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■ Mid-Winter Meeting Preview

The Society of Nuclear Medicine will hold its mid-winter meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico on January 9-16, 1995. Sessions will take place at the Caribe Hilton Hotel. This year's meeting is being held jointly with the American College of Nuclear Physician's (ACNP) annual meeting. Due to the number of participants who attended both meetings in the past, SNM and ACNP decided to combine meetings. Both organizations hope this cooperative effort will help keep costs down for attendees as well as make more efficient use of their time.

As in previous years, the Technologist Section will meet at the same time and place as the SNM physicians. Of particular interest to technologists are the following meetings:

Wednesday, January 10

SNM-TS Executive Committee Meeting 6 pm-9 pm

Thursday, January 11

SNM-TS Committee Meetings 8 am-3 pm

SNM-TS National Council I 4 pm-9 pm

Friday, January 12

SNM-TS National Council II 8 am-Noon

SNM mid-winter symposium sessions will run from the morning of Monday, January 15 through noon of Tuesday, January 16. VOICE and AMA Category I credits will be given for registered attendees. Imaging positron-emitters without a PET scanner is the topic. This symposium will cover the instrumentation and clinical applications of imaging positron-emitting radiotracers without a PET scanner. It will address the relative advantages and disadvantages of PET radiotracers over SPECT tracers and review state-of-the-art instrumentation and reconstruction issues for PET and SPECT. Attendees will then learn about different instrumentation approaches being used to image 511-keV

photons without a PET scanner. These lectures will be followed by a discussion of the clinical applications of FDG-SPECT in cardiology and oncology, with the relative benefits compared to FDG-PET and conventional SPECT imaging being discussed.

■ Continuing Education Update

There have been many changes in continuing education. The Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section is feeling the effects of many of these changes. Included here are the Technologist Section's Verification of Involvement in Continuing Education (VOICE) guidelines. These guidelines are effective January 1, 1996. These are highlights of changes you should be aware of:

- SNM-TS now is using Continuing Education *Hours* (CEHs) instead of Continuing Education Units (CEUs); one hour of credit equals 1.0 CEH instead of 0.1 CEU.
- You can receive CE credit for attending meetings approved by Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation Mechanisms (RCEEMs) identified by the ARRT.
- The Nonmember VOICE Tracking Program is available for technologists who want to use only the SNM-TS tracking service.
- You can receive CE credit for speaking at a VOICE approved meeting.
- You can receive CE credit for writing an article that is published in *JNMT*.

As you review the guidelines, notice that details pertaining to these items have been **highlighted**. The new VOICE Credit Approval Application is shown here.

There is a new item that you may have already seen in the *JNMT* continuing education test instructions. Effective immediately, nonmembers of

SNM-TS who are not participating in our Nonmember VOICE Tracking Program, must submit \$10 with each *JNMT* continuing education test form and each evaluation form for SNM audiovisuals. After tests are scored and essays are evaluated, technologists will receive letters verifying their participation in the continuing education activity.

If you have any questions or comments or would like a copy of these guidelines or the new VOICE Credit Approval Application, please contact Marcia Ferg at the SNM Continuing Education Office at 703-708-9000, ext. 210, Fax 703-708-9015, or email: mferg@snm.org. You may photocopy and use the following VOICE application form.

SNM-TS Voice Guidelines and Procedures

Objectives

Per the Bylaws of the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, the objectives of this organization shall be:

to encourage nuclear medicine technologists to join together in an association within the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining the identity and quality of nuclear medicine technologists and providing the continuing development, improvement, and expansion of nuclear medicine technology for the betterment of health care services.

Further, the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section (SNM-TS) is a national professional association which, through its status as a Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation Mechanism (RCEEM), recognizes and approves continuing education activities relating to nuclear medicine technology.

Verification of Involvement in Continuing Education (VOICE)

The VOICE program is a comprehensive SNM-TS program that provides technologists with continuing education (CE) activities as well as a method

VOICE

**Verification Of Involvement in Continuing Education
Credit Approval Application**

Application must be complete • Print clearly or type • Instructions enclosed.

