

# Message from the Chair

**Joanna R. Fair, MD, PhD** – *Chair, American Board of Nuclear Medicine*

Dear ABNM Diplomates:

As my year as ABNM chair moves quickly, I have become increasingly excited about the future of Nuclear Medicine.

At our last meeting, we selected 4 new ABNM board members, who will join us for our Winter meeting and become full board members immediately afterwards. We opened the application process to all ABNM diplomates this year, and we were very excited to see the number of high-quality applications we received. We are pleased that two of our incoming members are from private practice, expanding the diverse backgrounds of our board.

We continue to focus on our CertLink® longitudinal exam for MOC, which provides diplomates and the Board with both summative and formative information. We strive to include 'bread-and-butter' Nuclear Medicine topics as well as introduce developing imaging and therapeutic techniques. We have encouraged trainees to participate at no cost so that they can become comfortable with the system prior to taking the examination as a diplomate. We likewise appreciate the feedback diplomates have provided to us on questions, and we continually work to improve this examination to provide more value to you.

Likewise, we continue to investigate a new examination database, which will help us manage our question pools for all our examinations – CertLink, certification, maintenance of certification, and in-training examinations. We are seeking a replacement that would allow us to deliver the ITE electronically, which will simplify the delivery to training programs.

This is a time of growth for Nuclear Medicine, with FDA approval of thera(g)nostic agents for diagnosis and treatment neuroendocrine tumors, and more like <sup>68</sup>Ga/<sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA agents in the pipeline. I strongly encourage those of you who work with medical students and residents to share these exciting developments with your learners, along with your excitement about our specialty. The future is bright for Nuclear Medicine, and we anticipate the demand for competent Nuclear Medicine practitioners will grow.

Warmly,



Joanna R. Fair, MD, PhD