

**Quality Assurance
Resource Manual for
Nuclear Medicine**

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This resource manual is a product of the Socio-Economic Affairs Committee of The Society of Nuclear Medicine's Technologist Section. The members recognized the need for a teaching manual and guidebook in order to help others comply with the quality assurance (QA) objectives established by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The text offers guidance using QA principles in developing a quality as-

surance program for a nuclear medicine department. The content is presented by the membership's managers who relate techniques used to tailor a program to measure functions based on size and resources of the institution.

The manual presents six chapters, each with specifics related to the basic principles of QA. First, the history of QA is presented, including the definition of QA. Identifying problems is discussed next, with information on the assessment, evaluation, and documentation of the problem. Areas that can be monitored and possible monitoring methods are reviewed. The development of possible solutions, a vital aspect of any QA program, is discussed with a sample plan included. Various formats and data collection forms are provided to offer guidance

throughout the manual.

The subject is then approached from the perspective of the medical staff who must work in tandem with the technologists in order to produce an excellent level of QA.

The appendix offers "Guidelines for QA Training" as developed by the Education and Training Committee of The Society of Nuclear Medicine.

The information presented in this manual will be of interest to every manager who seeks an excellence score on a QA program review. A most practical and useful tool, the manual is well written, informative, and well organized.

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