1. Activity **SPONSOR:** _____

2. Activity **TITLE:** _____

3. Activity **DATE(S):** _____

4. Activity **LOCATION:** _____

5. **CONTACT PERSON**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone #: () _____ FAX #: () _____ email address: _____

6. **FEE** enclosed: (check one)

\$75 Chapter/Regional annual (CH)

\$50 AV Program (AV)

\$25 Academic/Hospital (AH)

\$25 Journal Article (JA)

\$100 Commercial Company (CM)

\$5 Author/Speaker (AS)

\$75 Multiple Program (MP)

- Allow 4 weeks for processing. Applications received later than one week prior to the program will not be accepted.
- Applications must be complete to be approved. Incomplete applications will be returned.
- Send the original application AND A COPY to help us process your application more efficiently.
- Applications MUST include originals or copies of: brochures, flyers, journal article (with quiz), audio/video material (with quiz and any supporting materials) to be considered complete.
- Authors: include a copy of your published work. Speakers: include a copy of the program listing you as a speaker.

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Return completed application, attachments and fee to:

Society of Nuclear Medicine
VOICE Coordinator
1850 Samuel Morse Drive
Reston, VA 22090-5316
(703) 708-9000 x210

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Date app. rec'd

Check #:

Check amt.:

SNMTS Assigned Ref. #:

Amt. Credit:

Exp. Date:

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7. ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Copy this page as needed for programs with many activities (lectures).
Refer to Application Instructions page.

Title: _____

Date: _____

Format (check one):

Lecture Lab AV Journal Article Author Speaker

Category: _____

Start/End Time: _____ Length of Audiovisual or Article: _____

Attendance Verification Method: _____

Objective: _____

FACULTY DESCRIPTION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone #: () _____ email address: _____

Degree: _____ Certification: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Specialty Topics: _____

Qualifications: _____

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1. **SPONSOR:** List full title of one sponsor (define acronyms). "Self" for authors/speakers.
2. **TITLE:** Complete title of the activity (not individual lectures).
3. **DATE:** The date of the lecture(s) or program; journal article issue number and date; production date of the audiovisual material; copyright date of published works.
4. **LOCATION:** The site of Lecture programs - include city, state. (Not applicable to articles, audiovisual materials, or published works).
5. **CONTACT PERSON:** Course director - organizer/administrator to whom instructions will be sent. This person is responsible for processing paperwork : application, VOICE Credit Reporting Forms, verification of participation information (sign in sheets, etc.). Include address, phone, fax number and email address, if appropriate.

For Authors and Speakers, list your name, address, etc. under "Contact Person".
6. **FEE:** Fee MUST be enclosed with application. Make check payable to The Society of Nuclear Medicine. Fees are non-refundable. The Multiple Programs fee is a quantity discount fee for Academic/Hospital or Chapter sponsors holding up to six programs in a six month period.
7. **ACTIVITY INFORMATION:**

For lecture programs with more than one lecture, copy this page (section 7) as needed. The application should include information on the overall program. Information requested in section 7 should be supplied for each lecture (activity). Attach additional "Section 7" pages as needed.

Title: title of overall program; lecture; article; audiovisual; published work.

Date: date of overall program; lecture; article issue number and date; production date of audiovisual; copyright date of published book.

Format: self-explanatory.

Category: Many states have identified continuing education requirements by subject categories or scopes, etc. Please identify your activity's category based on your state's requirements. For example:

Imaging, Non-Imaging, Internal Therapy, Transmission & Excitation, Generators & Kits, Radiation Safety/Protect, Stress Mgt, Professional Development, Direct, Indirect, Non-Ionizing, General Nuclear Medicine topics, etc.

