

that will determine our professional status. As you may know from reading the SNM *Newsline*, California has passed a licensure bill for nuclear medicine technologists, in which provisions are outlined for preparation and injection of radiopharmaceuticals. This is a major victory for the profession.

A CONCERNED TECHNOLOGIST

THE ESSENCE OF THE TECHNOLOGIST SECTION

In reference to my March 1979 *JNMT* article entitled "What Do I Get for My Dues?" the question has been raised concerning the fact that 44% of the Technologist Section budget is allocated to the *JNMT*. May I comment that the *JNMT* serves two extremely important functions: it is the largest single revenue source to the Technologist

Section, primarily because of support from commercial advertisers—and even more important, it provides the greatest single educational service to our members.

As a nonprofit professional organization within the Society of Nuclear Medicine, the Technologist Section was established to disseminate information concerning nuclear medicine technology by sponsoring scientific and professionally-related publications and holding meetings to communicate and discuss knowledge among nuclear medicine technologists. To this end, 77% of all income goes to all educational endeavors, including the *JNMT*.

I would like to emphasize that the service provided by the *JNMT* is the very essence of our Technologist Section.

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