# TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MEDICAL USES OF ISOTOPES

February 26, 2019

## MEETING SUMMARY

#### **PURPOSE**

To discuss the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) Training and Experience Requirements for All Modalities Subcommittee's draft report on the recommendations for the training and experience (T&E) requirements for authorized users (AUs) under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 35.300.

## OUTCOME

The ACMUI Training and Experience Requirements for All Modalities Subcommittee provided a draft report for discussion with the full Committee. Subcommittee members included: Dr. Ronald Ennis, Dr. Darlene Metter (Chair), Dr. A. Robert Schleipman, Mr. Michael Sheetz, Ms. Megan Shober, and Ms. Laura Weil. The NRC staff gained a better understanding of the views and opinions of the Committee. The NRC staff will consider the Committee's comments in its evaluation of whether it makes sense to establish tailored T&E requirements for different categories of radiopharmaceuticals, how those categories should be determined (such as by risks posed by groups of radionuclides or by delivery method), what the appropriate T&E requirements would be for each category, and whether those requirements should be based on hours of T&E or focused more on competency.

A full transcript and handout for the ACMUI teleconference meeting can be found on the NRC's public web site at: <a href="http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acmui/meetings/">http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acmui/meetings/</a>.

The ACMUI Subcommittee final report is also available on the NRC's public web site at: <a href="http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acmui/reports/">http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acmui/reports/</a>.

## **AGENDA TOPIC**

Discuss the ACMUI Training and Experience (T&E) Draft Subcommittee Report regarding the requirements for authorized users under 10 CFR 35.300, "Use of unsealed byproduct material for which a written directive is required."

## SUMMARY

The ACMUI Training and Experience Requirements for All Modalities Subcommittee discussed its draft report, which focused on the T&E requirements for individuals authorized for the medical use of unsealed byproduct material for which a written directive is required under 10 CFR 35.390. In its report, the Subcommittee reviewed the current pathways for AU certification; addressed the concerns of a potential AU shortage; explored the concept of a limited-scope AU pathway tailored for specific radionuclide therapies; and expressed the need for an AU competency assessment.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS**

The Training and Experience Requirements for All Modalities Subcommittee discussed the following recommendations in the draft subcommittee report:

- The Subcommittee strongly supports maintaining the current and existing AU
  pathways (board certification and alternate pathway) as codified in the regulations,
  which are adequate for protecting public health and safety.
- 2. The Subcommittee concludes that there is no objective data available to confirm an AU shortage.
- 3. The Subcommittee does not recommend a limited-scope AU pathway for unsealed byproduct material for which a written directive is required under 10 CFR 35.390.
- 4. The Subcommittee unanimously agrees that if the NRC chooses to pursue the creation of a limited-scope AU pathway for unsealed byproduct material where a written directive is required, the AU candidate must acquire the basic knowledge topics in 10 CFR 35.390 and satisfactorily complete a formal competency assessment. Additionally, the individual's continued status as limited-scope AU is dependent on successfully maintaining a formal periodic reassessment of competency.

The ACMUI unanimously approved a modification to the report to note that if and when the NRC decides to pursue a limited-scope AU pathway for radionuclide therapy, the ACMUI endeavors to work with the NRC to develop the curriculum.

The draft Training and Experience Requirements for All Modalities Subcommittee Report (ML19039A113), with the aforementioned amendment, was approved by the full ACMUI, with one dissenting vote, during its public teleconference meeting on February 26, 2019.

The final report (ML19058A598) is posted on the ACMUI Subcommittee Reports webpage.

# **Enclosures:**

- 1. Meeting Attendees
- 2. Teleconference Agenda

## **MEETING ATTENDEES**

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# Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes TELECONFERENCE AGENDA Tuesday, February 26, 2019 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (ET)

# **OPEN SESSION**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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