Start/End Time: Beginning and ending time of the individual activities; or length of audiovisual. Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) are defined by the length of the activity. An activity which is 50-60 minutes in length would receive 1.0 CEH. Every 15 minutes over that is worth .25 CEH. Activities are identified in quarterly increments only; i.e., 1.0, 1.25, 1.5, 1.75, etc. If their length falls between the quarter hour, we will round up or down to the nearest quarter. Every 120 minutes of laboratory time receives 1 CEH of credit.

Example:

Lecture: 10:15 - 11:30 = 1.25 CEH

Lecture: 10:00 - 11:05 = 1.0 CEH

Lab: 10:00 - 12:00 = 1.0 CEH

AV tape: 90 minutes = 1.5 CEH

Attendance Verification Method: For lecture programs, participants are required to attend at least 80% of an instructional hour for satisfactory completion of a Continuing Education Hour (CEH). Indicate here the method you will use to verify the attendance of individual participants, ie: sign-in sheets, registration list, VOICE Credit Reporting Forms, etc. (A VOICE Credit Reporting form will be provided by the VOICE Coordinator and mailed to the Contact Person upon approval of your program.)

Objectives: State specifically what the participants will have achieved upon the successful completion of this activity. There should be at least one objective for each hour of activity. Objectives should contain Performance, Condition, and Criteria. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Example:

"At the conclusion of this program, the nuclear medicine technologist should be able to perform a linearity check (performance) using a dose calibrator and a technetium source (conditions), according to NRC Guidelines (criterion)."

FACULTY DESCRIPTION

This section must be completed for each faculty member/speaker/author. **CV's are NOT required.** In addition to basic information (name, address, phone #, etc), the sponsor is required to list the faculty member's qualifications for serving as an instructor or writing on the particular topic. The qualifications may include papers presented or published or professional experience including research in the subject matter to be presented.

Specialty topics: Help us build a data base of faculty and their specialty subjects within the field of nuclear medicine. Then, if a sponsor needs a speaker on a particular topic we might be able to help!

Once your application has been reviewed and approved by the SNMTS Continuing Education Committee reviewers, this office will assign the activity a reference number and amount of credit. We will send the Contact Person an instructional letter with this information and any special instructions pertaining to this activity.

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of tracking them. Through VOICE, the SNM-TS provides members with a computerized transcript documenting participation in any of the nuclear medicine CE programs offered annually. SNM-TS members are automatically enrolled in the VOICE program and pay no additional fee to enjoy its benefits. Nonmembers may participate for an annual fee of \$70.

Only those sponsors who apply to the SNM-TS for VOICE credit for their CE activity and have that application approved will be awarded CE credits through the VOICE system. VOICE participants who attend programs approved for continuing education by other RCEEMS as identified by the ARRT (ACR, AHRA, ASRT and SDMS), can submit documentation and have those credits added to their VOICE transcript. Participants at continuing education programs leading to BCLS, ACLS, or Instructor or Instructor Training certification from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross can submit proof of attendance and a copy of the resultant certification for CEH credit to be applied to their transcript.

The continuing education credits assigned and tracked by the SNM-TS VOICE system are considered by the ARRT to be Category "A" continuing education credits. Category "B" credit, as defined by the ARRT, can be assigned to legitimate continuing education activities *not* approved by a RCEEM. The SNM-TS VOICE program will not designate or track Category "B" continuing education activities.

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Examples:

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**AV tape 30 minutes = 0.5 CEH
Every 120 minutes of laboratory time will receive 1 CEH of credit.**

Continuing Education Activities Eligible For CEH Credit Lecture (Live) Programs

A planned program of continuing education in nuclear medicine technology involves the organized presentation of the body of knowledge so that the subject matter is comprehensively covered in sufficient detail to meet the educational objectives of the course. A continuing education activity sufficient for approval must be a planned program including, but not limited to: defined objectives, outline of course material, scope of activity clearly defined, faculty credentials and must be a subject related to nuclear medicine technology.

