

Letter from the Editor

Miserly Technologists...

Associated with every scientific session sponsored by nuclear medicine technologists is an element of tragedy. On the local, state, chapter, and national levels, the problem is perennially obvious and yet little is done to rectify the situation. The guilty parties are the many talented individuals among us who present oral scientific papers and then fail to publish the work that has been so carefully prepared. *What a waste!* Considering the effort that is expended initially, surely it would be worth the additional time investment to have the material appear in print.

Most practicing technologists do not have the opportunity to attend as many scientific meetings as they would like. Therefore, it is extremely important to their continuing education that they keep abreast of the field through the literature.

All of us have the responsibility of preseving the unique status and integrity of nuclear medicine technology. We must help each other remain aware of new developments in the evolution of our areas of interest. Obviously, this is best accomplished by reading and contributing to your Journal.

I encourage those of you who presented papers at the recent meeting in Anaheim, as well as any other gathering, to consider sharing your findings with the entire nuclear medicine technology community. Do not allow your worthwhile information to stop at the end of your allotted speaking time, or to remain within the confines of the lecture room. Thousands of people can help thousands of patients by utilizing your ideas when you publish them.

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