
BNMS Achievements 2019

BNMS Members,

We want to thank you for your continued support.

Your membership has allowed us to achieve so much this year

In 2019 the BNMS has:

- Kept members up-to-date on supply problems via the BNMS website and Wavelength newsletter.
- Successfully supported our members in applications for Clinical Excellence Awards
- Embraced Social Media and have 1,474 and rising followers on Twitter and 711 members on LinkedIn
- We have launched the brand new BNMS website and new membership management system.
- Established an excellent new rate for trainee members of the society including online access of NMC. Negotiated new reduced rates for overseas members wishing to access NMC online only.
- We are working towards the launch of a BNMS mentoring scheme supporting members' careers and personal development. Experienced members will be invited to become mentees and training will be provided. Members will be able to apply to the mentorship scheme for assistance in developing specific skills and knowledge to enhance their career and personal growth. Details will be released in the coming months.
- The Professional Standards Committee working with contacts at UKAS and the British Standards Institute to establish the way forward for a national accreditation scheme in nuclear medicine.
- BNMS offered support for a project to develop a new European Metrology Network on Reliable Radiation Protection Regulation
- We have launched the BNMS Fellowships in Radionuclide Imaging and Therapy Programme. Departments have been invited to host trainees and members can complete an expression of interest online to be considered for the scheme.
- Adopted a new online education portal, eScan Academy agreeing a highly subsidised price for BNMS members.

Responding to Brexit

- We have worked closely with the RCR on a number of issues including radionuclide supply and Brexit
- Practical advice for radiopharmacy and nuclear medicine services managing delivery changes due to Brexit – joint UKRG, BNMS, RCR document.
- A joint letter from the BNMS, RCR and UKRG was issued to the government asking for further details concerning the supply of medical radiopharmaceuticals post-Brexit.
- The BNMS has actively responded to statements on leaving EURATOM, issuing press releases and being quoted in the media and the press on the impact of leaving EURATOM on patient services.
- Writing to the Prime Minister asking for information on plans for the safe and timely distribution of radioisotopes post Brexit.
- Advising nuclear medicine departments on nuclear medicine in the risk register
- BNMS has been quoted in the press: On BBC News night and multiple interviews for BBC Radio
- Issuing guidance for departments on dealing with delays in delivery of radioisotopes post Brexit.
- Collecting evidence of delays in delivery of radioisotopes, increased costs and the effects on patient service across UK departments via an online feedback form.

Publications

- Published the BNMS Clinical Guideline for Lacrimal Scintigraphy and the Clinical Guidelines for the measurement of glomerular filtration rate (GFR) using plasma sampling
- Clinical Guideline for Administration of Molecular Radiotherapy
- Parathyroid Scintigraphy

Meetings:

- Held two successful scientific meetings with excellent feedback from delegates on their content and usefulness:
 - BNMS 47th Annual Spring Meeting, Oxford April 2019
 - BNMS Autumn Meeting 2019, Nottingham September 2019
- Held a successful BNMS session at the SNMMI annual meeting in Anaheim, California.

- The President of the Society has represented BNMS at the 20th Anniversary meeting of the Cyprus Nuclear Medicine Society, the European Theranostics Meeting in Spain and the Bad Berka Conference in Theranostics in Germany.
- Represented the Society at the EANM 2019 meeting in Barcelona connecting with Nuclear Medicine colleagues from Europe and the rest of the world.
- Represented the Society at the 6th Physics Industry Recruitment and Placement Fair in Nottingham
- Represented the Society at the STP Trainee Induction Day 2019 in Birmingham
- In addition we have:
- supported the following meetings with endorsement, CPD application and/or financial management:
- Theranostics update, London Marriott Hotel 20 March 2019
- Ventilation/Perfusion: 3D Quantification Workshop 2019 6 June 2019
- Midlands Nuclear Medicine Meeting, National Space Centre 2 July 2019
- Nuclear Cardiology Stress leaders course 28 – 29 October 2019
- 3rd Annual London Technologists and Radiographers Update 1 November 2019

Consultations

Contributed to guideline development with NICE, topics including:

- Treatment of benign thyroid disease
- Hyperparathyroidism (primary): diagnosis, assessment and initial management
- Prostate cancer: diagnosis and management (update)
- Epilepsies in children, young people and adults
- NICE guideline on NG14 Melanoma: assessment and management
- NICE Indicators - Process guide
- Thyroid disease: assessment and management
- Selective internal radiation therapies (SIRT) for treating hepatocellular carcinoma [ID1276]
- Clinical Statement on Pulmonary Sarcoidosis

Surveys

The Role of Structured Reporting in Nuclear Medicine – Survey

Awards

Awards were presented as follows:

President's Medal, Prof Keith Britton, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London

BNMS Roll of Honour, Prof Sally Barrington, King's College London University Hospital and Prof Andrew Scarsbrook, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Norman Veall Medal, Maria Palmer, United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust

Radiographers, Technologists & Nurses Group Award, Ms Carolyn Lory, Medway Maritime Hospital

Honorary Membership, Prof Alan Perkins, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

BNMS Innovative Team of the Year Award, University Hospital Southampton

Correspondence and lobbying

- Written to the Welsh Minister for Health and Social Services to raise awareness of the need for a plan to deal with issues caused by the closure of the Radiopharmacy in Wales
- Working with NHS England to get funding for PET prostate cancer with fluciclovine and PSMA

Partnerships and Collaboration

- Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the American College of Nuclear Medicine
- Working with the Office for Nuclear Regulation to disseminate important guidance to our members and the nuclear medicine community via our website.

International and National Representation

BNMS representatives' also sit on the following committees:

NHSE Cancer Diagnosis Clinical Reference Group

BIR Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Committee

Environment Agency Small User liaison Group
 SCoR Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Advisory Group
 NHS Digital (aka Health and Social Care Information Centre)
 EANM Delegates Assembly
 RCP/RCR Intercollegiate Standing Committee on Nuclear Medicine
 IPEM Nuclear Medicine Special Interest Group
 Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board Specialist Advisory Committee in Nuclear Medicine
 RCP JSC Nuclear Medicine
 Society for Radiological Protection
 Royal College of Physicians Expert Advisory Group on Commissioning
 European Association of Nuclear Medicine Task Force on New Clinical Trial Regulation
 Section of Nuclear Medicine of the European Union of Medical Specialists and European Board of Nuclear Medicine
 World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology
 RCP Revalidation Specialty Adviser
 Health Research Authority Radiation Working Group
 NHSE Molecular Radiotherapy Clinical Reference Group
 RCR Radionuclide advisor
 National Institute for Health Research Clinical Reference Steering Group
 British Thoracic Society Quality Standards Group
 National School of Healthcare Science Physical Sciences Themed Board

Number of members 511	Number of new members 52	Member satisfaction 70%
Number of meetings delivered 2	Number of meetings endorsed 5	Followers on social media 2,185
Number of up-to-date guidelines (5 yrs) 21	Number of consultations we participated in 8	Delegate satisfaction 92%