

## UEMS/EBNM Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Departments: Technologists' Role

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Accreditation process, in any field of activity represents a way to certify, to prove and to recognize existing standards and the value of what the subject of accreditation is.

Nuclear medicine is a complex and a challenging profession which suffered great changes from the moments when it moved from the laboratory to the clinic (the moment when the gamma camera was invented in 1956 by Hal O Anger) until the present days when new and spectacular perspectives appear. In this modern and challenging context, medical system itself suffers great changes in Europe and worldwide. In Europe, an interesting aspect is the mobility of personnel and patients between departments or even countries. In the last decade are more and more obvious the changes and new positions of health insurances companies that are extending their activities through Europe from a country to another. Having this complex situation, it is important for nuclear medicine departments to prove their existing standards and competencies, the quality of their services.

European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM), Union Europeene de Medicines Specialists with European Board of Nuclear Medicine (UEMS/EBNM) and other European or national professional boards and organizations promote high standards for training and practice in the field of Nuclear Medicine. In order to certify that a certain nuclear medicine department meets the requirements and respects the European standards, UEMS/EBNM created a specific committee who may analyze the existing standards and to give a certification which proves that the necessary requirements are met.

For nuclear medicine technologists it is important to be aware of this availability. As a part of personnel structure, with an important contribution in the daily routine of a nuclear medicine department, nuclear medicine technologist represents not only a professional specialist which may be involved in the accreditation process but also an important part of the subject of accreditation.

### Further readings

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