

SNMMI TECHNOLOGIST SECTION PRESENTS AWARDS, ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AT 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

More than 6,700 physicians, technologists, physicists, scientists, and exhibitors gathered at the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI) 2022 Annual Meeting, held June 11–14 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The meeting had more than 130 continuing education and scientific sessions and more than 1,000 posters, as well as sessions on new tracers and applications, emerging technologies, theranostics and nuclear medicine and molecular imaging in the post-COVID world.

During the meeting, SNMMI Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS) inducted new officers, who will serve through June 2023. A number of technologists were also recognized for their outstanding contributions to nuclear medicine, molecular imaging, and the society.

2022–2023 SNMMI-TS OFFICERS

SNMMI-TS introduced a new slate of officers during the Annual Meeting. **Krystle W. Glasgow, MIS, CNMT, NMTCB(CT), NMAA, FSNMMI-TS**, has been elected as the 2022–23 president for the SNMMI-TS. Glasgow is a teacher and clinical coordinator at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in Birmingham, Alabama, and is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in health services administration with a concentration in health informatics at UAB. “We have had great momentum in the past year in bringing in more members to our great society,” said Glasgow. “As president, I will continue working to engage with technologists and build excitement for our field.”



Krystle W. Glasgow

During the meeting, SNMMI-TS also announced, **Dmitry Beyder, CNMT, MPA**, as president-elect. As SNMMI-TS president-elect, Beyder will focus on guiding technologists and the Technologist Section out of the COVID-19 pandemic. He will also work on strengthening the nuclear medicine technologist workforce and professional pipeline, as well as growing the role of nuclear medicine technologists in therapeutics, especially as theranostics continues to advance.



Dmitry Beyder

Other elected individuals include:

- Secretary: Amy B. Brady, MAEd, CNMT
- Finance Committee: Lance Burrell, MS, CNMT, PET, RT(CT)

- Nominating Committee:
 - Chair: Dusty York, CNMT, PET, RT(N)(CT)
 - Mario DiDea, MS, RT(N)
 - Sarah Frye, MBA, CNMT, PET, CCRP
 - Rebecca Gallagher, CNMT
 - Kathleen Krisak, BS, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS
- Delegate-at-Large:
 - Sarah Gibbons, MBA, CNMT, NMTCB(CT)
 - Duane Hollier, CNMT, ARRT(N), BS
 - Shannon Youngblood, EdD, MSRS, CNMT
- Director-at-Large: Matt McMahan, MS, CNMT, RT(CT)
- Member-at-Large: Meg Keefe, MSA, CNMT
- Specialty Area Representatives
 - Cardiology: Jamie Warren, EdD, MBA, BHS, CNMT, NCT
 - Education: Julie Bolin, MS, CNMT
 - Emerging Technologies: Lisa Patrick, RT(N), NCT, CT, PET
 - Student: Leila Alsarag

SNMMI-TS FELLOWS

The following four individuals were named SNMMI-TS Fellows. These are members of SNMMI-TS who have demonstrated leadership and have made a significant contribution to the profession of nuclear medicine technology at the national level. SNMMI-TS selects Fellows based on exemplary contributions in the following areas: participation in professional activities, education, professional experience, professional contributions, and civic activities. New SNMMI-TS Fellows receive a memorial plaque and pin signifying their Fellow status.

- **L. David Wells, CNMT**
JNMT Editor (1974–1977)
- **Patricia Weigand, CNMT**
JNMT Editor (1978–1982)
- **Susan Gilbert, CNMT**
JNMT Editor (1995–2000)
- **Beth A. Harkness, MS**
JNMT Editor (2001–2006)

OUTSTANDING JNMT ARTICLES

The Editor’s Choice Awards for the best *JNMT* articles published in 2021 were selected by *JNMT* editor Kathy S. Thomas, MHA, CNMT, PET, FSNMMI-TS, and the journal’s editorial board. Awards include:

- **Editors’ Choice Award – 1st Place:** Shannon N. Youngblood, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Ochsner Medical Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for “Bullying in the Nuclear Medicine Department and During Clinical Nuclear Medicine Education.” *J Nucl. Med. Technol.* 2021; 49:156–163.



Outstanding JNMT award winners, from left: Shannon Youngblood, Kyohei Okuda, Pietro Paolo de Barros, Julie Bolin, George Patchoros, and Grace Wenzler.

