
NMTCB REPORT

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In August 1989, the Summit on Manpower Task Force on Retention conducted a job satisfaction survey among all registered technologists and sonographers in Massachusetts. The results of that survey (available by contacting the Summit office) have provided invaluable data regarding what strategies employers can develop to help in their retention efforts. In order to validate the results of the original survey and to determine if the thoughts and opinions are unique to Massachusetts, a similar questionnaire is being sent to a random sampling of nuclear medicine technologists and sonographers throughout the United States.

If you receive a questionnaire as one of the randomly selected technologists, please take a few moments to complete the satisfaction survey and return it to the NMTCB office. We are interested in your opinions whether or not you are currently employed in the profession.

The NMTCB Task Analysis Committee is finalizing the timeline for the validation survey since a random sampling will be sent to applicants prior to the June 1991 exam. The goal is to evaluate the tabulated data at the Spring 1992 meeting. Your participation for this survey is encouraged because your input is vital to the content base of the exam. The content

base is developed from the results of the NMTCB's task analysis survey in which respondents evaluate job-related tasks. The task analysis process is critical to the NMTCB exam because it is from this that the test matrix is developed.

The matrix is a way of displaying the content specification of an exam by category. Radiation protection and radiopharmacy, instrumentation, imaging, and non-imaging compose the four task groups. The tasks are divided into two additional divisions, core and associated. The task analysis provides the basis for the matrix, and the matrix provides the basis for item development.

The NMTCB Board of Directors approved changes in eligibility requirements for examination applicants at the March 1991 meeting. The changes, which pertain to high school graduates without a baccalaureate or associate degree in one of the physical or biologic sciences and to individuals holding national certification as a registered medical technologist (MT), registered technologist (RT), or registered nurse (RN), are as follows:

"If your clinical experience began before January 1, 1987 and will be completed by December 31, 1993, all candidates in this category must apply for the examination by July 16, 1994. By January 1, 1996, all first-time

applicants for the NMTCB examination must be graduates of CAHEA-accredited programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology."

Negotiations with the ARRT regarding certification are still in progress. Members of the negotiation team met with the Board in March to review the recent proposal.

Dennis Park, Executive Director of the NMTCB, tendered his resignation effective September 3, 1991. Dennis will be leaving Atlanta to pursue new business interests in Northern California. Dennis's five years of service to the NMTCB are greatly appreciated. (See the call for Executive Director in this issue of the *Journal*.)

The NMTCB "Item Writers Guide" is being updated to meet current needs. The NMTCB thanks the SNM/TS for the opportunity to participate in the Educators' Forum and to offer the Item Writers Workshop at the Annual Meeting in Cincinnati.

The NMTCB welcomes Nancy Sawyer, CNMT, William Beaumont Hospital, Troy, MI, to the NMTCB Board of Directors to complete Richard Nuccio's term as the BOR (Board of Registry) ASCP Representative. Paul Christian, CNMT, University of Utah Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT, is the 1991 elected Member at Large of the Executive Committee of the NMTCB Board of Directors.

NOMINATIONS FOR NMTCB DIRECTORS

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board is seeking nominations for NMTCB Directors from the nuclear medicine technology community. Terms for new Directors will be from January 1992 through December 1995. Individuals interested in serving who have questions should contact the NMTCB office at (404) 315-1739. Nominations should be sent to the attention of: **Virginia Pappas, The Society of Nuclear Medicine, 136 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016-6760.**