Subject matter of any continuing education activity must provide sufficient details to meet the objectives of the activity. Activities must be presented by an individual with credentials relevant to the material being presented. Commonly used formats include: lecture, seminar, workshop, structured case review, etc. Laboratory format would be appropriate for instruction in clinical laboratory procedures and instrumentation where participants receive hands-on experience.

A program must be at least 50 minutes in length, under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction. Attendance during at least 80% of the instructional time is required. Proof of participation/attendance is required. All programs are to be evaluated by the participants.

Activities under this category include:

- Chapters and local society meetings;
 - Academic or hospital-based programs (in-service conferences, grand rounds, etc.); and
 - Commercially sponsored programs.
- These programs can be:
- Permanent site—a program given at one location several times within a year; or
 - Traveling seminars—a program that

moves from location to location without the program content changing (e.g., society road shows, traveling lecturers, etc.).

Audiovisual Programs

Audiotape and videotape programs must provide a high quality educational content using current information and techniques. The tapes must be a minimum of 30 minutes in length. The amount of credit assigned is based on the length of the tape. A post-test and evaluation form must be completed for credit to be given. The participant must achieve a passing grade of at least 80% to receive credit. Tapes must be reviewed every 3 years to maintain currency and accuracy.

Audiotape and videotape programs produced by outside organizations may be submitted for VOICE credit approval. The programs must include a post-test, support materials (if applicable) and an evaluation form to be awarded credit.

The SNM and SNM-TS produce videotapes eligible for continuing education credit. They are available from National Audio Video, Inc. They are for sale or rent. With each purchase or rental, 10 individuals can obtain CE credit and there is a small charge for each additional 10 individuals wishing to obtain credit.

Journal Articles

The *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*, the official journal of the SNM-TS, features continuing education articles which qualify for one hour of continuing education credit (1.0 CEH). Individuals completing the *JNMT* article tests must follow the directions which accompany the article. An 80% correct response rate is required to receive credit for participation.

Articles relating to the field of nuclear medicine technology, which will be published in a peer-reviewed journal with accompanying post-tests, may be submitted by outside organizations or chapters for approval for VOICE credit. An application must be completed. As a guideline, reading the article and

taking the post-test should take not less than one hour. Administrative details (grading the tests, failure notifications, letters of participation for non-SNM members, etc.) will be handled by the submitting organization or chapter.

Authors and Speakers

Authors and co-authors of an article relating to nuclear medicine in a peer-reviewed journal may each submit an application, including a copy of the published journal, to receive 5 CEHs each.

A speaker at a meeting which has been approved for VOICE credit may submit an application to receive 3 CEHs for every continuing education hour presented. Application to include a copy of the final program in which the speaker appears.

Authors and co-authors of a book chapter, textbook or reference book related to nuclear medicine must submit an application for continuing education credit. Each application will be reviewed and credit assigned on a case by case basis by the VOICE Approval Subcommittee.

Activities not eligible for continuing education credit:

- Attendance at routine department or staff meetings;
- Poster sessions and viewing exhibits;
- Elected office or committee appointments;
- Basic course that would be taken during initial nuclear medicine technology training;
- Student presentations or attendance at bowl competitions;
- Question and answer sessions;
- Informal case discussions/presentations;
- Scientific papers and/or authorship of scientific papers does not qualify for credit; and
- Breaks, meals or social functions (a scientific presentation given *during* a meal function may be awarded CE credit).

Transcripts

A computerized transcript is issued to VOICE participants once a year, usu-

ally in March, and on demand. The transcript identifies all CEH activities completed during the 3 most recent years prior to its issue. Information found on the VOICE transcript is as follows: participant's name and address; program information such as date, type (format), category (imaging, nonimaging, radiation safety, etc.), number, description and number of CEHs. **Transcripts will include VOICE-approved programs as well as programs approved by the identified RCEEMs for which proper documentation has been submitted. Proper documentation is: participant's name and VOICE number; title and content description of the activity; date(s) of attendance; number of contact hours available and the number of hours the participant achieved; name of sponsor; an authorized signature (representative of the sponsor); and the reference number assigned by the RCEEM.**

Fee Structure

Enrollment Fees

SNM-TS members are enrolled in the VOICE system free as a benefit of membership.

