



Joint Specialty Committee for Nuclear Medicine

Terms of Reference

This is a standing committee established jointly between the Royal College of Physicians of London and the British Nuclear Medicine Society. It replaces the previous College Committee. The Joint Committee is advisory rather than executive and has accountability to each of its parent bodies. In terms of accountability to the College, it reports to Council through the Medical Specialties Board.

The Committee is established to advise its parent bodies, or other organisations on their behalf, on matters of mutual interest. These will include:

- workforce and training
- setting national standards and agreeing joint guidelines and policy statements*
- drawing up specifications for clinical governance in relation to the practice of the specialty
- developing and extending service review
- commissioning and service design
- continuing professional development for the specialist, including general medicine if necessary
- any other specific matter of particular relevance to a specialty
- advice to College or other Working Parties.

The Committee may liaise with other organisations as appropriate to share or obtain advice. However the Committee, or any of its members, may not make any public statement or approve any published materials in its own name or that of its parent bodies, except with their approval.

* In dealing with these issues the Committee will restrict its advice to the context of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The contribution of any Scottish representative on the committee is welcomed, but the Scottish Colleges are not involved in joint ownership or sending items of business direct to the committee.

Constitution

Chair

The office of chair will rotate between the College and Society. The relevant body will appoint when it is their turn, always with the proviso that this is a joint committee, so there must be agreement and mutual respect. Either body will have the right to object in extremis.

Vice chair

The vice chair role should be recruited from within the membership and will be a non-rotating non parental body position open to anyone on the committee.

The chair's and vice chair's terms of office will be for at least two years, but no more than four.

Membership

Each parent body will nominate its own representatives. Neither party should be seen to be prescriptive about the other's nominees, although wherever possible College nominees will be members of the specialist society, and specialist society nominees will be Members or Fellows of the College. Due regard will be given to representing the diversity of the specialty.

Individual members' terms of office will be for at least two years, but no more than four, except where an individual's membership of the JSC is dependent upon them holding another committee/society role when JSC term of office will be dictated by the tenure of this primary role. Examples here would be Chair SAC Nuclear Medicine, Chair ICSCNM and Clinical PET CT Guardian.

The Royal College of Physicians welcomes and actively seeks to recruit people to its activities regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. The RCP aims to reflect the diversity of its members in all its committee, senior roles and staff in general. The diversity of the specialty will be considered in determining appointments.

Membership will comprise, unless specifically agreed otherwise:

- Two senior College representatives (in addition to president and registrar)
- Two senior representatives nominated from the British Nuclear Medicine Society (president BNMS and president elect or past president BNMS)
- One representative of the RCP New Consultants Committee
- One trainee representative from the Society
- The chair of the Nuclear Medicine SAC
- The chair of the ICSCNM
- A single Scottish College representative
- One member of the patient carer network
- One representative from UK Health /Security Agency
- One representative from the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine
- The radionuclide radiology advisor
- Clinical PET CT guardian

Individual JSC Committee members may represent more than one Society/Organisation/Committee

It is important to remain mindful that within the above structure or in addition to it views should be reflected from a wide range of health providers and that such observations were represented where appropriate.

Frequency of meetings

The Committee will meet 2 times a year.

Last review: March 2022

Next review: March 2024