# Transparency and Probation

At the federal level, Congress and the Administration are seeking ways to ensure the availability and accuracy of higher education program information provided to the public.

This has resulted in the expectation that accrediting agencies will hold institutions and programs to a higher level of public transparency with regard to program outcomes and accreditation status.

In 2011 the JRCNMT instituted Standard D2 requiring accredited programs post program outcomes reflecting student achievement and program performance on their websites. Last November, the JRCNMT approved a standard boxed notice that programs placed on probation must put on their main program web page to clearly notify the public of the program's probationary status. Use of this boxed statement goes into effect this year.

A program placed on probation will be given 30 days to place the probation statement on the its main web page. The program must also submit to the JRCNMT a copy of the letter or memo sent to current students indicating the probationary status of the program.

The probation statement is below. To read the policy and procedures associated with this refer to Policy 2.100 in the JRCNMT Policy and Procedure Manual on the JRC website.

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The nuclear medicine technology program at [Name of Institution] is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT), 2000 W. Danforth Rd, Suite 130 #203, Edmond, OK 73003; phone 405-285-0546; email jrcnmt@coxinet.net; www.jrcnmt.org. This program is currently on probation but it is accredited. For more information go to http://jrcnmt.org/news/other-news-documents/and refer to the appropriate Accreditation Action Report.

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# Published Program Outcomes

Please remember to do an annual update to the program outcomes published on your program's main web page. Every summer JRCNMT staff will visit each program's webpage to ensure the outcomes data is present and contains data reflecting the prior year's outcomes.

To ensure program data can be identified as current it is important to clearly label the data presented. Staff will contact Program Directors if the data is not current or cannot be recognized as current due to a lack of labeling. Programs will have 30 days to update the published data. Failure to meet the deadline may result in the program being placed on administrative probation.

# Digital Self-Study Submission

Last year the JRCNMT announced it was starting work with a vendor to create an accreditation portal for digital submission of self-studies and other reports and applications. Unfortunately the vendor announced they could no longer create such portals for the price previously quoted.

It is still the goal of the JRCNMT to offer a digital submission portal to programs. The search to find another reputable vendor will begin anew.

In the meantime, staff will prepare a file template for programs to follow if they wish to submit their self-study digitally on a flash drive. The template will be available this summer for programs submitting their self-study in February 2015.

The JRCNMT already accepts digital copies of new affiliate applications, progress reports, mid-cycle reports and program changes. Such documents should be submitted as a PDF attached to an email or can be mailed on a flash drive.

## Updates & Presentations

### Focused Site Visits

At its fall 2013 meeting the JRCNMT Board of Directors voted to increase the number of site evaluators for a focused site visit from one to two people.

Focused visits are made to programs on probation that have submitted a progress report as part of reevaluation of their probationary status.

Previous policy required one JRCNMT board member with site evaluator experience conduct the visit. This person will now be joined by a second evaluator, also with extensive experience.

Due to the seriousness of probation, the Board felt it was important for more than one evaluator to conduct the visit, to ensure that a complete and balanced assessment of the program occurs.

This change is effective January 2014.

### Summer Presentations

The JRCNMT will give its annual update during the Educators' Forum at the annual SNMMI meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. The presentation will be on Saturday, June 7 at 2:45 pm.

A workshop for programs that will be preparing a self-study for initial or continued accreditation in 2014-2015 will be held at the annual meeting on Monday, June 9 from 8:00 am to noon.

This meeting reviews the components of the self-study and provides assistance in how to go about preparing a comprehensive self-study report in an organized and efficient manner.

Both sessions are approved for VOICE credit through the SNMMI-TS. We hope to see you in St. Louis!

**SNMMI Annual Meeting**

**St. Louis, MO**

**June 7-11**

**ASRT Educational Symposium**

**Orlando, FL**

**June 26**

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## SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION SERVICES

The JRCNMT is recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to accredit post-secondary nuclear medicine technology programs offering certificate, associate and baccalaureate degrees.  Programs must be located in the territorial United States, its protectorates and possessions and may be offered in a traditional or distance education format.

# Reaccreditation 2014

The programs listed below will be undergoing reaccreditation this year.  Signed, written third party testimony may be submitted to the JRCNMT regarding any nuclear medicine technology program undergoing accreditation review.  Persons desiring to present third-party oral testimony at a board meeting must submit a written request.  Third-party testimony, written and oral, must be limited to the educational program's compliance with JRCNMT *Accreditation Standards for Nuclear Medicine Technologist Education.* Please contact the JRCNMT office if you have questions on third party testimony.

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| Beaumont Health System | Royal Oak, MI |
| Delaware Technical & Community College | Wilmington, DE |
| Froedtert Hospital | Milwaukee, WI |
| Gloucester County College | Sewell, NJ |
| Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences | Lancaster, PA |
| Prince George's Community College | Largo, MD |
| Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey | Scotch Plains, NJ |
| University of Vermont | Burlington, VT |
| VA Palo Alto Health Care System | Palo Alto, CA |
| Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA |