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The President's Corner

President's Message:

Nuclear Medicine faces two various challenges: unprecedented cost increases of medical isotopes and federal regulations of these vital substances.

The CANM has recently released a position paper entitled 'Maintaining Canadian Access to Medical isotopes: Case for a Medical Isotope Transition Fund and Federal Regulatory Reform'.

The CANM will continue its advocacy campaign with the federal and provincial governments towards the promotion of access to medical isotopes. Your collaboration and support as well as your comments regarding the paper are welcome.

The CANM has corresponded with the Conference Board of Canada regarding their recent publication entitled <u>'The Value of Radiology in Canada'</u>.

The CANM had concerns regarding some information contained in the report, which pertains to Nuclear Medicine. There were multiple references to the modality of PET/CT, which were misrepresented.

The Conference Board made an adjustment to the report by adding the following footnote:

CT and PET are referenced in several places in this report. It is important to note that in the context of the Canadian scope of medical practice, these imaging modalities are not fully recognized as part of the radiology discipline. Although CT is part of the discipline, PET and hybrid imaging PET/CT are not. Rather PET/CT falls under the specialty of Nuclear Medicine, which is a separate Royal College specialty. Oversight of the procedures and reporting are performed by physicians who hold a Nuclear Medicine certification from the Royal College.

Mission of the CANM

The Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine strives for excellence in the practice of diagnostic and therapeutic nuclear medicine by promoting the continued professional competence of nuclear medicine specialists, establishing guidelines of clinical practice, and encouraging biomedical research.

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2017 CANM Annual Conference April 20-23, 2017 Westin Harbour Castle - Toronto

The CANM Annual Conference 2017 will take place at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, **April 20-23, 2017.**Information is available on the CANM Website
(www.canm-acmn.ca).

New this year: A one-day PET Symposium that will take place all day on Thursday, April 20, preceding the official conference opening.

<u>Early Bird Registration - prior to March 3, 2017 / Inscription hâtive - avant le 3 mars 2017</u>

Preliminary Program / Programme préliminaire

Westin Harbour Castle - Reservations / Réservations

Call for abstracts / Demande de résumés - CLOSED

Eric Lepp Clinical Vignettes / Vignettes Clinique Eric Lepp - CLOSED

CANM Emeritus Award 2017 / Prix émérite 2017 de l'ACMN - CLOSED

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