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Launching Today: ASNC Virtual Nuclear Cardiology Elective

The document's main infographic, shown above, illustrates steps for minimizing COVID-19 exposure during the patient's journey through the nuclear cardiology lab.

Key Take-home Messages

1. Perform only urgent studies that change patient care or early discharge.
2. Alternate exam days, if possible.
3. Perform two exams per shift.
4. Use high touch surfaces for disinfecting.

Interventional Cardiology

TCTMD Launches Three-Part Webinar Series on TCT 2020: Takeaways from the Virtual Conference

Dr. Skali is first author of "A Tentative Protocol for the 2020 TCT Conference" which will be published in the Journal of Nuclear Cardiology (JNC), and the focus of a widely shared tweetorial. The Tweeters helpfully boiled the document down to the following four take-home messages while highlighting the paper's detailed references and bibliography.

COVID-19 NEWS & RESOURCES

Small Business Administration Issues Interim Final Rules for Payroll Protection Program

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has released two interim final rules (IFRs) regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). These IFRs answer questions from lenders and small businesses about how the program works, how to apply, and how funds will be used. The IFRs also address changes related to initial eligibility requirements as well as potential impacts to forgiveness eligibility for businesses, nonprofits, and other entities.


The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has relaxed Stark self-referral rules amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Repayment is due 120 days after payment issuance. The new rules allow hospitals and other providers to enter into agreements with certain suppliers that would otherwise prevent the entry of financial relationships.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted businesses, physicians, and practices nationwide, many are looking for ways to keep their practices and patients safe while continuing to offer telehealth visits. ASNC is offering complimentary live teaching sessions over the next two weeks. Starting Monday, April 6, and continuing each weekday through Friday, sessions will offer trainees the opportunity to stay informed. For now, ASNC is advising nuclear cardiologists to contact their generator suppliers or status of Mo-99 supply lines on April 1. We're continuing to monitor the situation and will keep you apprised.

ASNC UPDATES

COVID-19 RESOURCE CENTER

Starting today, ASNC and the Society for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI) will offer an advance copy of the Information Statement: Guidance & Best Practices for Nuclear Cardiology Labs During COVID-19. This will be available to members as a free download. ASNC/SNMMI information will be updated regularly to track the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Virtual Visits: Utilizing Technology to Drive Patient Access and Improve Outcomes

A new ASNC/SNMMI Information Statement titled "Virtual Visits: Utilizing Technology to Drive Patient Access and Improve Outcomes" is now available to members. To support trainee education during this challenging time, ASNC is offering complimentary live teaching sessions over the next two weeks. Starting Monday, April 6, and continuing each weekday through Friday, sessions will offer trainees the opportunity to stay informed. For now, ASNC is advising nuclear cardiologists to contact their generator suppliers or status of Mo-99 supply lines on April 1. We're continuing to monitor the situation and will keep you apprised.

ASNC in the News

Radiology Business Journal Cites ASNC's Alert on Possible Mo-99 Supply

ASNC Members Cited in Beyond 30, on an ASNC/SNMMI Information Statement

In the LATEST NEWS section of DAIC, Dr. Skali is cited as the first author of an Information Statement titled "Virtual Visits: Utilizing Technology to Drive Patient Access and Improve Outcomes." The statement is aimed at helping with cashflow during the COVID-19 pandemic. Repayment is due 120 days after payment issuance. The new rules allow hospitals and other providers to enter into agreements with certain suppliers that would otherwise prevent the entry of financial relationships.

How-to Information for Practices

ASNC's Alert on Possible Mo-99 Supply: A Call to Action for Nuclear Cardiology Laboratories during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. In case you missed it, ASNC updated members about the potential for Mo-99 shortages in some areas. ASNC encourages nuclear cardiologists to contact their generator suppliers or status of Mo-99 supply lines on April 1. We’re continuing to monitor the situation and will keep you apprised.

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Small Business Administration Issues Interim Final Rules for Payroll Protection Program

CMS Clarifies Telehealth Billing Codes

Economic Industry Disaster Loans

Payroll Protection Program

Public Health & Social Services Emergency Fund

How the following programs/funds work, how to apply, and WHY it's important to act quickly

CMS Relaxes Stark Self-referral Rules Amid COVID-19

CMS's explanation with your coders

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