

Summer, 2007

## Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

### Residency Review Committee Meetings

- **November 02, 2007**  
Submission deadline: **10/02/2007**
- **May 02, 2008**  
Submission deadline: **04/02/2008**

Please submit any interim requests (increases in resident complement, approval of participating institutions) for consideration by the RRC by the dates listed above.

### SNM 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Nuclear Medicine Program Directors Meeting

The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) will held their annual meeting on June 2-6, 2007 in Washington, DC. The Nuclear Medicine Program Directors Association will also held their annual meeting at the same venue on Monday, June 4, 2007 For more information and registration for future meetings, please visit the Society for Nuclear Medicine website at [www.snm.org](http://www.snm.org) → Meetings.

## ACGME Update

### ACGME's Executive Director/CEO Announces his Retirement

In November of 2006, ACGME's Executive Director/CEO, David Leach, MD, announced his retirement, effective September 30, 2007, after 10 years. ACGME's search to select Dr. Leach's successor is being led by William Hartmann, MD, the Chair of ACGME's Board of Directors. A search committee has been selected from the Board.

At the February meeting of the Board of Directors, the Search Committee selected Heidrick & Struggles, an executive search firm, to assist in the screening of candidates.

### ACGME Names New Executive Director

Missy Fleming, PhD has been named Executive Director of the review committees for Anesthesiology, Diagnostic Radiology, and Nuclear Medicine at the ACGME. Dr. Fleming will oversee the activities of the review committees and lead the teams that provide support to



these committees.

Dr. Fleming comes to the ACGME from the American Medical Association, where she served as the program director for child and adolescent health. Dr. Fleming has a doctorate in counseling psychology and a master's degree in higher education, both from Loyola University Chicago.

### **Parker J. Palmer Award 2008**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Parker J. Palmer "[Courage to Teach](#)" and "[Courage to Lead](#)" Award.

Each year, the ACGME honors outstanding Designated Institutional Officials (DIOs) and program directors who have found innovative ways to teach residents and improve the quality of resident education by awarding 10 program directors and 3 DIOs with this prestigious award.

Please visit our website at <http://www.acgme.org> for more information and to download the application.

### **Nuclear Medicine Program Update**

#### **Competency Workshop**

Dr. Rita M. Patel, DIO at the University of Pittsburgh, conducted a workshop for members of the RRC during the November, 2006 meeting. The goal was to further identify requirements and expectations for the ACGME competencies in reviewing a program's progress on implementing the Competency/Outcomes Project. The RRC will begin to issue citation(s) with consequences and will include, in addition, suggestions for improvement.

### **New Program Requirements for Nuclear Medicine**

The new program requirements for Nuclear Medicine will be in effect beginning July 1, 2007. Major changes include the increase in training from 2 to 3 years and strengthening of PET/CT training. To download the [new requirements](#), please visit our website.

### **Documentation of Admission Prerequisite (I.B.2)**

A common omission at the time of the site visit is a lack of documentation of preparatory post-doctoral training. Prior to beginning a nuclear medicine residency, a trainee must satisfactorily complete one or more years of training in a residency program that provides broad clinical education, with primary emphasis on the patient and the patient's clinical problems. The training program must be accredited by one of the following organizations, or must provide equivalent clinical training.

1. Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
2. American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
3. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)
4. Professional Corporation of Physicians of Quebec (PCPQ)

Documentation of the preparatory training must include, at a minimum, the resident's diploma or a letter from the director of that program confirming the number of months completed and stating that the trainee has, or will have, successfully completed the program on a specific date. Copies of these documents must be maintained in the resident's folder and be available for inspection by the site visitor.

If the preparatory post-doctoral training is

not accredited by one of the programs listed above, prior to beginning their nuclear medicine residency, potential trainees must petition the ABNM to accept their prior training as being equivalent to the required training. A copy of the letter from the ABNM granting credit for previous training must be maintained in the resident's folder and be available for inspection by the site visitor.

## ADS Update

Programs are reminded that the following requests are required to be submitted through the Accreditation Data System (ADS) <http://www.acgme.org/ads>. Paper requests will no longer be accepted.

- Program director changes
- Requests for increases in resident complement
- Changes in participating institutions

Please note that although a request for a temporary increase may be approved administratively, all requests for permanent increases must be scheduled on the RRC agenda. For log-in assistance, please contact the ADS helpdesk at [WebADS@acgme.org](mailto:WebADS@acgme.org) or 312-755-7464.

## RRC Update

### **Bruce Line, MD (1947-2007)**

*By Darlene Metter, MD*

Bruce Line, MD, member of the Residency Review Committee for Nuclear Medicine, professor in the



Department of Diagnostic Radiology and director of Nuclear Medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center, died April 17<sup>th</sup> of cancer at his home in Cockeysville, MD.

Appointed by the ABNM, Dr. Line began his term as an active member of the Nuclear Medicine RRC in 2006. His insightful input and wise comments were an invaluable contribution to the committee. The Line family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine at the [University of Maryland School of Medicine](http://www.ummsc.edu).

## Committee Member Update

The ACGME would like to extend their sincere gratitude to

**Lalitha**

**Ramanna, MD,**

and **Terence Beven, MD** for their contributions to RRC for Nuclear

Medicine. Dr. Ramanna and Dr. Beven completed their 6-year terms on December 31, 2006.



The RRC welcomes **Christopher J. Palestro, MD** and **Leonie Gordon, MD**, to the committee. Terms for both Dr. Palestro and Dr. Gordon began January 1, 2007.

## RRC Elects Alternate RRC Member

The Spring RRC meeting, the committee unanimously elected **Michael M. Graham, MD, PhD**, for a two-year term as the alternate member to the RRC for Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Graham was a former chair of the RRC and he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the committee.



As an alternate member, he will not attend all RRC meetings; instead, he will be ready to review programs and attend meetings when a committee member is unable.

## Call for Nominations - RRC Resident Representative

The RRC for Nuclear Medicine would like to solicit nominations from program directors and faculty for the resident position on the committee. The term is for 2 years and will begin July 1, 2008. The nominations could be made for a resident at any level of training. The ACGME Policies and Procedures allow for the resident member to be out of training for up to one year after their appointment.

To nominate a resident, please submit:

- a current curriculum vitae
- 2 letters of recommendation summarizing the candidate's qualifications
- a letter of support from the chair or program director

The resident selected is expected to attend two (2) RRC meetings a year,

two (2) Resident Council meetings, as well as an orientation session in February of their first year.

Nominations must be received by **August 31, 2007**. All nominations should be submitted to:

Missy Fleming, PhD  
Executive Director  
ACGME  
515 North State Street, Ste. 2000  
Chicago, IL 60610

Alternatively, they may be sent by email to [nrdeyagcier@acgme.org](mailto:nrdeyagcier@acgme.org).

## Residency Review Committee

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Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology  
Washington University School of Medicine

**Darlene Metter, MD** (Chair)  
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

**Leonie Gordon, MD**  
Medical University of South Carolina

**Christopher J. Palestro, MD**  
Long Island Jewish Medical Center

**Patrice Rehm, MD** (Vice-chair)  
University of Virginia Health Systems

**Tracy Brown, MD, PhD** (Resident Member)  
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