

NMTCB REPORT

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Chairperson

The NMTCB examination was administered to 750 candidates in 1990. This criterion-referenced examination, which tests job-related knowledge and skills required to practice as an entry-level nuclear medicine technologist, certified 563 examinees. Data regarding the two examinations are as follows:

	June 1990	September 1990	Total
Pass	191	372	563
Fail	72	115	187
Total	263	487	750
Passing score	118	Passing score	121

In summary, the American College Testing Program reports that the NMTCB examinations administered in June and September 1990 were technically sound and performed comparably to NMTCB examinations administered in the past ten years.

As the new Chairperson of the NMTCB, I want to introduce the NMTCB Directors and Committee Chairpersons (see box). Please feel free to communicate with any of the committee chairpersons or myself on any specific issues you wish to address. I can be contacted at: Baptist East Hospital, Nuclear Medicine Department, 6019 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis, TN 38120.

Nominations for NMTCB Directors for the term January 1992 through

December 1995 are due at the SNM-TS New York office before June 1, 1991. Director duties include serving as a member of one of the four Sub-Groups of the Examination Development Process and serving on one of the Board's Committees.

Due to bylaw changes by both the NMTCB and SNM-TS, the nomination procedure will be different this year. Any member of the SNM-TS may submit nominations. All nominations then will be submitted to the National Council. If there are more than two nominees for each technologist vacancy, the National Council will select two nominees for each vacancy by mail ballot, using preferential voting. The names of the nominees, along with a curriculum vitae and a statement, as required by the Board, shall be forwarded to the NMTCB by the June meeting. The NMTCB then will make the final Board member selections from the names submitted by the National Council.

Upon selection, each new Director attends an orientation session at the NMTCB Spring meeting where Board members present policies and goals; new Directors are also introduced to the examination development process. At that time, the Task Analysis and

Examination committee members explain item writing and editing, task analysis, and exam matrices. Also, exam psychometric analysis is presented by the ACT psychometrician. Subsequent semi-annual meetings include an open session where a review of the meeting agenda is explained, including any required changes of procedure.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank each item writer who contributed time and effort in submitting items for the Item Bank. I encourage your continued participation, as your work is an enhancement to the Item Bank. Members interested in the NMTCB exam item development process are invited to attend the Item Writer's Workshop at the Annual Meeting in Cincinnati. The Board thanks Terri Boyce, SNM-TS Scientific and Teaching Committee Chairman, for making this possible.

Negotiations still continue with the ARRT toward the goal of developing one certification exam for nuclear medicine technologists. Although this is a slow process, it is anticipated that the Boards of both organizations will be evaluating proposals this year.

I look forward to serving as NMTCB Chairperson this year. There are many opportunities to serve the certificants and the nuclear medicine community as we continue to provide a valid examination.

NOMINATIONS FOR NMTCB DIRECTORS

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board is seeking nominations for NMTCB Directors from the nuclear medicine technology community. Terms for new Directors will be from January 1992 through December 1995. Individuals interested in serving who have questions should contact the NMTCB office at (404) 315-1739. Nominations should be sent to the attention of: Virginia Pappas, The Society of Nuclear Medicine, 136 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016-6760.

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