Changing Landscape of Nuclear Myocardial Perfusion Imaging
- Cardiovascular Inflammation/Infection Case-Based Workshop
- Nuts and Bolts of Modern SPECT MPI

**2020 SNMMI Annual Meeting Categorical Session:**
- Nuclear Cardiology in 2020 and Beyond: Image Guided Decision Making

**2020 SNMMI Annual Meeting CE Sessions:**
- Cardiovascular Molecular Imaging
- Non-Invasive Evaluation of CAD in 2020
- Advanced Topics in Cardiac Amyloidosis
- Nuts & Bolts of Myocardial Blood Flow: Clinical Applications
- Cardiovascular Boot Camp
- CVC Awards Sessions
- Cardiovascular Infection Imaging

**Awards:**
- Hermann Blumgart Award 2020 – Piotr Slomka, PhD
- Outstanding Educator Award 2020 – Diwaker Jain, MD

**Action Items in Progress/Pending:**
- Preparation for 2021 Mid-Winter and Annual Meeting
- Appropriate Use Criteria for PET-Myocardial Perfusion Imaging Multi-Society Document (Chair Dr Thomas Schindler)
- Cardiac PET/MR Training Guidelines (Chair Dr Terrence Ruddy)
- Cardiovascular Infection Imaging Scientific Statement (Chair: Dr. Miller)
Action Items Completed:  See programs above

Recommendations/Questions for the Board of Directors: N/A

Other Comments: N/A