

NEWS BRIEFS

FDA Approves Indium-111 Oxyquinoline

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave its final approval on December 24, 1985, to the Amersham Corp. of Arlington Heights, IL, for the company's indium-111 oxyquinoline new drug application (see *Newsline*: Dec. 1985, p. 1359; June 1985, p. 555; Feb. 1985, p. 122). "The official launch date for the sale of this radiopharmaceutical is January 10, 1986," said William Ehmgig, manager of sales and marketing for Amersham's Nuclear Medicine Products Division. ■

More in Congress Needed for SNM Bill

Since the bill for National Nuclear Medicine Week was introduced in the United States Congress last spring, 173 members of the House of Representatives have agreed to cosponsor the legislation (H.J.297). In order for the bill to pass, however, 218 cosponsors must support it.

Stanley J. Goldsmith, MD, president of The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) and James J. Wirrell, CNMT, president of the SNM Technologist Section, said that they would urge all SNM members to write their representatives in Washington to request support for "this important project" (see *Newsline*, July 1985, p. 690; Dec. 1985, p. 1362).

The following congressional representatives have not yet agreed to cosponsor the National Nuclear Medicine Week bill. Correspondence should be addressed to: US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20510. (If your Congressman is not listed below, please write to thank

your representative for supporting National Nuclear Medicine Week.)

Alabama: Callahan, Dickinson, Flippo, Nichols **Alaska:** Young **Arizona:** Kolbe, Rudd, Stump **Arkansas:** Alexander, Anthony **California:** Bates, Beilenson, Bosco, Coelho, Dellums, Dixon, Dornan, Dreier, Dymally, Edwards, Fiedler, Hawkins, Hunter, Lehman, Lowery, Lungren, Matsui, McCandless, Miller, Mineta, Moorhead, Packard, Panetta, Pashayan, Roybal, Stark, Thomas, Torres, Zschau **Colorado:** Brown, Schaefer, Schroeder, Strang, Wirth **Connecticut:** Johnson, Rowland **Delaware:** Carper **Florida:** Bennett, Bilirakis, Chappell, Fascell, Gibbons, Ireland, Mackay, Mack, McCollum, Mica, Nelson, Shaw **Georgia:** Darden, Fowler, Hatcher, Jenkins, Ray, Thomas **Idaho:** Craig, Stallings **Illinois:** Annunzio, Bruce, Crane, Durbin, Fawell, Hayes, Lipinski, Madigan, Martin, Michel, Rostenkowski, Savage **Indiana:** Coats, Hiler, Millis, McCloskey, Myers, Visclosky **Iowa:** Leach **Kansas:** Glickman, Roberts, Slattery, Whittaker **Kentucky:** Hopkins, Natcher, Perkins, Rogers **Louisiana:** Boggs, Breaux, Huckaby, Livingston, Long, Moore, Roemer **Maryland:** Bentley, Byron, Holt, Hoyer, Mitchell **Massachusetts:** Atkins, Conte, Early, Frank, Mavroules, O'Neill, Studds **Michigan:** Broomfield, Davis, Dingell, Ford, Hertel, Jagt, Kildee, Schuette, Traxler, Wolpe **Minnesota:** Penny, Oberstar, Sikorski, Strangeland **Mississippi:** Dowdy, Whitten **Missouri:** Caly, Coleman, Gephardt, Taylor, Wheat **Montana:** Marlenee, Williams **Nebraska:** Bereuter, Smith **Nevada:** Reid, Vucanovich **New Hampshire:** Smith **New Jersey:** Courter, Florio, Gallo, Rinaldo, Rodino, Roukema, Saxton, Smith **New Mexico:** Lujan, Richardson, Skeen **New York:** Ackerman, Biaggi, Carney, Downey, Fisch, Garcia, Kemp, LaFalce, Lent, Lundine, Martin, McGrath, Molinari, Mrazek, Nowak, Schumer, Solarz, Solomon, Stratton, Towns **North Carolina:** Broyhill, Coble, Hefner, Jones, McMillan, Neal, Rose, Valentine, Whitley **North Dakota:** Dorgan **Ohio:** Eckart, Gradison, Hall, Kasich, Kindness, Latta, Luken, Miller, Oxley, Pease, Regula, Sieberling **Oklahoma:** Edwards, English, Jones, McCurdy, Synar, Watkins **Oregon:** Aucoin, D. Smith, R. Smith, Weaver **Pennsylvania:** Borski, Clinger, Coughlin, Foglietta, Gaydos, Goodling, Gray, Kolter, McDade, Murtha, Ridge, Ritter, Schulze, Shuster, Walker **Rhode Island:** Schneider **South Carolina:** Campbell **South Dakota:** Daschle **Tennessee:** Boner, Cooper, Duncan, Ford, Quillen **Texas:** Archer, Armey, Barton, Boulter, Bryant, Coleman, Combest, Delay, Fields, Frost, Gonzalez, Hall, Leath, Loeffler, Ortiz, Pickle, Sweeney, Wilson, Wright **Utah:** Nielsen **Virginia:** Bateman, Boucher, Olin, Parris, Sisisky, Slaughter, Whitehurst, Wolf **Washington:** Bonker, Dicks, Swift **West Virginia:** Mollohan, Rahall, Wise **Wisconsin:** Aspin, Gunderson, Kastenmeier, Kleczka, Obey, Petri, Roth, Sensenbender **Wyoming:** Cheney **Puerto Rico:** Fuster **District of Columbia:** Fauntroy **Guam:** Blaz **Virgin Islands:** de Lugo ■

SNM Sponsors SPECT Meeting

After receiving numerous requests from the membership, The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) is sponsoring SPECT '86, a one-day national symposium in Dallas, TX, on March 13, 1986, the first day of the SNM Southwestern Chapter's Annual Meeting. Organized by William D. Kaplan, MD, chief of Oncologic Nuclear Medicine at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, the SPECT [single-photon emission computed tomography] program includes 11 lectures ranging from how SPECT works to brain, cardiac, orthopedic, and pediatric applications.

"The program is designed for radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and nuclear medicine technologists who wish to increase their knowledge of SPECT utilization," said Dr. Kaplan, who is also chairman of the SNM Continuing Education and Course Approval Subcommittee. "We plan to survey the progress of SPECT clinical applications over the last five years and to provide practical and timely guidelines to SPECT users," he added.

For more information, contact: Meetings Dept., The Society of Nuclear Medicine, 136 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016 (212) 889-0717. ■

Correction

In the January 1986 issue of *Newsline*, the radiopharmaceutical in the caption on page 6 is spelled incorrectly. The caption should read: "Anterior scan of a normal hepatobiliary system using technetium-99m mebrofenin (Choletec™, Squibb) at 5 min (A), 10 min (B), 15 min (C), and 30 min (D)." ■