



Winter 2008/2009

Submit Abstracts for CCSNM Spring Meeting by Jan. 23, 2009 Deadline

The Program Committee for the Central Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine is soliciting abstracts for papers to be presented at the 2009 Annual Spring Meeting of the CCSNM, to be held April 3–4, 2009, at the Marriott Chicago Oak Brook in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Abstracts must be [submitted online](#). **The deadline for submissions is Jan. 23, 2009.**

Who May Submit Abstracts: The Program Committee invites contributions in nuclear medicine from both members and nonmembers of the SNM. However, only members may receive awards. Awards may be presented to residents, basic science trainees, technologists and students as noted below.

CCSNM Awards: Abstracts can be considered for 4 awards.

Rena Henkin Best Technologist Paper—CCSNM-TS (oral presentation only): \$250. Senior author must be a technologist SNM member. A \$750 educational grant may be awarded to the top-scoring author if this abstract is also accepted for presentation at the next SNM annual meeting.

W. H. Beierwaltes Award (oral presentation only): \$250. Senior author must be a resident or basic scientist trainee.

Best Technologist Paper—CCSNM (oral presentation only): \$250. Senior author must be a technologist SNM member.

Best Student Papers—CCSNM-TS (oral presentation only): \$200, \$150, \$100. Author must be a student SNM member. \$200 is awarded for the 1st place presentation, \$150 for 2nd place and \$100 for 3rd place. 10 top student abstracts eligible for \$150 Grant.

If you have any questions, please contact the CCSNM office at 630-323-7028, or email info@ccsnm.org.

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Central Chapter Technologist President's Column: Your Central Chapter Governance

By Judith E. Kosegi, MS, ARRT (R,N), CNMT



All members are aware of the wonderful educational opportunities that the Central Chapter Society of Nuclear Medicine provides. The Chapter sponsors two meetings per year (spring and fall) plus a grass roots continuing education opportunity with the Road Shows which are offered in the fall in all states within the Central Chapter except the one which sponsors the regular fall meeting.

Continuing education is an extremely important function which the Chapter provides for all professionals in the field of nuclear medicine. Plus attendees at the regular meetings get the opportunity to meet vendors, network with others in the field, and hear lectures and research paper presentations. Finally, your society represents you at the national Society of Nuclear Medicine level and works to help pass legislation for the fields of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

However, how many members realize how these opportunities are developed and provided? Well it is though the wonderful volunteer efforts of the members, themselves.

The society employs an excellent Executive Director to manage day to day administrative functions; however; all actions must be decided by committees and officers who are members of the Central Chapter. Without the efforts of these volunteers there could be no society to provide the excellent educational opportunities.

Being a member of a committee, a committee chair, a chapter representative at the national level, or an officer provides members with great rewards. Besides attending the fall and spring governance and education meetings, they get to network with the “movers and shakers” within their fields.

In addition the society reimburses the Technologist President, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer for attending the chapter meetings. The President and President Elect are reimbursed for attending the Mid-Winter and Annual governance meetings of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. There is a proposal under consideration to also sponsor the Treasurer and Secretary at these national governance meetings. What a great opportunity!

So when are the Central Chapter governance meetings? They are always held the day before the regular education meetings start. Whether you are on a committee or not, all members are invited to attend these governance meetings.

Please come see how your society works and consider getting involved! The society is also working on proposals that will introduce more technologist students to the meetings to present papers, hear the education lectures, and attend the governance meetings to see how it all comes together.



The spring Central Chapter meeting will be held in the Chicago suburb of Oak Brook from **April 3 - 5, 2009** but we encourage you to come on **April 2** to attend the Governance meetings. Your Chapter needs YOU!

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Central Chapter Society of Nuclear Board of Governors 2009 Call for Nominations

By Gary L. Dillehay, MD, FACNP Immediate Past President



The Central Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine is seeking nominations for qualified individuals to serve on the Board of Governors of the Chapter. The Board of Governors is the governing body of the Chapter. They meet twice during the year, once at the Annual Spring Meeting and once at the Fall Educational Symposium.

Nominations are open to physicians and scientists. Technologist representatives on the Board of Governors are selected through the nominating and election process conducted by the Technologist Section.

The link to the nominating form can be accessed from the Central Chapter web Site at www.ccsnm.org.

There are two positions to be filled for individuals whose terms expire following the CCSNM 2008 Annual Meeting, April 3–5, 2009, at the Marriott Chicago Oak Brook in Oak Brook, Illinois. Terms are for three years. The Nominating Committee will offer their selection in an electronic ballot to be e-mailed to Chapter membership in January.

