



JOINT NUCLEAR MEDICINE SPECIALIST CREDENTIALLING PROGRAM

Explanatory Notes

to accompany the

Application Form for the Recognition of the Credentials of Nuclear Medicine Specialists for Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

1 Name and Personal Details

The intention is to identify the person who is to be credentialled as a provider of Specialist PET Nuclear Medicine services. This person will be responsible for the supervision and reporting of PET studies. The requested provider number is the number that will be linked to eligibility for payment of Medicare benefits for PET services if credentialling is successful. The requested provider number is the number for the facility where the PET services are provided. For those specialists not affiliated with a PET centre, the provider number should be their main nuclear medicine provider number.

2 (a) Specialist Recognition

The aim of this requirement is that, as PET is a component of the specialty of nuclear medicine, only those specialists who have been recognised as nuclear medicine specialists by Medicare Australia, and are currently credentialled, or are eligible to be credentialled, for nuclear medicine, are eligible for credentialling for PET.

2 (b) PET Training

Applicants will need to have obtained prospective approval for their PET training from the Committee for Joint College Training (CJCT) in Nuclear Medicine of the RACP / RANZCR. Essentially, clinical PET studies will need to be undertaken at an accredited PET training site, and will need to be supervised by a specialist who is credentialled, or eligible to be credentialled, for PET, in order for the applicant's training to be acceptable. **Applicants will need to provide a copy of their notification from the CJCT that they have successfully completed their PET training requirements.**

3 Licence to use Radioactive Substances for PET

A requirement for credentialling will be that all necessary licences and regulatory obligations are held to satisfy State and other authorities. An undertaking will be required that such condition be met before patients are studied, where the licence is not yet applicable for the State in which the applicant resides.

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4 Application Fee

An application processing fee of \$110 including GST will apply. A tax invoice/receipt will be provided upon receipt of payment.

Privacy

The information you provide on this form is collected only for the purpose of assessing and processing your application for credentialling for PET, and for contacting you in relation to this application. Completed PET credentialling application forms are available only to the JNMCAC for the purposes of assessing applications.

Information from your application is provided to Medicare Australia as follows: your name, state (as provided in your contact address) and one identifying provider number (the provider number you have given on the application). No information from your application is provided to any other party.

Details provided by applicants on the PET specialist credentialling application are held on password-secured databases by the Joint Nuclear Medicine Credentialling and Accreditation Committee (JNMCAC) Secretariat at the AANMS. The hard copies of applications are held in secure storage at the same location.

Applicants may have access to their credentialling information at any time by contacting the JNMCAC Secretariat, P O Box 73, Balmain NSW 2041, phone (02) 9818 4824, fax (02) 9818 4806.

For further information, please contact the AANMS which receives applications on behalf of the JNMCAC: email aanms@aanms.org.au or phone 02 9818 4824 or fax 02 9818 4806.