Non-SNM-TS members can enroll in the Nonmember VOICE Tracking Program (NMVTP) for an annual fee of \$70. This is a tracking service only; participants must submit the proper documentation and they will receive a transcript (see Transcripts section). Application Processing Fees for Approval of CE Programs

Fees must be enclosed with the application. Fees are nonrefundable.

\$ 75.00	Chapter/regional-sponsored annual program
\$ 25.00	Academic/hospital-sponsored program
\$ 75.00	Multiple program discount (academic/hospital based sponsor-up to six programs within a 6-month period)
\$ 100.00	Commercial company-sponsored program
\$ 50.00	Audiovisual program
\$ 25.00	Journal article
\$ 5.00	Authors/speakers

Delineation of Responsibilities Responsibilities of Sponsoring Organization or Applicant

1. Submit completed application with: name of sponsoring organization, name of contact person, complete mailing address of contact person along with day and evening telephone numbers, list of defined objectives, outline of course material, beginning and ending times for each activity/lecture, faculty description form including their credentials, all supporting material including copies of handouts or study guide if applicable.
2. Submit application approximately 4 weeks in advance of the activity. Incomplete applications will delay processing. The SNM-TS Education Office is not responsible if incomplete applications cause processing to be later for this activity. *Applications will not be accepted after the activity has taken place or one week prior to the activity.*
3. Obtain verification of the attendees participation in the activity (sign-in sheet, registration list, etc.). Copy and distribute VOICE credit reporting forms received from SNM-TS office to all participants.
4. Instruct participants on proper method for completing the credit reporting forms and collect the forms at the conclusion of the activity.
5. Submit the credit reporting forms and your verification of participation report to the SNM-TS Education Coordinator within 2 weeks of the activity. (Keep a copy of these forms for your files.)

Responsibilities of VOICE Participant

1. Print name, address, phone number and VOICE number on the appropriate credit reporting form (i.e., audiovisual evaluation form, post-tests, etc.). Indicate NMVTP on the form if you are a participant in the SNM-TS Nonmember VOICE Tracking Program. Missing or illegible information on these forms can result in credit not being recorded.
2. When attending a lecture (live) pro

gram, you will return the completed forms to the program director. For all other approved activities, follow the specific instructions included with the activity (*JNMT* tests, audiovisual programs, etc.).

Responsibilities of the SNM-TS Education Office

1. Review all applications in a timely fashion and provide the Course Approval Subcommittee completed applications for approval.
2. After approval, enter the activity into the computer assigning at least one VOICE number (will vary depending on number of lectures in a live program).
3. Send the letter of approval and instruction, with an original VOICE Credit Reporting Form and a sample VOICE Course Critique Form to the program director/contact person.
4. After receiving the completed credit reporting forms and verification of participation report from the program director/contact person, enter on VOICE participants records, the amount of credit to be received for the activity.
5. Provide VOICE participants with an annual report (VOICE transcript) of the continuing education activities they've reported to the SNM-TS Education Office.
6. Keep on file all applications, with supportive documentation and participation verification information, for a period of 3 years following the date of the activity.

Glossary

Continuing Education Hour: A Continuing Education Hour is equal to 50 to 60 minutes and is awarded 1 CEH credit.

Continuing Education Activity: A learning activity that is planned and administered to enhance the knowledge and skills underlying the professional performance that the technologist uses to provide services to patients, the public and the profession.

RCEEM: Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation Mechanism. A group or organization that evaluates

the content and quality of continuing education activities. A RCEEM must be national in scope, nonprofit and based in the radiologic sciences. The SNM-TS, ASRT and SDMS are RCEEMS identified by the ARRT.

Sponsor: An organization that plans, organizes, supports, endorses, subsidizes and/or administers educational activities. Sponsors must be approved by a RCEEM to offer credit. Sponsors can include professional societies, academic institutions, health care facilities and government agencies.

