

ASNC IMAGING GUIDELINES FOR NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY PROCEDURES

Introduction

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The *Imaging Guidelines for Nuclear Cardiology Procedures* are a set of state-of-the-art applications and protocols developed for the nuclear cardiology community. All chapters are comprehensively reviewed and approved by writing group participants, the ASNC Imaging Guidelines Subcommittee, an expert External Review Panel, the ASNC Executive Council, and the ASNC Board of Directors.

Within the document protocol items judged to be *required* are indicated as such. *Standard* means that the parameter value listed represents methodology judged to be standard by the consensus of the committee; its utilization is recommended, but other techniques may also be valid. *Preferred* means that the parameter value listed is expected to provide the best results and its selection is strongly recommended. Techniques termed *optional* indicate that the parameter value listed may be employed or another acceptable parameter may be substituted. Techniques still considered primarily research applications and those not published in peer-reviewed journals usually have not been included.

The *Imaging Guidelines* are designed to provide imaging guidelines for those physicians and technologists who are qualified in the practice of nuclear cardiology. Although care has been taken to ensure that information supplied is accurate, representing the consensus of experts, it should not be considered as medical advice or a professional service. The imaging guidelines described in this manual should not be utilized in clinical studies at any institution until they have been reviewed and approved by qualified physicians from that institution.