
NEWS BRIEFS

Demand for Isotopes Sought by Oak Ridge

The Isotopes Section of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory is seeking information from the nuclear medicine community on the anticipated needs for stable isotopes for the next three to four years.

"The priorities for the operation of the Oak Ridge Electromagnetic Isotope Enrichment Facility (EMIEF) are identified by demand," said Richard C. Reba, of the EMIEF Technical Policy Committee (see *Newsline*, Feb. 1986, pp. 166-167). "Since operating time of the calutrons is limited, and the schedule is established one or two years in advance, it is *imperative* that the future requirements of the nuclear medicine community be established at this time," said Dr. Reba.

Oak Ridge has already been requested to devote EMIEF operating time to produce enriched osmium-190, a stable isotope that is irradiated to produce osmium-191, the parent of the iridium-191m generator, said Dr. Reba.

Joseph A. Setaro, head of the Isotopes Section at Oak Ridge, said that he hopes to anticipate future needs for stable isotopes and prevent the type of situation that occurred recently when the national laboratories were unable to satisfy the unexpectedly high demand for gadolinium-153, used in bone densitometers.

Dr. Reba, Mr. Setaro, and Joe Ratledge, market planner of the Oak Ridge Isotopes Section, will be available during The Society of Nuclear Medicine's (SNM) Annual Meeting this month in Washington, DC, to discuss the supply of stable isotopes with SNM members, and may be contacted via the central message board.

[The community's anticipated needs for stable isotopes must be established prior to the next EMIEF Technical Policy Committee meeting, scheduled for September 11, 1986. To record your future requirements for stable isotopes, write to: Joseph A. Setaro, Isotopes Section Head, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, PO Box X, Oak Ridge, TN 37831 (615) 574-5903; or Richard C. Reba, MD, Director, Div. of Nuclear Medicine George Washington University Medical Center, 901 23rd St. NW, Washington, DC 20037 (202) 676-3786.] ■

Nuclear Medicine Week Passes In House

On April 30, 1986, the US House of Representatives unanimously passed H.R.297 calling for National Nuclear Medicine Week to be observed from July 26 to August 2, 1986.

Senator Dan Quayle (R-IN) recently introduced an identical bill (S.J.314) in the Senate. The bill requires 25 cosponsors (13 Republicans and 12 Democrats) before the Senate can vote on it.

Stanley J. Goldsmith, MD, president of The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM), and James J. Wirrell, CNMT, president of the SNM Technologist Section, would like to see the bill signed into law at the end of this month during the SNM Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. They have asked all Society members in the United States to write their senators requesting support for the legislation (see *Newsline*, May 1986, p. 588, July 1985, p. 690).

[Correspondence may be addressed to: US Senate, Washington, DC 10510. The senators are listed in *Newsline*, May, 1986, p. 592.] ■

SNM Members Propose Brain Imaging Council

Several members of The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) are organizing a Brain Imaging Council to deal with current issues and new developments in neurologic imaging.

"This proposed council would serve to bring members of the Society together on problems of mutual interest that extend across all imaging modalities," said Ronald S. Tikofsky, PhD.

Examples of these problems include protocols for quantification, aspects of image reconstruction, use of radiopharmaceuticals, and methods of psychologic challenge.

"The council would also help develop brain imaging programs for the SNM Annual Meeting and courses for other physicians who are potential referral sources," noted Dr. Tikofsky.

A number of SNM members in the United States and Europe have expressed interest in the new council, and a preliminary meeting is planned for this month in Washington, DC, at the SNM Annual Meeting (Mon., June 23, 5:00-6:00, Rm. 39).

According to the SNM by-laws, any member can form a council by obtaining written support from 100 SNM members. When a council is established, its members determine how much to charge for annual dues, and the SNM contributes \$500 plus \$5 for each council member to the operating budget.

[To join the council, or for more information, contact: Ronald S. Tikofsky, PhD, Section of Nuclear Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8700 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53226 (414) 257-6068; or Henry Ernstthal, Executive Director, The Society of Nuclear Medicine, 136 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016 (212) 889-0717.] ■