ACNP Proficiency Testing Program

*Contributed by Sharon Surrel, CNMT
ACNP Project Coordinator*

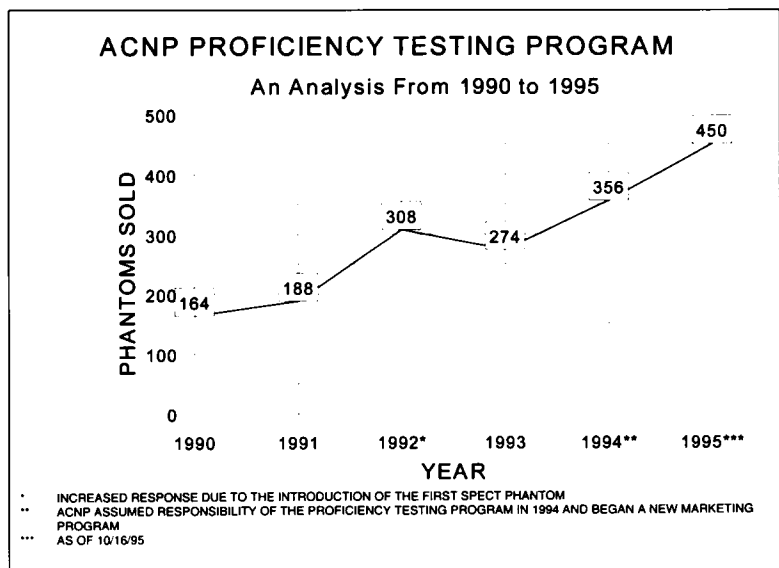
The American College of Nuclear Physicians (ACNP) sold 450 phantoms by October 16, 1995, as shown in the graph. If you missed participating in the 1995 exercise, the ACNP still has a few phantoms left from the spring IM-A SPECT Q.C. and the fall spinal bone studies. Call the ACNP National Office for details on how to obtain these emission simulators.

The Nuclear Medicine Imaging Committee has been working with the Technologist Section Continuing Education Committee, chaired by Cynthia Wharton, CNMT, to obtain VOICE credit approval for the 1996

Proficiency Testing Program. The college acknowledges the special efforts of Paul Christian, CNMT, and Cynthia Wharton, CNMT, for achieving a real first for our profession. With each exercise purchased, VOICE credit will be provided for each technologist who performs the exercise. A series of questions will be asked similar to that of a continuing education article in *JNMT*. You will be asked to submit your answers along with your facility's standard questionnaire to the ACNP national office. The Technologist Section VOICE coordinator will review your answers and apply the credit to your cumulative continuing education record. This is a service that can be used by SNM Technologist Section members and nonmembers alike. Now you can receive continuing education without leaving your department. The program tests actual patient care activities. You'll save on travel expenses and your time is more flexible.

Once VOICE is in place, ARRT recognition is automatic. Continuing medical education for credit through ACCME for physicians is still progressing. The ACNP will let you know when final approval is given.

The Nuclear Medicine Imaging Committee met at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. on November 5-6, 1995 to put the final touches on the 1996 phantom offerings and



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began developing ideas for 1997. The ACNP is enthusiastic about next year's exercise challenges of a stress/rest myocardial perfusion study and a renal emission imaging simulator.

The 1996 IM-A stress/rest myocardial perfusion study is designed to test your ability to detect and localize myocardial perfusion defects and to determine the clinical significance of these defects. This exercise will also assess your camera's high-count flood uniformity and center-of-rotation correction. A summary of all participating facilities' results will accompany each individual subscriber's results.

Myocardial perfusion imaging will be performed using two cardiac phantoms: one simulating the heart after stress and one simulating the heart at rest. A patient's history will also be included. After acquiring, processing and displaying the images, you will identify the defects. Using the clinical history, you will then determine the clinical significance.