You may also nominate yourself for these positions. This is a great way to give back to the nuclear medicine specialty, lend your voice to important decisions of the chapter and to develop your leadership skills. Deadline for nominations is **Friday, Jan. 9, 2009**.

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2009 Call for Nominations for the Central Chapter SNM Technologists Section

*By Paul J. Reaume, BS, ARRT, (R,N), CNMT
Immediate Past President*

The Technologists Section of the Central Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine is seeking individuals to serve on the Executive Council and Committees. We have opportunities to help develop your skills, such as leadership, communication and team building, and enable you to serve the Nuclear Medicine community. This is a good way to



have a positive impact on the direction and future of Nuclear Medicine, the CCSNMETS and to meet and network with like-minded people.

There are four positions available:

President-Elect

Secretary

Board of Governors

Bylaws Committee.

Descriptions of these positions are included on the nominating form, which can be accessed from the CCSNM web site at www.ccsnm.org. The Nominating Committee will present their selections in a ballot to members of the Technologist Section through an email in January. Deadline for nominations is **Friday, Jan. 9, 2009**.

The current members of the Technologist Section Executive Council are listed below.

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Rebecca Sajdak, BA, CNMT

Computer Specialist
Loyola University Medical Center
Section on Nuclear Medicine
Maywood, Illinois

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CCSNM 2008 Fall Meeting Recap

The CCSNM's Fall Educational Symposium was held Oct. 24 and 25, 2008 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Following the title of *On the Horizon: What's Nu in Nuclear Medicine*, the program provided insight into some of the new technology that was now or soon would be available for Nuclear Medicine and patient care.

Rick V. Hay, MD, formerly of the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, was the program chair for this meeting with Chris Bopp, CNMT, of Western Michigan Heart, and Troy Giambernardi, PhD of Van Andel Institute, serving as co-chairs.

The Pantlin Ballroom at the Amway Grand was packed with 247 registrants including 58 non-member technologists and 44 students. There were also 19 tabletop exhibitors to provide more detailed discussions of “What’s Nu in Nuclear Medicine.”



Rick V. Hay, MD, Program Chair for Fall Meeting





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Four CCSNMTS Members Attend Leadership Academy

By Rebecca Sajdak, BA, CNMT

Four members of the Central Chapter had the distinct privilege of attending the Society of Nuclear Medicine's

Technologist Section (SNMTS) Leadership Academy this fall. The Academy was sponsored in part by IBA Molecular. Representing the Central Chapter at the October 24-26 event were Paul Reaume, Jim Timpe, and Dave Urani and me. Paul attended the Academy last year and now serves as the chair of the Professional Development Committee.



Four members of the Central Chapter attended the SNMTS Leadership Academy. From left, Paul Reaume, Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, Detroit, MI, chair of the Professional Development Committee; Jim Timpe, Advocate South Suburban Hospital, Hazel Crest, IL, Rebecca Sajdak and Dave Urani, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL. Paul, displays the Halloween drawing that his daughter sent with him to the Academy.

There were a total of fifteen technologists from around the country who expressed an interest in enhancing their leadership abilities and were selected to attend the Academy. The goal was to bring technologists together to learn more about the structure and culture of the SNMTS. Additionally, the Academy aimed at improving their leadership skills in order for them to successfully move up into leadership roles in the Society.

The two days were packed full of educational and interactive team building activities, providing this select group of technologists with better tools to enable them to become more effective leaders in our field. Each technologist had the opportunity to learn about their personality types and factors critical to the development of organizational success now and into the future.

Key developmental tools to help improve organizational ability were taught through heartwarming and interactive discussions with a superb instructor combined with various physical challenges that helped us learn firsthand about effective communication, effective leadership and teamwork development. Those attending the Academy left with a better understanding of workplace preferences and increased confidence in their ability to improve

team effectiveness, manage stress, and reduce conflict. It certainly lived up to its name, The SNMTS Leadership Academy.

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Preview of Central Chapter 2009 Meeting Slated for April 3–5

**Central Chapter 2009 Annual Spring Meeting
April 2–5, 2009
Marriott Hotel, Oak Brook, Illinois**

No More *No-clear* Medicine “Integrating Anatomy into Physiology”

Come join us for the Central Chapter’s Annual Spring Meeting in the beautiful Oak Brook suburb of Chicago, Illinois. With the topic title of *No More No-clear Medicine: “Integrating Anatomy into Physiology.”* The education program will be held Friday/Sunday, April 3-5, 2009 with the governance meetings held on Thursday, April 2. The days will be spent in an enlightening learning experience and the evenings can be spent in world class shopping at the Oak Brook Center and outstanding dining venues where colleagues may gather to converse.

