

## Restarting Your Nuclear Cardiology Lab as the Pandemic Recedes

### The Webinar Your Team Needs Now

In response to your questions and concerns, ASNC will host a webinar that will guide nuclear cardiology teams through the challenges of restarting their labs as the COVID-19 pandemic recedes. The webinar will be held **Thursday, April 30, at 8:00 PM (U.S. EDT)**.

Moderated by **ASNC President-elect Randall Thompson, MD, FASNC**, and **Nikolaos Spiliadis, MD**, the discussion will address:

- Prioritizing **backlogged patients**;
- **Patient screening**, including precautions to take with patients who have recovered from the novel coronavirus;
- How-to strategies for **maximizing efficiency**;
- **Post-COVID-19 protections** for patients and personnel; and
- The “**New-Normal**” – how practices may look different going forward.

This timely webinar is complimentary for ASNC members. If you are not a member yet, the fee is \$25, or you can [join ASNC](#) now and immediately begin accessing all ASNC [member benefits](#), including timely webinars like this one.

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## WHO ARE YOUR TECHNOLOGIST HEROES?

### Join ASNC's #TweetForTechnologists Campaign

In honor of **Technologists Appreciation Month**, we want to shout out our gratitude to our cardiovascular imaging technologists for --

- The huge contributions they make to **advancing ASNC's mission**;
- Their **invaluable work** on cardiology and nuclear medicine teams throughout the world;
- The **comfort, competence, reassurance, and kindness** they offer patients every day; and
- The **unprecedented risks** they have taken on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring patients continue to get care when they need it.

In recognition of their important – and dare we say, heroic, work – we're shouting out our thanks to technologists on the biggest platform we know: Twitter.

Join [@MyASNC](#) in a week-long **#TweetForTechnologists** campaign as we tweet our appreciation each day.

*New to Twitter? Want some help expressing your appreciation in 280 characters? Here are few of the many tweets we're planning to share this week:*

Hey, **Robert Pagnanelli, BSRT(R)(N), CNMT, NCT, FASNC**, thanks for everything you do, especially co-directing our *Nuclear Cardiology Today: Technologists Workshop*. [#TweetForTechnologists](#)

Big shout-out to **Jolene Fantony, RT(N), CNMT**, who inspires us. Thanks for the amazing job you did on ASNC's *#COVID19 Preparedness for Nuclear Cardiology Labs*. [#TweetForTechnologists](#)

**April Mann & Tim Dunne**, how do we begin to thank you for the hours, weeks, months, years of work you've contributed to [@MyASNC](#)? The Board would not be the same without you! [#TweetForTechnologists](#)

We have many technologists to thank, and we bet you do, too. Snap a picture of your favorite technologists and tell the world why you love them. Don't forget to include [#TweetForTechnologists](#) and tag [@MyASNC](#) in your tweets.

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## COVID-19 NEWS & RESOURCES

**AMA Releases Guidance on CPT Codes for SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Tests.** The new Category I CPT codes and long descriptors are as follows, with detail in the [full guidance](#).

- **86328:** Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (e.g., reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]).
- **86769:** Antibody; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) Coronavirus disease [COVID-19].

**Mo-99 Supply Stabilized.** Nuclear Medicine Europe's Emergency Response team reports that production operations are continuing normally with no shortages currently on the horizon. Radioisotope shipments have been more stable over the past weeks and continue despite reduced international flights. The team continues to pursue the possibility of a major European airline resuming transport of radioactive material, use of charter flights, and potential use of U.S. military transport.

[COVID-19 RESOURCE CENTER](#)

## ASNC UPDATES

**ASNC, AMA, Others Push for More Clinician Support in COVID-19 Relief Package.** ASNC is among dozens of medical organizations urging Congress to make significant changes to the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment program, including postponing recoupment until 365 days after payment is issued, reducing per claim recoupment from 100 percent to 25 percent, extending the payment period for physicians to up to at least two years, waiving accrued interest, and giving HHS authority to issue more than one advance payment. The groups also asked for more direct financial support to physicians, support for resident physicians and students, as well as additional funding for small business loans. [Read the letter sent to Congress last week.](#)



### INFO WE NEED NOW: Please Complete ASNC's Member Survey Coming This Week

ASNC knows COVID-19 has had a dramatic impact on many physician practices. We understand that you are facing new challenges and you may need different things from your

Society. As we adjust to meet your current needs, it's crucial that we hear directly from you about what you need NOW.

That's why ASNC soon will be fielding a new member survey, and we hope you'll take a few minutes to complete it. Your responses will provide ASNC's Board of Directors with insights into how to work for you now. In response to your feedback, we'll be examining and adapting ASNC's --

- **Advocacy** strategy and priorities
- **Education** programs and logistics
- **Member support and resources**

Please watch your email for the **2020 ASNC Member Survey** and complete it as promptly as possible. We're committed to doing our best for you!

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## Your ASNC Opportunities List

Take advantage of the many career-development and networking opportunities that ASNC offers to the nuclear cardiology community.

- **ASNC2020 ABSTRACT UPDATE - Expanded Options for Showcasing Your Research:** ASNC is offering all accepted abstract presenters the opportunity to present their research live or virtually as an uploaded ePoster with or without audio. The site to upload your presentation will open in August. The abstract submission deadline is **Friday, May 1, at 5:00 PM (U.S. EDT)**. [Submit now.](#)
- **Jump-start Your Research with \$50K in Project Funding.** Are you an early-career nuclear cardiologist interested in an academic career? Then be sure to apply for **ASNC's 2020 Institute for the Advancement of Nuclear Cardiology Research Fellowship Award**. Due to the pandemic, the deadline has been extended to **June 19, 2020, at 11:59 PM (U.S. EDT)**. [Access eligibility and submission guidelines.](#)
- **Win Funding for Your Cardiac Amyloidosis Research.** The recipient of the new **ASNC/Pfizer Young Investigator in Cardiac Amyloidosis Research Fellowship Award** will receive \$50,000 to support an innovative project focused on early detection or monitoring of TTR cardiac amyloidosis. Apply by **11:59 PM (U.S. EDT) on June 19, 2020**. [Review the submission criteria.](#)
- **Demonstrate Your Commitment to Excellence with the FASNC Credential.** Fellowship is one of the most distinguished designations that ASNC offers members because it communicates dedication to optimal imaging and nuclear cardiology practice. [Apply for FASNC today.](#)

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## ASNC IS WORKING FOR YOU.

If you aren't a member yet or you haven't renewed your membership,

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**Take care. Stay well.**

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