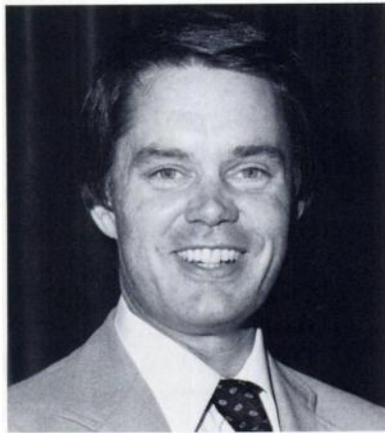


Technologist Section Sees 100% Growth in Abstracts

INVESTIGATORS INCREASE ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS TO SNM 33RD ANNUAL MEETING IN 1986

The number of abstracts submitted to The Society of Nuclear Medicine's (SNM) 33rd Annual Meeting has increased by 20% over last year's submissions,



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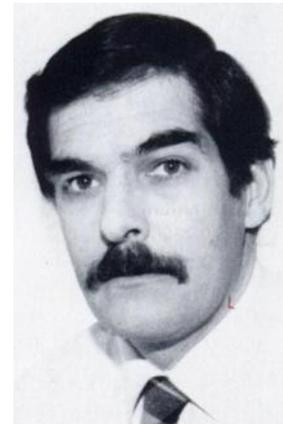
reported the SNM Education and Meetings Department.

A total of 1,305 submissions were reviewed by the SNM Scientific Program Committee—up from 1,088 submissions in 1985. The committee has accepted 745 abstracts (460 for oral presentations and 285 for poster sessions) for the 1986 meeting, which will be held on June 22-25 at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

A significant increase was noted in several categories, including general radiopharmaceutical chemistry, computers and data analysis, endocrine, gastroenterology, neurology, oncology, bone/joint, and dosimetry/radiobiology. Submissions declined in other categories, such as positrons,

halogenated radiopharmaceuticals, and instrumentation.

The Scientific Program Committee, under the chairmanship of Philip O. Alderson, MD, director of the



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GUIDELINES FOR PACS PUBLISHED

The American Hospital Association (AHA) recently published a guideline report (Vol. 4, No. 16) in its hospital technology series on picture archiving and communications systems (PACS), local area networks designed to transmit, display, and store medical images within and outside radiology departments.

"An analysis in this report concludes that a PAC system intended to embrace all imaging, including X-ray images now captured on film, is infeasible from a practical point of

view; a PACS embracing all the digital modalities is feasible but probably not cost-effective; but certain subsystems of PACS, such as one confined to nuclear medicine, teleradiology, optical disk archives, telephone access to dictated reports, radiology department management systems, and computerized report composition and transcription systems, may well be cost-effective and desirable from other points of view," concluded the AHA.

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Management and Policy, 840 No. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 280-6000.]

Siemens Medical Systems, Inc., an instrumentation company in Iselin, NJ, has published a 10-page brochure entitled "PACS: Technology in Progress."

The publication outlines factors regulating the rate of PACS evolution and includes a guide for purchasing decisions. [For more information, contact: Siemens, Marketing Services, 186 Wood Ave. So., Iselin, NJ 08830 (201) 312-8790.] ■