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SNMMI!**

Let us work together to ensure that nuclear medicine and molecular imaging techniques are positioned well in the changing healthcare landscape.

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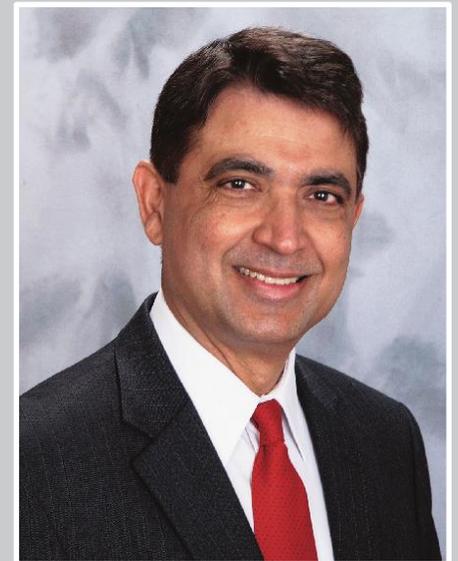
*I am counting on
your support!*

**Thank you!
Munir**

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**Wondering
who to vote for
Vice-President
Elect of SNMMI
this year?**



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My background....

I have been practicing clinical nuclear medicine for the past two and a half decades. Currently I serve as the Chief of Nuclear Medicine of Mount Sinai Health System and Vice-Chair of Radiology at Mount Sinai Morningside, New York, NY. During the years of my clinical practice I have observed approval of several new diagnostic and therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals and introduction of hybrid imaging techniques such as SPECT/CT, PET/CT and PET/MRI. I have been instrumental in demonstrating the importance of these applications to the imaging colleagues, referring physicians, hospital administration, government agencies including CMS and to the third-party payers.

My various roles and responsibilities inside and outside of workplaces have given me significant insight into the clinical, educational and socioeconomic needs of the physicians, technologists and scientists invested in the practice and in the future of nuclear medicine.

My goals in the leadership role of SNMMI will be to:

- 1) Streamline approval of diagnostic and therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals*
- 2) Ensure adequate reimbursement of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging techniques*
- 3) Advance clinical, educational and research aspects of nuclear medicine*
- 4) Continue to implement proactive measures to meet our isotope demand*
- 5) Collaborate nationally and globally to foster opportunities*
- 6) Be proactive to address any challenges*

1) As the Chair of the Government Relations Committee and the FDA Task Force, I have collaborated with the SNMMI staff, physicians, technologists, scientists, government agencies and industry. In October 2014, I chaired a stakeholders meeting in Maryland, highlighting the promise of theranostics. The meeting became a catalyst for the approval of several diagnostic and therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals. With increasing recognition of theranostics, we will get new opportunities. I am excited to use my experience to respond to any challenges ahead!

2) As the Chair of Advocacy Domain, Value Initiative, I worked with the SNMMI staff, members, industry and consultants to introduce the bipartisan bill H.R.3772, Medicare Diagnostic Radiopharmaceutical Payment Equity Act, to the Congress. The goal is to end bundling and instead ensure separate payment for the high value diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals.

3) In the past 25 years I have been fortunate to serve in various capacities such as the Chair of ABNM, the President of ACNM, the President/CEO of radiology, the Residency and Fellowship Program Director, the Vice-Chair of Radiology and the Nuclear Medicine Chief. I am delighted to bring the skills learnt in the SNMMI leadership role!

4) As Government Relations (GR) Committee chair, I continue to work with various government agencies to meet our isotope demand by establishing sustainable domestic isotope supply and ensuring reliable international imports. I am delighted to report that the Secretary of Energy sent a letter to the Chair of Committee on Energy and Commerce on January 2, 2020, requesting a delay in the HEU export licensing ban to ensure adequate supply of Mo-99 as we transition to the non-HEU-based Mo-99 production both within the US and internationally. Meanwhile, the GR Committee is working closely with NNSA and other organizations and our industry partners to ensure sufficient domestic non-HEU-based Mo-99 production to avoid any supply interruptions.

5) I will continue to build on the excellent work done by our past presidents and facilitate even further collaborations with our international members, while addressing their needs and challenges. I have dedicated part of my spare time to volunteer in Asia and Africa for more than 10 years. In this role, I have facilitated advanced imaging infrastructure, improved access to quality nuclear medicine/radiology services and continued educational exchanges with our international colleagues. I have implemented programs such as imaging-pathology webinar series. Working with the former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of my institution we donated funds to establish SNMMI Hyman-Ghesani International Scholarship to promote nuclear medicine in East Africa.

6) On 9/11/2001, after completing my clinical duties I went to Ground Zero to volunteer for a non-profit organization and continued to go there every day for several subsequent days. During the current COVID-19 crisis, I have been working with Mt. Sinai's NM team and radiology administration to address the enormous challenges facing our hospital system and our city. Last week, I was appointed as the Chair of SNMMI's COVID-19 Task Force. Based on my experiences addressing a range of crises, I am confident in my ability to meet any challenges to our specialty and society, should they occur.

I strongly believe that my vision for the future of our society's role in healthcare delivery, my vast leadership experience and my commitment to our stakeholders demonstrate my qualifications to serve as the Vice-President Elect of SNMMI. Thank you for your consideration.