This year the Central Chapter has compiled a fascinating educational program that will update the audience on current trends in renal imaging and endocrine scanning. State of the art lectures and opportunity for discussion will concentrate on the integration of PET with CT, SPECT with CT, PET and MRI with. Discussion will concentrate on anatomical imaging with CT, new advancements in scanners such as SPECT/CT, and current quality control recommendations for the “new” hybrid units. Technologists will be brought up-to-date on current changes impacting the practice of nuclear medicine.

Today, the real challenge for nuclear medicine technologists and physicians is to be up-to-date with the rapid advances in this science. This program will capture the importance of optimizing old technology and embracing new trends. There is an unprecedented need to clearly see the future of new imaging technology and the merge of multiple modalities into a clear diagnostic advantage for the patient. We hope to make the practice of *Unclear* Medicine a little bit *More Clear* science.

The Program is outlined below. Watch your emails and the [Central Chapter web site](#) for further information and registration.

No More *No-clear* Medicine: “Integrating Anatomy into Physiology”

Friday: April 3, 2009

7:30–8:15 am: **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:15–8:30 am: **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Moderators: Rebecca Sajdak, BA, CNMT, and Sam Gabriel, MD

8:30–9:30 am: **James Quinn Lecture: From Unclear to More Clear “The History of Nuclear Medicine”;** *Robert E. Henkin, MD, UNM. Ltd.*

9:30–10:15 am: **CT Chest: Anatomy & Cases;** *Kenneth Pierce, MD, Loyola University Medical Center*

10:15–10:30 am: **Break in Exhibits**

10:30–11:00 am: **Changes Impacting Nuclear Medicine Practice;** *Mark Wallenmeyer, MBA, CNMT, RT(N), President, SNM Technologist Section*

11:00–11:45 am: **Impact of PET/CT on Patients’ Management;** *Aamna Hassan, MD, University of Illinois at Chicago*

11:45–1:15 pm: **Lunch on Your Own**

Moderators: Katherine Carlson, CNMT and Aamna Hassan, MD

1:15–2:00 pm: **Proffered Papers I**

2:00–3:00 pm: **CT Abdomen: Anatomy & Cases;** *Harold V. Posniak, MD, Loyola University Medical Center*

3:00–3:15 pm: **Break**

3:15–4:15 pm: **CT Pelvis: Anatomy & Cases;** *Harold V. Posniak, MD, Loyola University Medical Center*

4:15–5:00 pm: **Application of SPECT/CT;** *James R. Halama, PhD, Loyola University Medical Center*

5:00 pm: **Questions**

5:15–6:00: **Networking Reception**

Saturday: April 4, 2009

7:30–8:00 am: **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

Moderators: Judith Kosegi, CNMT and Davide Bova, MD

8:00–8:45 am: **Bruce Sodee, MD Lecture: Technical Aspects of PET/CT (Normal Variant);** *Joanne Metler, MS, CNMT, PET, College of DuPage*

8:45–9:45 am: **CT Neck: Anatomy & Cases; *Mark Conneely, MD, Loyola University Medical Center***

9:45–10:00 am: **Break**

10:00–10:30 am - **I am Confused: Is It Renal Obstruction, Hydronephrosis or Impaired function? *Robert H. Wagner, MD, MSMIS, Loyola University Medical Center***

10:30–11:15 am: **CT & MRI Brain: Anatomy & Cases; *Mark Conneely, MD, Loyola University Medical Center***

11:15–12:00 pm: **Proffered Papers II**

12:00–1:15 pm: **Business Luncheon**

Moderators: Susan Tucic, MA, CNMT and Robert Wagner, MD

1:15–1:45 pm - **Awards & Change of Officers**

1:45–2:30 pm: **Controversy in the Management of Thyroid Cancer; *Mary Ann Emanuele, MD, Loyola University Medical Center; and Shanika Samarasinghe, MD, Loyola University Medical Center***

2:30–3:00 pm: **Break in Exhibits**

3:00–3:30 pm: **Optimizing Parathyroid Scintigraphy; *John E. Freitas, MD, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital***

3:30–4:15 pm: **Challenges in the Interpretation of the Adrenal Scan; *Milton D. Gross, MD, Department of Veterans Affairs Health System***

4:15–5:00 pm: **Technical Aspects of PET/CT (Artifacts & Pitfalls); *Patrick F. Wojtylak, CNMT, Case Medical Center***

