Meet the Newest Members of the ABNM

Welcome to Our New Board Members

Twyla Brianne Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM, FSNMMI, DABR – Co-Owner Global Advanced Imaging, PLLC, Tulsa, OK, USA

Dr. Twyla Bartel was trained in Nuclear Medicine and then a PET/CT Fellowship at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She also completed a Radiology Residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She also has a Bachelor’s Degree in Business with a minor in Computers and an MBA in Business Administration. She is a current Director at Large for the SNMMI and ACNM; a Past President of the ACNM, the SNMMI Correlative Imaging Council, and SNMMI Southwestern Chapter. She is President of the SNMMI Academic Council. She continues to mentor many trainees and is very involved in many facets of both specialties, including educational, advocacy/government relations, business, practice/clinical guidelines, and quality/safety items, from the local to the international levels. She has been involved with many groups for the promotion of Nuclear Medicine including the ABR, ACR, ARRS, ACGME, and AUR. She is a prior Nuclear Medicine Residency Program Director, Chief of Nuclear Medicine, and PET Director, but is now in private practice with her own business for the last 7 years.

Dr. Bartel grew up in Japan for 17 years (speaks Japanese), loves travel, volleyball, spending time with her family, contributing to charities (including her time), and music (instrumental, choir, songwriting, and solo).

Dr. Bartel wishes to express her gratitude for becoming a part of the ABNM and wishes to help the ABNM in the education and certification of diplomates and to assist in making decisions to only enhance and promote success for everyone and our profession.

Benjamin L. Franc, MD, MS, MBA – Clinical Professor of Radiology - Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, Director, Clinical Research and Community Based Strategies, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA

Dr. Franc has over 20 years of experience in clinical nuclear medicine and is the Program Director for Nuclear Medicine Education and the Combined Nuclear Medicine / Diagnostic Residency Program at Stanford. He predominantly publishes and lectures on applications and innovations of PET-CT. He has proficiency in all aspects of PET radiopharmaceutical development, spanning the design of molecules, synthesis of radioligands, and use in animal and human imaging. He also has expertise in quantitative image analysis, development of novel post-processing image reconstruction methods, and the application of artificial intelligence in human diagnostics. Dr. Franc has coauthored more than 100 papers in peer-reviewed publications, as well as 10 book chapters.

Dr. Franc has served in multiple leadership positions, most notably as a past president of the California Radiological Society and as the Chair of the Nuclear Medicine Subcommittee of the Economics Committee of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. He continues work related to his interests in healthcare utilization, health services research, healthcare strategy, and innovative approaches to providing healthcare.

Hossein Jadvar, MD, PhD, MPH, MBA, MS’24, FACNM, FSNMMI – Professor of Radiology, Urology, and Biomedical Engineering (Tenured), Division of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Center, Keck School of Medicine & Viterbi School of Engineering, USC Kenneth Norris Jr. Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

I am delighted to join the ABNM board. My long journey in science and medicine has been intellectually satisfying and cognitively enjoyable. The combination of clinical nuclear medicine, translational research, participation in the governance of national and international nuclear medicine organizations and consulting governmental funding and regulatory agencies have all contributed to the tremendous joy that I have experienced in my professional career. Nuclear medicine is a small but thriving and exciting specialty. The trajectory for nuclear medicine is upward with new science and clinical procedures in the near and far horizons. The ABNM is a cornerstone of our specialty with the mission “to serves the public through assurance of high-quality patient care by establishing standards of training, initial certification, and continuing competence of physicians providing nuclear medicine diagnostic and therapeutic services”. I am thrilled that now I can contribute directly to this worthy mission by being a director of the ABNM. I look forward to working with my other venerated colleagues on the ABNM board to benefit the nuclear medicine community and serve our patients. I thank the ABNM board for selecting me to join them in carrying out their vital mission.