If feasible, a separate component of this exercise will be a computer diskette containing SPECT myocardial perfusion raw data. You will be required to process and display these studies. Using these images, along with a patient's history and findings, you will be required to identify the abnormalities and determine their clinical significance.

The 1996 IM-B renal phantom is designed for imaging in SPECT or planar modes. The program is designed as an emission study with kidneys lying at different depths from an anterior-posterior perspective and with each kidney containing one or more lesions of

various sizes and shapes.

Your challenge will be two-fold: (1) measure the ratio of activity in left and right kidneys derived from anterior and posterior imaging and geometric mean or arithmetic mean calculations, and (2) detect lesions present in the kidney as seen from anterior and posterior imaging. The geometric mean value from each kidney is equal to the square root of the product of anterior counts and posterior counts. The arithmetic mean value from each kidney is equal to one half the sum of the anterior and posterior counts. It will be of interest to find which more closely approximates the real activity values which will be quantitatively measured and provided in the critique.

The second task is to identify renal lesions, whether simulating infarcted tissue, regions of hemorrhage, or space-occupying abscesses or neoplasms. This task will challenge both your equipment and the techniques you choose. You will find out if SPECT methodology can see better than planar technique in detecting small lesions as well as how your equipment and techniques compare with those of other participating facilities.

This emission phantom will contain two kidneys in approximate anatomical configuration supported by a liquid or solid absorbing medium. The kidneys, containing lesions, will be filled with radioactivity by the participant prior to imaging. The phantom will be retained by the participating facility and should remain a valuable teaching and quality assurance tool. A critique of submitted results from all participants will follow.

The ACNP is now accepting orders for the 1996 IM-A and IM-B exercise series. You can pay by purchase order, check or credit card. MasterCard and Visa, with expiration dates included, are accepted. Faxed orders are also welcome. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Sharon Surrel, CNMT, at the ACNP national office at 202-857-1135.

■ News Brief

Picker Acquires Scinticor

Picker International, a major manufacturer of medical imaging technologies, acquired Scinticor, a nuclear cardiology company. Scinticor is the world's only producer of multi-crystal gamma cameras for medical stress first-pass cardiac imaging procedures. Scinticor's SIM-400 first-pass cardiac imaging system is based on proprietary multi-crystal technology.

"Scinticor complements our strategic thrust to offer leading edge technology in nuclear medicine imaging," explained James M. Fulton, vice president and general manager of Picker's nuclear medicine division. The ability to accurately assess cardiac function with the use of first-pass angiography provides clinicians with an extremely sensitive indicator of coronary artery disease. This procedure is noninvasive, low cost and has a patient study time of less than one minute.

Scinticor, previously based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be consolidated with Picker's nuclear medicine business in Cleveland, Ohio, where its products will continue to be produced, marketed and serviced worldwide.

TECHNOLOGIST SECTION SEEKS MEMBERS FOR JRCNMT

The Academic Affairs Committee is seeking applications from Technologist Section members who would like to represent the section on the Joint Review Committee on Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT). The JRCNMT is composed of technologists and physicians from four professional organizations and helps establish and maintain quality standards for nuclear medicine technology programs.

The Academic Affairs Committee must receive applications by August 1, 1996. The member's three-year term will begin January 1, 1997. Duties include attending JRCNMT meetings, submitting a written report to the Technologist Section president after each JRCNMT meeting and submitting summaries to the section's National Council. The member serves without pay but is reimbursed for expenses incurred for attending official JRCNMT meetings.

To apply, submit a current curriculum vitae and a letter demonstrating your knowledge of the philosophy, functions and duties of the JRCNMT, as well as indicating your availability of time and willingness to serve and travel as necessary. You must hold current certification or registration as a nuclear medicine technologist. Please include a statement of any potential conflict of interest with your application, although this does not preclude appointment. Interested applicants should address all submissions to: Karen Blondeau, CNMT, Orlando Regional Health-care System, Education Center, 925 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32806.