
Letter from the Editor

On Writing Well—and Topically

This issue of the *JNMT* contains two sections that deserve your particular notice:

- The *JNMT Style Manual for Authors* and
- Commentary.

This edition of the Style Manual has been printed in the *JNMT* rather than as a separate publication for a variety of reasons. By publishing it in this format, it has a high degree of visibility and availability. (I hope it will remind and encourage you to prepare that manuscript you have been intending to write!) Also, initial printing costs are reduced and requested reprints can be mailed more conveniently and less expensively. Because of this, we expect to be able to update this *Manual* more frequently for your use. It is my hope that schools of nuclear medicine technology will use the *Manual* as a guide for students in technical writing courses. Since publication is so prevalent in the scientific arena, a student who has been exposed to the mechanics of producing an article will surely feel more comfortable with this aspect of his or her career.

The new “Commentary” section is designed to give you, the reader, a place to air your views on a wide variety of topics of interest to the field. The subject of this first Commentary, patient care, is an appropriate starting point. I look forward to future issues that will address everything from goal-setting to departmental management to educational requirements. Your response to a specific Commentary may be submitted as a letter to the editor or if appropriate as a Commentary itself. Please support this new section with your contributions. The success of this attempt to diversify the content of the *JNMT* somewhat is in your hands. Let me know what you would like discussed either by writing the topic yourself or suggesting an issue that you would like to see addressed by someone else.



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