

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Nuclear Medicine Technology Trilogy

Today's medical world demands that those of us in the allied health professions update our methodologies, instrumentation, and education.

Those of us who have been involved in nuclear medicine technology for some time have experienced the fact that methodologies and instrumentation have certainly met the demands initiated by the medical world. However, an area equally monumental in demand and scope is the education that all personnel in the allied health professions must receive initially and continue to receive. This area has not kept abreast of other advances.

Continuing education, of necessity, must be available in many different forms. The forms depend upon the material and information to be presented, the target audience and their unique characteristics, and the specific objective assigned to the form.

The Continuing Education Committee of the SNM Technologist Section has been a pathfinder by making initial inroads into developing, when and where possible, mechanisms by which the allied health professional in our field, the nuclear medicine technologist, can participate, receive, and benefit from continuing educational experiences. The initial inroads have been limited but will continue to expand and develop into major avenues.

One initial inroad was the *Newsletter* which is now being expanded into this new *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*. In order for it to mature into an arterial highway requires work, continued input, and refinement. All of these are imperative ingredients for all of us; we must travel the thoroughfare of continuing education together, and no one person, or single committee, can do it alone. Let this new *Journal* become the official publication, lifeline, and advancement for all nuclear medicine technologists.

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