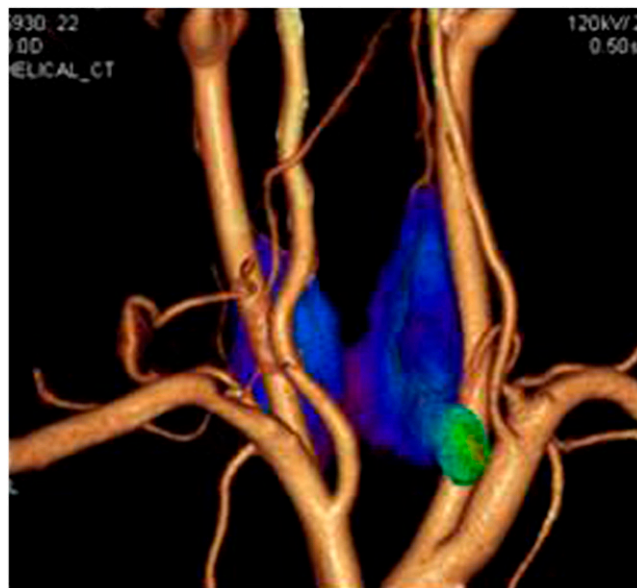


## SNM 2010 Image of the Year

**S**NM's 2010 Image of the Year illustrates the potential of hybrid molecular imaging to provide precise information about the location and function of hyperparathyroidism. Researchers selected this image from more than 1,500 studies presented over the course of 4 d in June during SNM's 57th Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT. "Each year, SNM chooses an image that exemplifies the most cutting-edge molecular imaging research today, as well as illustrates the potential of molecular imaging to provide physicians with a critical component for the detection and diagnosis of disease," said Michael M. Graham, PhD, MD, immediate past-president of SNM, who announced the selection on June 9. "This year's Image of the Year provides an example of a novel imaging presentation, using a combination of SPECT with high-resolution CT angiography. With this information, physicians may be able determine the exact location and size of the abnormal gland and plan minimally invasive surgery that reduces operative time, thus improving patient care." The presentation that featured this image was "Clinical value of fusion images of MIBI SPECT and enhanced MDCT registered by workstation in primary hyperparathyroidism," by Nakada et al. from Hokko Memorial Hospital, Kaisei Hospital, and Hokkaido University Hospital (all in Sapporo, Japan).



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## JNM Named Top Imaging Journal

**T**he *Journal of Nuclear Medicine (JNM)* has once again been ranked the top medical imaging journal worldwide, according to new data released in the *2009 Journal Citation Reports*, published by Thomson Reuters. This is the second consecutive year in which *JNM* has taken the top spot, earning an impact factor of 6.424—higher than other prominent journals in this category, including *Radiology*, *Human Brain Mapping*, and *NeuroImage*, as well as all other nuclear medicine journals.

"*JNM* has held the top spot for 2 years in a row—a fact that reflects *JNM*'s unflagging commitment to quality—as well as continuing to serve as the go-to resource for professionals in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging," said editor-in-chief Heinrich R. Schelbert, MD, PhD, who is professor of molecular and medical pharmacology at the University of California at Los Angeles and George V. Taplin professor at the university's David Geffen School of Medicine. "We are pleased to continue the tradition of excellence by remaining the most highly sought publication in medical imaging, in which experts from across the United States and the world seek to publish the most groundbreaking research of our day."

The Thomson Reuters Institute measures a journal's impact (or significance) based on the number of article

citations compared to the total number of articles published. The impact factor, a quantitative measure of the frequency with which an article in a journal is cited, is used to gauge the overall influence of a journal within scientific, professional, and academic communities.

The *Journal Citation Report* also publishes an immediacy index as an indicator of the speed with which citations to a specific journal appear in published literature. *JNM*'s immediacy index for 2010 is 1.044—a 10% increase over the previous year. The total number of *JNM* citations also increased over the past year—and the number of citations has climbed steadily over the past several years.

"*JNM* has maintained the number 1 spot, even as the number of journals included in the Thomson Reuters ranking has continued to grow," added Schelbert. This year, Thomson Reuters ranked 104 journals—a 10% increase over the previous year.



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