5:00 pm: **Questions**

Sunday: April 5, 2009

7:30–8:00 am: **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

Moderators: David Urani, MBA, CNMT & K.G. Bennet, MD

8:00–9:00 am: **PET/CT QC; *Bill C. O'Brien-Penney, PhD, University of Chicago Hospitals***

9:00–10:00 am: **Current NRC Regulations: Is Your Laboratory in Compliance? I ; *Stephen M. Karesh, PhD, Loyola University Medical Center***

10:00–10:15 am: **Break**

10:15–11:15 am: **Current NRC Regulations: Is Your Laboratory in Compliance? II;**
Stephen M. Karesh, PhD, Loyola University Medical Center

11:15–12:15 pm: **Integrated Imaging in Thromboembolic Disease;** *Davide Bova, MD,*
Loyola University Medical Center

12:15–12:30: **Closing remarks**

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CCSNM Fall Road Shows Continue Pattern of Success

The 2008 Fall Road Shows were held in five states from late September to early November. A total of 249 technologists and students participated in the four-hour sessions, an increase of about 40 over previous years.

The four one-hour topics included Medical-Legal issues as a follow-up to the 2008 Spring Meeting held in Milwaukee. The topics included:

- Managing Your Personal Risk
- Medication and Pharmacy Update
- Contrast Issues and Nuclear Medicine
- Joint Commission Safety Review

Attendance in the five states was:

- Indiana – 44
- Minnesota – 42
- Wisconsin – 34
- Illinois – 84
- Ohio – 45

A special thank you to Jim Timpe, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee and the individual state coordinators for their great effort to put these programs together.

State coordinators were:

- Edward E. Wroblewski, St. Vincent Hospital, Indiana

Kerry Mitchell, Aurora St Luke's Medical Center, Wisconsin

Joseph Wieseler and Dan Mack, Mayo Clinic, Minnesota

Susan Tucic, Edward Hospital, Illinois

Tim Hill, Capitol City Cardiology, Ohio.

The 2009 Fall Meeting will be held in Ohio so the 2009 Road Shows will be held in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

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Central Chapter Technologist Section National Council Delegate Update

By Lyn M. Mehlberg, BS, CNMT, FSNMTS



As your elected National Council Delegate to the National Council, the representative body of the SNMTS, I bring you best wishes for a happy and safe new year, as well as a few highlights from the SNM.

Highlights from the SNM

2008 has been another productive year for the SNM leadership. In addition to hosting the largest international scientific meeting dedicated to nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, the SNMTS has achieved several major goals, as defined by the SNMTS strategic plan.

Education

Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associate: At the 2008 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, the SNMTS officially kicked off the advent of a new pathway for technologists to advance their careers. For over a decade, the SNMTS leadership had grappled with numerous mounting issues facing technologists, and through the vision, guidance and perseverance of several members of the leadership, most notably, Martha Pickett, the Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associate (NMAA) has become a reality. Through a consortium of academic institutions, soon, nuclear medicine technologists will be able advance their careers by pursuing an online advanced degree and fulfilling a local preceptorship to become eligible to take the national certification board to become a nuclear medicine advanced associate. Recently, the NMTCB and ASRT announced plans to conjointly develop this certification board, leading to another milestone in our history.

BS Entry-Level Curriculum: Another primary goal of the SNMTS is to move towards having a BS degree as the entry-level for becoming a NMT. In order to develop mechanisms to articulate associate degree programs with a Bachelaurate degree program, a subcommittee was developed to focus on programmatic implementation of these mechanisms. The SNMTS is currently seeking program directors who are already

transitioning their programs or considering this transition to serve as members of this subcommittee. Please contact the SNM office at (703) 708-9000 if interested in serving in this role.

VOICE Credit –sharing: Spring 2008, the SNMTS and NMTCB have launched VOICE credit-sharing, which SNM members can sign up for automatic sharing of VOICE credits with the NMTCB. Both the [SNM](#) and [NMTCB](#) web sites provide this opportunity.

Advocacy

USP <797>: Members of the SNM Pharmacopoeia Committee have created a FAQ on <797> which is available at the SNM web site at www.snm.org. Also, you will find a letter prepared by SNM leadership and sent to the USP asking for clarification of and consideration of UltraTag kit, for the preparation or labeled RBCs.

Scope of Practice Revisions: The SNMTS Executive Board has recently approved additions to the Scope of Practice for NMTs document, to include pharmacology and the education course work as listed in the Entry-Level Curriculum.

JRCNMT Comments: The SNMTS has submitted official comments to the JRCNMT during the open comment period for the Accreditation Standards for Educational Program in Nuclear Medicine Technology, which are posted on the SNMTS website.

