

Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology

JRCNMT News

Inaugural Issue of Newsletter

Newsletter Goals:

- Enhance communication between the JRCNMT and programs.
- Introduce the JRCNMT staff and Board of Directors.
- Demystify the accreditation process and the operations of the JRCNMT.
- Keep programs up-to-date on changes and other education news.

Welcome to the first issue of the JRCNMT News! With this publication the Board and staff hope to improve the lines of communication between the JRCNMT and Program Directors.

We want you to know who we are, what we are doing and what is going on in the world of educational accreditation that impacts how we function. With the imminent reauthorization of the Higher Education Act by the US Congress, the role of all accreditors may change which in turn will change what we must require in a self-study document.

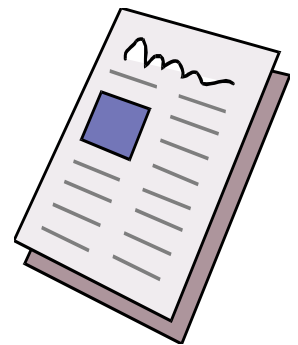
We want to use this newsletter to clarify procedures. The JRCNMT's processes and procedures are not secret. They are included in manuals sent to programs but sometimes the key information is hard to locate amidst all the material or the manual was received ten

years ago and has since disappeared.

The newsletter will also:

- highlight frequently asked questions so everyone benefits from the answers.
- list the programs who have recently received accreditation and those that are coming up for reaccreditation.

We hope you find the newsletter to be a useful tool and ask that you email the office with any suggestions you have for future content.



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No More Clinical Floor Plans!

At its spring meeting the Board of Directors approved changes to the self-study and affiliate application documents in an effort to make them more user-friendly and streamlined.

The first update is the addition of instruction manuals for the self-study and each type of affiliate application. The manuals are intended to make completion of each document easier by providing clear and comprehensive directions.

Clinical floor plans were deleted from the self-study along with the library holdings list for each clinical affiliate. The post-secondary educational require-

ments were changed from a narrative to a table. Tables with numbers that must be tallied automatically total themselves.

All documents are now in a PDF format provided on CD so users can fill in the blanks and save a digital copy. The narrative analysis is a Word file with expandable boxes for typing in responses after each *Essential*.

The new format was completed in mid-May and has already been sent to new programs requesting accreditation. All programs up for resurvey in 2009 will be sent the new self-study forms this July.

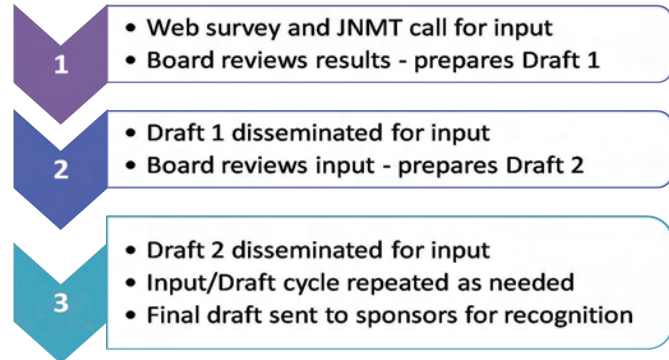
Update of the *Essentials & Guidelines*

The revision of the *Essentials* occurs every five years. The process typically takes 18 to 24 months to complete though it can take longer, depending upon the number of drafts that are required. The flow chart on the right depicts the revision process.

The process began last September with a web-based survey. Thanks to those who took the time to complete the survey and send the link on to their clinical supervisors, medical director and clinical coordinator. We know it was a long survey but it followed the standard format accreditors use to obtain such input.

Each Essential was assigned to a group of three Board members who are currently incorporating the suggestions received. The

first draft will be available for review and comment in late June or early July. We hope you will take the time to review the document and provide additional comments when you receive it.



JRCNMT Forum at SNM Annual Meeting

Once again the JRCNMT will hold a session during the Educator's Forum at the SNM annual meeting. This year's session is scheduled for Saturday, June 14 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the Hilton-Belle Chase meeting room.

The session will begin with a presentation on the update of the *Essentials*, including some of the changes and issues the Board is focusing upon. A timeline for the completion of the process will be provided and Board members will be present to answer questions about the *Essentials* and pose

some to the audience to obtain additional feedback.

The remainder of the session will be a detailed review of the updated self-study, the new application manuals and electronic forms. These documents were reformatted and modified at the April board meeting and are ready for distribution to programs. We are excited to present them and get feedback.

The meeting will close with the Board and Executive Director taking general accreditation questions from the audience.

JRCNMT Forum

June 14, 2008

4:00 to 5:30 pm

Hilton-Belle Chase Room

Programs Up For Reaccreditation in 2008

The following programs are up for reaccreditation in 2008:

- Kaiser Permanente College of Health Sciences, CA
- Florida Hospital College of Health
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital, IL
- Jefferson Community College, KY
- Ferris State University, MI
- St. Mary's University of Minnesota
- Bronx Community College, NY
- NMI / The University of Findlay, OH
- Jameson Health, PA
- Baylor University Medical Center, TX
- Galveston College, TX
- Bellevue Community College, WA



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Announcements

The JRCNMT recognizes two programs receiving initial accreditation at the April 2008 board meeting:

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Boston, MA

&

Moraine Park Technical College

Fond du Lac, WI

If you have suggestions for newsletter items email Jan Winn at jrcnmt@coxinet.net.

Annual Program Report to JRCNMT

Program Directors are reminded to complete the annual AMA survey regarding their program, which should be arriving soon via email. This survey constitutes the program's annual report to the JRCNMT, which is required as part of the JRC's recognition by the US Department of Education. The AMA shares the survey results with the JRCNMT so you do not need to send a copy of your survey responses to the office.

2008 Board of Directors

The JRCNMT Board of Directors is comprised of two public members and three appointees from each of the following organizations: SNM, SNM-Technologist Section, American College of Radiology (ACR) and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).

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