- **Editors' Choice Award – 2nd Place:** Kyohei Okuda, Daisuke Hasegawa, Takashi Kamiya, Hajime Ichikawa, Takuro Umeda, Takushi Ohkubo, and Kenta Miwa, Department of Clinical Radiology, Tottori University Hospital, Yonago, Japan, for “Multicenter Study of Quantitative SPECT: Reproducibility of ^{99m}Tc Quantitation Using a Conjugated-Gradient Minimization Reconstruction Algorithm.” *J Nucl. Med. Technol.* 2021; 49:138–142.
- **Editors' Choice Award – 3rd Place:** Pietro Paolo de Barros, Tatiane Sabriela Cagol Camozzato, Tiago Jahn, Flávio Augusto Penna Soares, Leticia Machado da Silva, Jacqueline de Aguiar Soares, and Marco Antonio Neiva Koslosky, Federal Institute of Education, Science, and Technology of Santa Catarina–IFSC, Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, for “Analysis of Radiometry on Patients Undergoing Radioactive Iodine Therapy.” *J Nucl. Med. Technol.* 2021; 49:75–81.
- **Editors' Choice Award – Best Continuing Education Article:** Julie Bolin, Nuclear Medicine Technology Program, GateWay Community College, Phoenix, Arizona, for “Thyroid Follicular Epithelial Cell–Derived Cancer: New Approaches and Treatment Strategies.” *J Nucl. Med. Technol.* 2021; 49:199–208.
- **Editors' Choice Award — Best Educator's Forum Article:** George Patchoros and Grace Wenzler, Department of Engineering, Physics, and Technology, Bronx Community College, Bronx, New York, for “Satisfying Program-Level Outcomes by Integrating Primary Literature into the Online Classroom.” *J Nucl. Med. Technol.* 2021; 49:170–174.

SNMMI-TS OUTSTANDING TECHNOLOGIST AWARD

Chloee Wendorf, MHA, CNMT, NMTCB (CT), PET, NCT, manager of nuclear medicine and PET/CT at the University of California – San Diego Health, received the 2022 SNMMI-TS Outstanding Technologist award. The award recognizes SNMMI-TS members who have demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to the field of nuclear medicine technology.

SNMMI-TS KATHY E. THOMPSON-HUNT OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Crystal Botkin, PhD, MPH, CNMT, PET, FSNMMI-TS, was awarded the 2022 SNMMI-TS Kathy E. Thompson-Hunt



Chloee Wendorf (right) receives Outstanding Technologist Award from 2021–2022 SNMMI-TS President Dusty York.

Outstanding Educator Award. The award is presented to members who have exhibited commitment to advancing the field in their workplace and through their involvement with the society.



Crystal Botkin (right) receives Kathy E. Thompson-Hunt Outstanding Educator Award from 2021–2022 SNMMI-TS President Dusty York.

SNMMI-TS ADVOCATE(S)-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

The 2022 SNMMI-TS Advocate(s)-of-the-Year Award was presented to **Melissa M. Snody, BS, CNMT**, nuclear

medicine PET/CT technologist at Beaumont Health, in Royal Oak, Michigan, and **Janice D. Van Dolsen, BHS, RT(N), CNMT**, manager of nuclear medicine and diagnostic imaging at Doylestown Health in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. This award recognizes an individual or individuals who have made significant contributions to advancing advocacy efforts at the state and federal level.

SNMMI-TS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Sal Martino



Jerry Reid

The 2022 SNMMI-TS Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **Sal Martino, EdD, RT(R), FASRT, CAE**, CEO and executive director of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and **Jerry Reid, PhD**, CEO of The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, based in St. Paul, Minnesota. This award is reserved for individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of nuclear medicine and the SNMMI-TS and its chapters.

SNMMI-TS PRESIDENTIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The 2022 Presidential Distinguished Service Award is given to individuals who made a significant impact during the presidential tenure of Dusty York, CNMT, PET, RT(N)(CT). The individuals being recognized for this award have shown exceptional leadership and have provided strategic guidance in the areas of education and research. The SNMMI-TS Presidential Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

- **C. David Gilmore, EdD, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS**, associate professor and program director for nuclear medicine at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, for his outstanding leadership and strategic vision with the NMT Entry Level Curriculum Revisions.
- **Crystal Botkin, PhD, MPH, CNMT, PET, FSNMMI-TS**, associate professor of clinical health sciences at St. Louis University for her outstanding leadership and strategic vision with the NMT Entry Level Curriculum Revisions.
- **Mary Beth Farrell, EdD, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS**, director of research for the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission, for outstanding contributions to the PET/CT Oncology Mini-Books.