Leadership

Leadership Academy: Paul Reaume, RT(N)(R), CNMT chair of the SNMTS Professional Development Committee, is pleased to announce that [4 Central Chapter members were selected to attend the 2008 Leadership Academy](#), among 15 attendees and 32 applicants. Representing the Central Chapter at the October 24-26 event were: Paul Reaume, Rebecca Sajdak, Jim Timpe, and Dave Urani. Congratulations to all attendees. If you are interested in attending a future Leadership Academy, contact Paul Reaume or any member of the Central Chapter Executive Committee.

Meetings

Mid-Winter Meeting: The upcoming [Mid-Winter meeting](#) will be held in Clearwater, Florida Feb. 5-9, 2009, commencing with governance meetings on Thursday. All are invited to attend governance meetings. Educational sessions begin on Friday. Go to the SNM web site for details.

Annual Meeting: The [annual Meeting](#) will be held in Toronto, Canada from June 11–17, 2009. Go to the SNM web site to learn more. Note that a passport is required if flying into Canada.

While this economy has certainly changed much over the past several months, know that the SNM and chapters offers many local meetings, online educational opportunities and is committed to advancing the profession while advocating on behalf of its members. Wishing you all the best in 2009.

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Springing into Action when a Radiopharmacy Flooded in Cedar Rapids

By Edward A. Melvin, NMTCB

Most of us look to the future in response and resolution of a natural disaster. We have plans relating to policy and procedures, some of these may have been tested. But what happens in an actual event? What can be done before the event, dealing with regulatory issues, clean-up and reopening?



Hot Shots Pharmacy Services (formally Pharmacy Services) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in east central Iowa is located on the Cedar River. Events seemed to conspire to spell disaster for this river community. Record winter snowfall, with increased spring rains in addition to eight inches of rain on June 8th and 9th, brought on the flood.

The first indication of this disaster was on Monday, June 9th, with a steady rising tide through June 10th. This brought an end to pharmacy operation on Wednesday, June 11th. Levee breaks occurred overnight on both June 11th and 12th, which resulted in record river levels, breaking the old record by 11 feet. This flooded over 10 square miles of Cedar Rapids, including Pharmacy Services. The river receded rapidly within one week.

These are the steps that were taken to rectify the fallout from the flooding:

Service Master clean-up service was contacted, and the pharmacy was placed near the top of Service Master's priority list because it was a medical supplier.

All usable generators were shipped to a sister pharmacy in Davenport, Iowa.



Other sources and used generators were secured and left in the building.

For temporary operations, a secured staging area in a parking lot of a local grocery store was obtained.

At least two radiopharmacists traveled to Davenport to help with production and preparation of pharmacy doses.

These prepared doses were transported 70 miles to the Cedar Rapids staging area for distribution.

This transporting continued from June 12th through the partial reopening on August 16th.

One Cedar Rapids and one Iowa City hospital suspended nuclear medicine operations for approximately one week.

Due to flooding highways and irregular electrical power, delivery routes and times of deliveries were tentative.

The manager and staff were in contact with regulatory agencies as needed, but no special considerations for travel, or transferring at the secured parking lot, were needed.



Before construction work could begin, general surveys to determine levels of activity were completed. Numerous building permits were completed. Sources were accounted for and transported to a commercial storage facility to be secured until use or disposal. Conventional clean up and construction resulted in the partial reopening on August 16th. This allowed operation and staging on site so that the

grocery lot staging area was no longer needed. A complete reopening happened on October 13, 2008.

A special state inventory was completed to account for all radioactive sources that the pharmacy held. Generators that were not removed required no special considerations other than documented surveys. Much of the repair to the building was actually done by staff, with the assistance of a carpenter. Heating and air conditioning units were placed on a flat roof in the event of another flood.



As may be expected, this is a shorten version of a longer unfolding event, which occurred over months. I would like to thank Paul Sale, Manager Radiopharmacist of Hot Shots Radiopharmacy of Cedar Rapids, for his help in preparation of this article.

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CCSNM Mission Statement

Central Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine is an organization dedicated to the promotion of continued education in the art and science of nuclear medicine. Through regular meetings and scientific sessions, members from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and a portion of Ohio are provided the opportunity to not only review existing technology and methodologies, but also become familiar with newer techniques, equipment and radiopharmaceuticals and the evolving economic and regulatory issues. In this manner, the members are kept apprised of current changes in technology, its application and appropriate use, as well as the 'business aspects' of Nuclear Medicine.

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