

NEW COVID-19 INFORMATION STATEMENT

ASNC, IAEA, SNMMI Recommend Best Practices for Reestablishing Non-emergent Care

As the world begins easing out of lockdown, nuclear cardiology teams are confronting new challenges -- mitigating the risk of SARS-CoV-2 while providing crucial cardiovascular testing for patients. A new information statement developed by ASNC, IAEA, and SNMMI and endorsed by the Infectious Diseases Society of America outlines principles and best practices for labs to follow at each stage of testing and with different nuclear cardiology studies.

["Guidance and Best Practices for Reestablishment of Non-Emergent Care in Nuclear Cardiology Laboratories During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: An Information Statement from ASNC, IAEA, and SNMMI"](#) addresses topics including --

- **Safety, monitoring, personnel, and workflow** issues to consider as you plan for lab reopening;
- How to **prioritize studies and track cancelled and postponed tests**;
- New and revised parameters for **scheduling** patients as well as streamlining their **arrival and registration**;
- **Protocol selection** that facilitates "rapid and hygienic imaging to minimize COVID-19 exposure," with recommendations for **SPECT MPI, Tc-99m PYP, and PET MPI studies** as well as specific guidance for **stress labs**; and
- Recommendations for preventing the adverse effects of a **second wave**.

This important document is slated for publication in the *Journal of Nuclear Cardiology (JNC)* and the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine (JNM)*. In order to deliver the guidance that you need now, ASNC has posted a preprint for your convenience. We urge you to download it now and share it with your colleagues.

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COMPLIMENTARY EVENTS

This Week's Virtual Seminars Focus on New Technologies in Nuclear Cardiology

Following the [successful launch](#) of ASNC's **Virtual CV Molecular Imaging Seminar Series** last week, the course continues with two new sessions on "New Technologies in Nuclear Cardiology." Each one-hour session will begin at **11:00 AM (U.S. EDT)** with a didactic session and then research presentations by molecular imaging laboratory trainees.

Here's this week's agenda:

Tuesday, May 19: Albert Sinusas, MD, and laboratory trainees of Mehran Sadeghi, MD, all of Yale University School of Medicine.

Thursday, May 21: Robert Gropler, MD, of Washington University in St. Louis, and laboratory trainees of Marc Dweck, MD, of the University of Edinburgh, UK.

ASNC is offering this series **free of charge**. We encourage you to attend as many sessions as your schedule permits. [View the schedule](#). If you missed the May 12 and May 14 sessions on atherosclerosis, [access the recorded sessions on ASNC.org](#).

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COVID-19 NEWS & RESOURCES

The House's Draft Bill Opens Negotiations for Next Round of COVID-19 Relief. The bill released by Democrats includes \$100 billion in funding for the Provider Relief Fund, modifies the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment programs and the Paycheck Protection Program, and creates a HEROS fund for essential workers. [Learn more](#).

Mo-99 Supply Update. "Medical radioisotope supply is expected to be sufficient to meet increases in demand," according to the most recent memo from Nuclear Medicine Europe. [Read the memo](#).

[COVID-19 RESOURCE CENTER](#)

ASNC UPDATES

- **Mark Your Calendar for New Webinar on SPECT/PET/CT.** In response to members' questions, **ASNC President-elect Randall Thompson, MD, FASNC**, of St. Luke's Mid America Heart Institute, will moderate presentations on how to use the CT portions of hybrid (SPECT-CT and PET-CT) cardiac studies. Presenters will include **Michael Steigner, MD**, of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School; **Mouaz Al-Mallah, MD, MSc, FASNC**, of Houston Methodist Hospital; and **Kyle Lehenbauer, MD**, of the University of Missouri. The webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 PM (U.S. EDT)**. Registration will open soon. View [webinars](#) available on demand.
- **New President's Message Details ASNC's Efforts During Pandemic.** In the *Journal of Nuclear Cardiology*, **Sharmila Dorbala, MD, MPH, FASNC**, summarizes the many resources ASNC rapidly assembled in the early days of the COVID-19 crisis to help healthcare teams confronted with daunting risks and challenges. For your convenience, ASNC has assembled the [COVID-19 Resource Center](#) on ASNC.org. [Read the President's Message](#).
- **ASNC/SNMMI COVID-19 Information Statement Now in JNC.** Due to the pressing circumstances, the societies released a preprint copy of "Guidance and Best Practices for Nuclear Cardiology Laboratories During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic," which received 9,500+ views. The document now appears in the *Journal of Nuclear Cardiology (JNC)*.

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Share the Impact of COVID-19 on Your Lab



ASNC is urging the nuclear cardiology community to participate in [INCAPS COVID](#), a worldwide survey of the impact of COVID-19 on nuclear cardiology and cardiac CT practice, being conducted by IAEA. The survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete. Participants will be included in the INCAPS COVID Investigators Group for publications. **The deadline to participate is May 20.**

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DON'T MISS THESE DEADLINES

May 20: Enter your interpretation for JNC's latest round of ["What Is This Image?"](#) You could win an ASNC Gift Pack and be eligible for complimentary ASNC2021 registration. [Check out the image](#).

June 12: [Submit your scientific abstracts](#) for ASNC2020. The Program Committee will consider submissions for both oral (Young Investigator) or poster presentations. **NEW!** All accepted abstract presenters will have the opportunity to present live or virtually (with or without audio). [Learn more](#).

June 19: [Submit your proposals](#) for the [2020 IANC Research Fellowship Award](#) and/or the new [ASNC/Pfizer Young Investigator in Cardiac Amyloidosis Research Fellowship Award](#). The recipient of each award will receive \$50,000 in project funding.

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