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Nuclear Medicine: Equipment Life Expectancy Study-2014

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You can find the conclusion on page 23 of the document. This approach and this mathematical model to evaluate the life expectancy and replacement of nuclear medicine equipment has not been validated in clinical practice for a sufficient period of time so its actual performance remains to be determined. Before its final adoption as a standard for the entire community, a prospective evaluation over a few years will be necessary.

Étude sur la durée de vie des équipements en médecine nucléaire-2014

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Vous trouverez la conclusion à la page 23 du document. Cette approche et ce modèle mathématique d'évaluation de la durée de vie des équipements de médecine nucléaire n'a pas été validée dans la pratique sur une période de temps suffisante pour évaluer sa performance et sa pertinence. Avant son adoption finale comme standard par l'ensemble de la communauté, une évaluation prospective sur au moins quelques années est nécessaire.

The CANM does not support the joint statement issued by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABMN) and the American Board of Radiology (ABR) that proposes to replace the current 5 years residency training program in nuclear medicine with a hybrid DR/NM subspecialty and to abolish the ABMN. [Read more.](#)

The CANM is involved with a Working Group on Isotope Supply coordinated by Health Canada.

This Group is composed of members from provincial departments of Health and is assessing isotope supply and potential methods of reacting to shortages going forward as we enter the critical period of 2016 through 2020. This Group is in its infancy but moving forward quickly. Information from it will be posted on our Website and distributed to members as it becomes available.

The CANM collaborates with the Canadian Association of Radiopharmacy Scientists (CARS) on a Working Group with Health Canada (HC):

A standing working group has been formed with HC, allowing regular teleconference meetings and an annual face-to-face meeting to discuss regulation of radiopharmaceuticals. Important opportunity to dialogue, have concerns heard and make potential progress with regulations that are problematic. The process will be slow but initial contact has begun the process. It involves members of our Association, and radiopharmaceutical scientists and workers. Working groups have been established. They will provide input to HC on possible regulatory reform or clarifications based on issues we face. HC is currently reviewing regulations as they pertain to SPECT and

PET, which we hope to have some positive results from. An early opportunity involves the topic of orphan drug legislation and whether we may be able to leverage that to ease access to some of our less commonly used and low availability traders and therapies. This is being discussed and input from the community has been received. It will be slow given the bureaucracies needs but progress, which will hopefully have positive outcomes for us and our patients. It is a very successful cooperative model with the CARS.

The CADTH is developing a **Canadian Medical Imaging Inventory**. It will provide decision-makers information about the availability of various imaging modalities. We encourage you to respond to this bi-annual survey in the coming weeks. The results will be published on the CADTH website in the spring of 2016.

*L'ACMTS élabore actuellement un **inventaire canadien d'imagerie médicale**. Cet inventaire offrira aux décideurs de l'information au sujet de la disponibilité de techniques d'imagerie. Nous vous encourageons à répondre à l'enquête bisannuelle que vous recevrez au cours des prochaines semaines. Les résultats seront publiés sur le site de l'ACMTS au printemps 2016.*

Preparations are on-going for the CANM Annual Conference in beautiful Halifax, April 21-24, 2016 with the addition of a radiopharmacy course for residents

Preliminary Program/Programme préliminaire

Call for Abstracts/Demande de résumés: **Deadline/Date limite: February 15, 2016**

CANM Emeritus Award 2016-Nomination/Prix émérite de l'ACMN 2016- Candidature

Travel & Accommodation/Transport & Hébergement



- The CANM was an exhibitor at the SNMMI 2015 in Baltimore to promote the CANM's bid to host the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (WFNMB) Congress in Vancouver in 2022. More representations will be done by the CANM at IPET 2015 in Vienna, at the EANM Annual Conference 2015 in Hamburg and at the ALASBIMN 2015 in Punta del Este this fall. It would be extremely beneficial to the specialty of Nuclear Medicine to obtain the World Conference in 2022. The vote will be taken at the EANM Conference in Barcelona in October 2016.

- The CANM collaborated with the Choosing Wisely Campaign.

- The CANM is continuously updating its Website to be more user-friendly and adding more information for its members and stakeholders.

The CANM continues to work on the following topics with its Task Forces, established by the CANM Strategic Plan:

- Advocacy
- Quality Assurance
- Education
- World Congress 2022