

2012 Annual Report Education Committee

The Education Committee was created to advise the Board of Directors on a vision for the RSNA portfolio of education programs and products outside of the Annual Meeting, the educational needs of members, emerging educational technologies through which to disseminate RSNA education materials and Maintenance of Certification programs, strategies to foster academic recognition for the development of educational materials and courses, and editorial policy for educational materials and courses developed outside the RSNA Annual Meeting.

In 2012, the Committee continued to look at innovative delivery mechanisms for educational content, as well as the organization and usability of educational content on the RSNA website. In 2012, it contributed to the launch of a new education product *Radiology Select*. Grouped articles from *Radiology* are paired with CME questions and posted online for CME and SAM credit. Currently the Volume I Pulmonary Nodules and Volume II Stroke are available online. Two additional volumes will be published in 2013.

The Committee reviewed and approved the updated Radiobiology Syllabus outline as created by Dr. Heintz. In 2012, the syllabus was launched online, linking the assessment questions to the correct corresponding section of an educational outline.

In recognition of RSNA members who have produced an array of RSNA educational resources in the past calendar year, the Education Committee established the 2012 RSNA Honored Educator Award. This annual award recognizes individuals invested in furthering the profession of radiology by delivering high-quality educational content in their field of study. In order to be eligible for the award, RSNA members may participate in a wide array of qualifying educational activities, including:

- Serving as faculty at one or more of RSNA's educational meetings
- Authoring an education exhibit, Quality Storyboard and/or Cases of the Day track for the RSNA Annual Meeting
- Authoring educational articles in RSNA premier journals, *Radiology* and *RadioGraphics*
- Authoring online education materials, including online modules or original SAMs, and/or creating CME questions in support of repurposed for online SAMs
- Donating a refresher course and writing CME questions for online learning

Eligible candidates must create resources in at least two educational categories to be considered for the award, and may not earn credit for more than two activities in any given category. Based on the number of qualifying activities completed, the most productive RSNA members are presented with the Honored Educator award in recognition of their contributions. Forty- Four recipients have been identified as the 2012 Honored Educators.

Based on a recommendation from the Education Committee, the RSNA established a Content Advisory Panel which had two meetings during 2012. This year, the CAP was able to accomplish the following with the approval and support of the Committee:

- Identified appropriate content for development into 28 new Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) qualified by the ABR and posted online.
- Refined questions for 37 on-line RSNA CME programs and SAMs
- Reviewed and refined 40 RSNA 2012 annual meeting SAMs including revising questions
- Establishing standards and guidelines for question writing for all CME education materials produced by RSNA

The Committee strongly supported the planned acquisition of a Learning Management System that supported content delivery on iPad and other mobile devices, and appropriate marketing when available.

The RSNA website was revised to more prominently promote and provide easier navigation to the free SAM content for members for the MOC process. The subspecialty distribution of current SAM content was also analyzed to provide direction for future activities of the Committee and the CAP.

The CAP was also designated as a subcommittee of the Education Committee, with inclusion of the Chair of CAP as an automatic member of the Education Committee.

An international member of the Committee was recruited and successfully put forward for Board approval.

The Education Committee would like to thank all its members and other volunteers who have contributed to its efforts.

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