

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

## SPONSORS APPROVE ESSENTIALS

The fourth revision of the *Essentials and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Nuclear Medicine Technologist* has been completed. Each of the four 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, approved the revised document during annual meetings held throughout 1997. The actions of the sponsoring organizations are the final step in a process started in 1995. At that time comments received from program directors, site evaluators and educators since the last

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revision were considered for the initial revision. Following the initial revision the proposed document was submitted for review to the sponsoring organizations, educators, program directors and other interested parties. Workshops were held during the annual meetings of the sponsoring organizations throughout 1996. Public workshops were conducted in 1997 at which time the final revision of the document also was submitted to the sponsoring organizations for approval.

The 1997 revision of the *Essentials and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Nuclear Medicine Technologist* became effective January 1, 1998. Educational programs in nuclear medicine technology will have a period of one year to implement any needed changes in the curriculum as a result of the revision. The major difference between the previous and the revised editions of the *Essentials and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Nuclear Medicine Technologist* is the greater emphasis on outcomes and competencies. The majority of educational programs have been focused in this direction for the last few years, so the transition is not anticipated to be difficult.

## JRCNMT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 1998 members of the board of directors include the following representatives:

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## JRCNMT OFFICERS

The following individuals were elected as officers by the board of directors during the fall meeting:

Chair: Susan C. Weiss, CNMT  
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Secretary-Treasurer: Peter T. Kirchner, MD

## ANNUAL ACCREDITATION FEES

The JRCNMT uses the calendar year to assess accreditation fees. Fees assessed January 1 of each year cover accreditation services for the calendar year January through December. Clarification has been sought recently regarding programs that plan to discontinue the educational program within the calendar year. Annual fees assessed for programs that provide advance written notification of intent to close are prorated by quarter based on the date of closure. Annual fees assessed for programs that fail to provide advance written notification of intent to close are prorated by quarter based on the date of notification. Programs on an inactive status have until March 31 of the calendar year to provide notification of closure without assessment of fees.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

The 1998 fall meeting of the JRCNMT will be held October 9-10, 1998 in Salt Lake City. Please contact your representatives regarding any items you wish to be considered by the Review Committee.

## 1998 WORKSHOPS

The JRCNMT conducted a workshop on June 8, 1998 during the annual meeting of the SNM-TS and SNM in Toronto. Another workshop was held June 9, 1998 during the annual meeting of the ASRT in Houston. These workshops addressed: implementation of the revised *Essentials and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Nuclear Medicine Technologist*; review of the proposed revision of the *Self-Study Application for Accredited Educational Programs for the Nuclear Medicine Technologist*; and comments received regarding the revision of the self-study application will be considered by the board of directors during the fall meeting.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

The office of the JRCNMT has been relocated to: JRCNMT, #1 2nd Avenue East, Suite C, Polson, MT 59860-2320; phone 406-883-0003; fax: 406-883-0022; e-mail: jrcnmt@ptinet.net.

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**ACCREDITATION ACTIONS**

**March 20-21, 1998**

**Programs Granted Extended Accreditation**

	<b>Resurvey Date</b>
Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD	2004
Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, SD	2000
University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR	2004

**Programs Requesting Voluntary Withdrawal of Accreditation**

	<b>Effective Date</b>
University of California San Diego Medical Center San Diego, CA	1/26/98
George Washington University Washington, DC	8/1/98
Valencia Community College Orlando, FL	7/1/98
Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation New Orleans, LA	1/2/98

**Programs Undergoing Resurvey During 1998\***

Gateway Community Technical College	North Haven, CT
Mt. Sinai Medical Center	Miami Beach, FL
Naval School of Health Sciences	Bethesda, MD
Springfield Technical Community College	Springfield, MA

St. Mary's University of Minnesota	Winona, MN
University of Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha, NE
New York University School of Cont. Ed.	New York, NY
St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center	New York, NY
Rochester Institute of Technology	Rochester, NY
Molloy College	Rockville Centre, NY
Pitt Community College	Greenville, NC
Forsyth Technical Community College	Winston-Salem, NC
Baptist Memorial Hospital	Memphis, TN
Methodist Hospitals of Memphis	Memphis, TN
West Virginia State College	Institute, WV
Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital	Milwaukee, WI
St. Luke's Medical Center	Milwaukee, WI

\*Written third-party testimony may be submitted regarding any nuclear medicine technology program undergoing review. Persons desiring to present third-party oral testimony must submit a written request. Third-party testimony, written and oral, must be limited to the educational program's compliance with the *Essentials and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Nuclear Medicine Technologist*. Written comments and requests for oral presentation must be submitted to the JRCNMT in such time as to allow the educational program 30 business days to respond.