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## Letter to the Editor

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### **Regarding: Recruitment into Nuclear Medicine Technology Schools**

I disagree with the recently stated philosophy of recruiting individuals into nuclear medicine technology schools (*J*). The solution is not simply to crank out more technologists. At the present time, I know plenty of ex-technologists who would get back into the field—if salaries were higher.

As to the fear expressed about accepting less-qualified individuals to work as nuclear medicine assistants, I do not think this is a real fear. We tried this approach in my hospital when we were looking for a part-time technologist. We could not find one and so we hired an assistant. Because of the problems created, my hospital has now implemented a full-time position so that we

can have quality work (you can't get an aide to help perform procedures and work a computer!).

I also believe that the passage of licensing requirements will prevent hospitals from having aides do anything major.

The old law of supply-and-demand governs our future; when salaries go up, we'll have all the students we require. Let's not cheapen nuclear medicine technology programs by advertising for students.

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### **Reference**

J. Boyd, MR. Recruitment into nuclear medicine technology schools: a solution to shortages. *J Nucl Med Technol* 1981;9:200-02.

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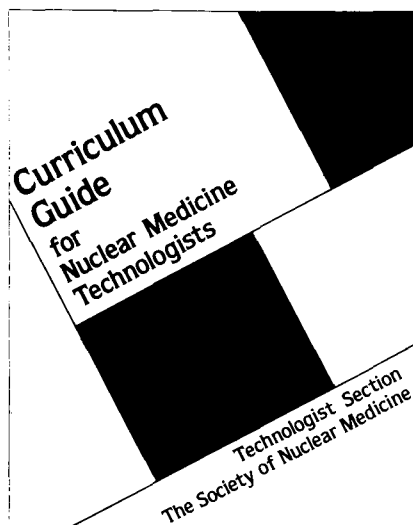
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