- **Kathy S. Thomas, MHA, CNMT, PET, FSNMMI-TS**, for outstanding contributions to the PET/CT Oncology Mini-Books.
- **Art Maune, MEd, CNMT**, assistant professor at University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, for outstanding contributions to the Nuclear Medicine Student Registry Review Course.
- **Leesa Ann Ross, MA, CNMT, PET, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS**, for leadership and support in her role as the nuclear medicine program director at Chattanooga State Community College.
- **Tina Buehner, PhD, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS**, medical science liaison – oncology for GE Healthcare, for outstanding leadership to the SNMMI-TS and mentorship as immediate past president.
- **Cheryl Rickley, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS**, nuclear medicine technologist for TTG Imaging Solutions, for outstanding contributions to the SNMMI-TS as the chair of the State TAGs.
- **Nikki Wenzel, MBA, CAE**, senior director and SNMMI-TS administrator, for her outstanding contributions on the SNMMI-TS.
- **Rebecca Maxey**, SNMMI communications director, for outstanding contributions to the PET/CT Oncology Mini-Books.

SNMMI-TS PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE

Dusty York, CNMT, PET, RT(N)(CT), was awarded the SNMMI-TS president's plaque and gavel for her service as 2021–2022 SNMMI-TS president. York began her career as a staff technologist at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and has been in her current position at Chattanooga State Community College since 2003.

An active member of the SNMMI-TS, York serves on the SNMMI Board of Directors, House of Delegates and Committee on Women in Nuclear Medicine as well as the Technologist Section Executive Board, Educators Committee, Grants and Awards Committee, and Professional Development and Education Fund. In the past she has served on and chaired multiple committees across the organization, including the Nuclear Medicine Week Task Force, the Continuing Education Committee, the International Outreach Task Force, and the local Organization Task Force, among others.

SNMMI-TS/CARDIOVASCULAR COUNCIL BEST ABSTRACT AWARD WINNERS

First Place

Sarah A. Frye, MBA, CNMT, PET, CCRP, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri: “Quantitative perfusion SPECT (QPS) analysis using both male and female normal databases in an obese male patient: A case study.”

Second Place

Mitsuha Fukami, Kyushu University, Japan: “The application of compressed sensing reconstruction for myocardial perfusion image shortens the acquisition time: A simulation study.”



2021–2022 SNMMI-TS President Dusty York (center) receives SNMMI-TS President’s Plaque from 2020–2021 SNMMI-TS President Tina Buehner (left) and 2022–2023 SNMMI-TS President Krystle Glasgow (right).

SNMMI-TS/PET CoE Technologist Best PET Abstract Award

Runze Wu, PhD, Tsinghua University, China: “Deep learning denoising technique enables low-injected-dose whole-body 18F-FDG PET/CT on lymphoma patients - A feasibility study.”

SNMMI-TS/Therapy CoE Technologist Best Therapy Abstract Award

Crystal Botkin, PhD, MPH, CNMT, PET, FSNMMI-TS, Saint Louis University, Festus, Missouri: “Administration of Lutetium 177 PSMA therapy in an outpatient nuclear medicine department, a technologist’s perspective.”

SNMMI-TS Technologist Poster Awards

First Place

Yuya Shirakawa, Kyorin University Hospital, Japan: “Digital PET/CT images can be reconstructed more efficiently using a network designed with deep learning.”

Second Place

Noritake Matsuda, Tokushima University, Japan: “Quantitative evaluation of cardiac amyloidosis with 99mTc-pyrophosphate scintigraphy.”

Third Place

Takayuki Shibutani, Kanazawa University, Japan: “Image characteristics of brain perfusion SPECT/CT using a new multi-focal collimator: Comparison with conventional SPECT with LEHR collimator.”

Technologist Student Abstract Award Winners

First Place

Jonathon Garrett, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Brentwood, Tennessee: “Analysis of prostate cancer imaging agents: F-18 fluciclovine vs. F-18 PSMA.”

Second Place

Kimberly Cornejo, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, School of Nuclear Medicine, Chicago, Illinois: “A more clinically relevant assessment of spatial resolution of a PET-CT system.”

Third Place

Hayley Bergner, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Adair, Oklahoma: “Tagging efficiency of radiolabeled eggs with Technetium 99m macroaggregated albumin compared to Technetium 99m sulfur colloid for gastric emptying studies.”

Technologist Student Poster Award Winner

Kori Wright, Student (Non-Credit), Shirley, Indiana: “The difference in tagging efficiency of unfiltered Tc99m-sulfur colloid and filtered Tc99m-sulfur colloid to egg beaters.”