

HELP ASNC ADVOCATE FOR YOU

Are Insurers Insisting on Exercise Stress Testing Despite COVID-19 Safety Recommendations?

Upon learning that some payers were insisting on exercise stress testing despite recommendations in the ASNC/SNMMI information statement, "[Guidance and Best Practices for Nuclear Laboratories during the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic.](#)" ASNC submitted a [letter](#) to private payers. The letter urged payers to ensure their payer policies adhere to ASNC guidance, including the **recommendation that exercise stress testing be avoided during the COVID-19 pandemic** due to the increased risk of exposure to patients and staff through respiratory droplets.

Now, ASNC is gathering feedback from the membership to bolster ongoing discussions with private payers and radiology benefits management companies (RBMs).

Please use ASNC's new [COVID-19 Payer/RBM Feedback Survey Tool](#) to share information about your experiences regarding exercise stress testing. We want to understand the details of the specific issue(s) you have had, so that we can be the best possible advocates for you.

[SEND FEEDBACK TO ASNC](#)

STARTING TOMORROW

Join ASNC's New Virtual Cardiovascular Molecular Imaging Seminar Series

You're invited to participate in ASNC's Virtual CV Molecular Imaging Seminars:

A new learning platform developed to support cardiovascular imaging research and promote inter-laboratory collaboration.

Here are the details:

WHAT: Nine highly interactive webinars, each featuring a didactic session on biology and disease pathophysiology followed by research presentations from trainees at various molecular imaging laboratories. Attend as many of the seminars as your schedule will permit.

WHO: You'll join internationally recognized leaders for a candid discussion of ongoing state-of-the-art research. From them, you'll gain insights into potential research on topics including (but not limited to) amyloidosis, atherosclerosis, calcification, infection, inflammation, microvascular dysfunction, and new technology.

FOR EXAMPLE: Peter Libby, MD, of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, will lead the first session focused on atherosclerosis, followed by a research presentation by the laboratory of James Thackeray, PhD, of Hannover Medical School (MHH).

WHEN: The course launches this week with seminars on [Tuesday, May 12](#) and [Thursday May 14](#), at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (U.S. EDT), running through June 24. Here's the full [schedule](#).

This course is offered free of charge.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

COVID-19 NEWS & RESOURCES

HHS Extends Deadline for Providers to Submit Attestation to Receive Provider Relief Fund Payments. Clinicians will now have 45 days, rather than 30 days, from the date they receive payments to attest to receipt and accept the [Terms and Conditions](#) or return the funds. HHS is distributing \$50 billion across the healthcare system to providers and facilities that bill Medicare. [Learn more about the allocations.](#)

SNMMI Offers New Inflammatory Cardiovascular Imaging Webinars. The series will launch **Thursday, May 14**, with a live, case-based webinar discussing the role of FDG-PET/CT and PET/MR in managing patients with vasculitis, arteritis, atherosclerosis, and polymyalgia rheumatica. [Learn more.](#)

IAEA's COVID-19 Webinar Series Continues with "Transitioning to a 'New-Normal': When and How." This new 90-minute webinar will focus us on preparing for a phase-based reopening while avoiding new spikes in cases. The webinar will be held **Wednesday, May 13**, at 2:00 PM CEST. [Register now.](#)

[COVID-19 RESOURCE CENTER](#)

ASNC UPDATES

- **North American Societies Stress Collaborative Approach to Resuming Cardiovascular Services.** In a new guidance document, ASNC joins 15 other groups to "harmonize" recommendations for the "safe reintroduction" of procedures and tests after the pandemic's initial peak. The publication outlines an ethical framework as well as safeguards to protect both patients and healthcare workers. An extensive table organizes the recommendations by subspecialty area and response level. [Read the document.](#)
- **ASNC Nuclear Cardiology Virtual Elective Now Available on Demand.** All 10 of the live training sessions were recorded and may be viewed at your convenience. Select sessions from the playlist, or watch the full series. [Access the recorded sessions.](#)



Congratulations to ASNC's Latest 'What Is This Image?' Winner

Veronica Wong, MBBS, of Nepean Hospital in Australia, will receive an ASNC Gift Pack and be entered into a drawing for complimentary ASNC2020 registration. For your chance to win, check out this [new image](#) and [submit your interpretation](#) by **May 20**.

- **Compete to Win Up to \$50K in Research Project Funding.** The deadline to submit proposals for the 2020 [IANC Research Fellowship Award](#) or the [ASNC/Pfizer Young Investigator in Cardiac Amyloidosis Research Fellowship Award](#) is **June 19**.
- **Mark Your Calendar for ICNC-CT 2021.** ASNC is one of three groups organizing the **International Conference on Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiac CT**, slated for May 9-11 in Seville, Spain. Watch for details.

[ASNC's LATEST NEWS](#)

WE NEED YOUR VOICE

This challenging time has brought out the best in you and the best in ASNC.

Help us to carry forward our mission "to improve cardiovascular outcomes through image-guided patient management."

Every voice counts. Please join us.

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