

Special Symposium 2

(EANM / EU Commission)

Tuesday, October 18, 16:45-18:15

Session Title

Getting to the Top QuADRANT. A European Initiative to Improve Quality for Patients

Chairpersons

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Programme

16:45 - 16:50 Chairpersons: Introduction and Definitions

16:50 - 17:00 **Georgi Simeonov** (Luxembourg, Luxembourg / EU Commission): Why Do We Need Clinical Audits?

17:00 - 17:10 **Adrian Brady** (Cork, Ireland): What Nuclear Medicine Can Learn from Radiology in Clinical Audits

17:10 - 17:20 **Erik Briers** (Limburg, Belgium): Why Patients Need to be Fully Included

17:20 - 17:30 **Marleen Vandecapelle** (Brussels, Belgium) & **Rolf Hesselmann** (Bern, Switzerland): What Regulators/Authorities want from us

17:30 - 18:15 All Speakers and Chairpersons: Round Table Discussion

Educational Objectives

1. To understand why clinical audits are relevant and how nuclear medicine's "customers" need to be partners in the entire treatment process.
2. To learn from other disciplines that have already developed further guidance and best practices.
3. To extract common goals and specific views from regulators' and users' sides

Summary

Clinical Audits are mandatory within the EU member states according to legislation (Basic Safety Standards Directive) for all fields working with ionizing radiation. Within the QuADRANT project, EANM together with ESR and ESTRO have comprehensively analysed the current status quo within the different countries, discussed about best practices in radiology, radiation oncology and nuclear medicine and derived recommendations to facilitate full implementation in all countries. Since Clinical Audits serve the purpose to enhance objectively assessed as well as subjectively perceived quality for our patients, it is essential to acknowledge the patients' role as partners within the entire treatment process – from making the appointment, over entering the facilities, explaining the planned procedures and alternative options, to conducting the treatment and explaining the findings and consequences. Since both quality and radiation protection issues need to be considered, the views of the competent authorities and regulators are also important to understand.

In an open round-table format after short presentations of key note opinions, the moderators will discuss all these aspects with a strong focus on how to easily implement the major findings from the QuADRANT project into daily practice.



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