

# Report from international NM working party

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Some countries have encouraged their nuclear medicine radiographers and technologists to enhance the clinical service they offer in order to improve patient care and management. In some instances this has resulted in technologist and radiographer clinical skill and knowledge to be increased to enable the adoption of roles previously or currently undertaken by the medical profession (doctors). Responsibilities now performed by technologists and radiographers include image reading, leading cardiac stress sessions, administering drugs, leading unsealed source therapy clinics and the formal requesting of additional procedures (e.g. x-ray and CT imaging).

In the context of nuclear medicine, this presentation intends to stimulate debate on whether the advancement of clinical practice for radiographers and technologists is worthwhile to the patient and the professional themselves. The presentation will draw on an international consultation paper that has been produced jointly between the Technologist Committees of EANM and SNM. That consultation paper is presently open for comment and the intention is that a final document will be produced ready to be published in October 2011.

In the context of advanced practice, this year, an international working party was established to create a consultation paper outlining a potential vision and statements of intent. The initial remit of the working party was to produce a consultation document and then to take opinions from radiographers, technologists and others from around the world. This presentation will be the second public airing of the consultation paper and critique of it will be invited.

At the end of the presentation the audience will be encouraged to express their opinions about the consultation paper.