Round Table Discussion on Advanced Practice

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This session, representing joint work between EANM TC and SNM TS, continues the debate on entry level and advanced practice for nuclear medicine radiographers and technologists. The purpose of this session is to further develop the debate to order to reach a Euro-American definition for the scope of advanced and entry level practice. The current work only focuses to clinical imaging and the roles which are closely associated with this. We accept that radiographers and technologists play broader roles within nuclear medicine but initially, in order to make the work more achievable, we have focused to clinical imaging.

Following a short presentation by one of the moderators, the session will move to a consultation exercise about practice levels and scope within nuclear medicine clinical imaging. This will likely take the form of electronic voting based on competency statements. The data will be used to help inform the next stage of the work. The final part of this session will seek to solicit opinion from the audience so that practice areas that have been missed can be identified and those which have been covered can be further clarified.

Do try to attend this session as your input will help to shape the future scope and depth of practice of nuclear medicine technologists and radiographers in America and Europe.

Objectives

1. Within nuclear medicine clinical imaging, identify the range of areas in which entry and advanced practices may develop.

2. As part of a consultation exercise, solicit audience opinion so that the data can be used to help determine which practices will be proposed as entry and advanced practices in nuclear medicine clinical imaging.