

# J R C N M T P R O C E E D I N G S

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The Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) received continued recognition from the U.S. Department of Education following dissolution of the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA) in 1994. This recognition provides an opportunity for accrediting agencies previously recognized in cooperation with CAHEA to develop and implement a plan for the reorganization of their accrediting activities. During this reorganization period, the JRCNMT wishes to provide the nuclear medicine technology community with an update on the changes that have occurred and to solicit input on changes anticipated in the future.

The process for the accreditation of educational programs in allied health professions has undergone extensive revision since two major changes occurred in 1992. The first was precipitated by the announcement in 1992, and subsequent withdrawal in 1994, of CAHEA as a collaborative agency in the accreditation process. The second occurred as a result of provisions added to the Higher Education Act of 1965 by the Higher Education Amendments of 1992 and the Higher Education Technical Amendments of 1993. The latter are changes governing the recognition of accrediting agencies by the secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

Upon request, the JRCNMT was granted continued recognition by the secretary as the accrediting agency for nuclear medicine technology programs following the dissolution of CAHEA. The reorganization to independent status is an ongoing process. The review committee will use the opportunity afforded by the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology* to provide public announcements of JRCNMT accreditation actions, including updates on changes and solicitations for input on future changes.

Revisions related to the reorganization of the JRCNMT include the following.

## SPONSORSHIP/ REPRESENTATION

The SNM-TS, SNM, ASRT and the ACR reconfirmed their commitment to be collaborative sponsors of the JRCNMT. Each organization will provide three rep-

resentatives to become members of the JRCNMT. Two public members have also been added to the review committee.

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### General

Editorial revisions have been made in the *Manual of Accreditation Policies and Provisions* to reflect the independent operations of the review committee. The *Manual of Program Evaluation Procedures* has also been revised.

### Specific

#### Duration of Accreditation Award

The review committee has determined the following intervals be used for duration of accreditation. A maximum interval of three years will be awarded programs receiving initial accreditation. Upon submission of a satisfactory two-year followup report, the duration of accreditation may be extended two years. Programs undergoing continued accreditation may be awarded a maximum interval of five years for the next two reaccreditation cycles. Programs having no significant findings during this time may be awarded a maximum interval of seven years on the fourth and subsequent accreditation cycles. Effective: January 1, 1995.

#### Composition of On-Site Evaluation Team

On-site evaluation visits will be conducted by a two-member team. The number may be increased if needed. On-site evaluation visits for programs that have completed two consecutive accreditation cycles with no significant findings may be conducted by one person. Effective: January 1, 1995.

#### Conduct of On-Site Evaluation Visit

The sponsoring institution and each participating clinical institution (affiliate) will be visited by at least one member of the on-site evaluation team. For programs that have completed two consecutive accreditation cycles with no significant findings, visits will be conducted at a sample of participating clinical institutions (affiliates). The selection of which affiliates will be visited will be made on a random basis with no prior

notification to the program. Effective: January 1, 1995.

#### Classification of Clinical Affiliates

Clinical affiliates have been divided into two categories, major and minor affiliates. A major affiliate is a participating institution which provides clinical education experiences critical to fulfilling the curriculum requirements of the essentials. The length of time assigned to the clinical affiliate is not a determining factor. A minor affiliate is a participating institution which provides clinical education experiences not critical to fulfilling the curriculum requirements of the essentials. A student would be assigned to a minor affiliate for no more than ten business days.

#### Site Visit Costs

The actual cost of the site visit will be billed to the program effective January 1, 1995.

## FUTURE REVISIONS

Expenses directly related to the transition from a collaborative accreditation agency to an independent accreditation agency have been borne by the sponsors. This has enabled the review committee to continue to use revenues obtained from the accreditation fees for expenses directly related to accreditation costs. This support has been provided for a three-year period. Thus, the review committee will be reviewing its fee structure in 1995 beginning with workshops to be held this summer in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 11 and in Snowbird, Utah on June 17. Further information regarding this and other workshop topics will be distributed this spring.

The review committee wishes to thank its sponsoring organizations, the American College of Radiology, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the Society of Nuclear Medicine and the Society of Nuclear Medicine-Technologist Section, for the financial support provided for the reorganization of the review committee.

The review committee also thanks the participants at the June 4, 1994 workshop and those who returned their questionnaires concerning policies. The combined support of the sponsoring organizations and the nuclear medicine technology community will enable the review committee to continue to provide quality accreditation services.

## JRCNMT PROCEEDINGS

### ACCREDITATION ACTIONS

**November 18-19, 1994**

**Programs Granted Initial Accreditation      Next Review**

El Paso Community College      1997  
El Paso, TX

**Programs Granted Continued Recognition      Next Review**

Loma Linda University      1995  
Loma Linda, CA

Charles R. Drew University      1999  
Los Angeles, CA

Middlesex Community College      1998  
Middletown, CT

Delaware Technical and Community College      1999  
Wilmington, DE

Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital      1999  
Hines, IL

Lexington Community College      1999  
Lexington, KY

Bunker Hill Community College      1999  
Boston, MA

Mayo Clinic Foundation      1999  
Rochester, MN

St. Mary's College      1998  
Winona, MN

St. Louis University      1999  
St. Louis, MO

University of Medicine and Dentistry      1999  
of New Jersey  
Newark, NJ

Institute of Allied Health      1996  
New York, NY

Veterans Administration Medical Center      1999  
Northport, NY

Manhattan College      1999  
Riverdale, NY

University of Cincinnati Medical Center      1999  
Cincinnati, OH

Baylor College of Medicine      1999  
Houston, TX

Incarnate Word, The College      1995  
San Antonio, TX

University of Vermont      1999  
Burlington, VT

Medical College of Virginia      1999  
Richmond, VA

West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc.      1999  
Morgantown, WV

St. Joseph's Hospital      1999  
Marshfield, WI

**Programs Requesting Voluntary Withdrawal of Accreditation      Effective**

Overlook Hospital      9/94  
Summit, NJ

St. Mary's Hospital      9/94  
Milwaukee, WI

**Programs Requesting Inactive Status      Duration**

Sutter Community Hospitals      1994-95  
Sacramento, CA

St. Francis Medical Center      1994-95  
Peoria, IL

Temple University      1994-95  
Philadelphia, PA

**Scheduled Resurveys 1995**

St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport, CT

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL

Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL

Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Salem State College, Salem, MA

SUNY Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY

University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK

Veterans Administration Medical Center, Portland, OR

General Health Institute (formerly SouthCentral Pennsylvania Consortium), Lancaster, PA

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI

Galveston College, Galveston, TX

Houston Community College System, Houston, TX

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

Bellevue Community College, Bellevue, WA