

Thomas P. Haynie, III, MD 1932–2019

Thomas Powell Haynie, III, MD, a leader in nuclear medicine at MD Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, TX) and a previous editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine (JNM)*, died of complications of Parkinson disease at his home in Houston on February 10. He was born on August 9, 1932, in Hearne, TX, and graduated from Hearne High School. He attended the University of the South (Sewanee, TN) and the University of Texas in Austin. He graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in 1956 and completed a residency in internal medicine at University Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI). There he was influenced by nuclear medicine educator and innovator



William H. Beierwaltes, MD, and began to focus his interests in nuclear medicine. He remained at the University of Michigan as an instructor and assistant coordinator of the nuclear medicine unit and as a consultant in internal medicine at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital until 1962.

In 1962 Dr. Haynie became an assistant professor of internal medicine and director of the nuclear medicine service at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, as well as a consultant to the Public Health Service Hospital there. In 1963, he was appointed a consultant to the MD Anderson Cancer Center and assisted with nuclear medicine clinical operations. After spending the fall of 1964 at the Hospitalier Averroès (Casablanca, Morocco) as a technical expert for the International Atomic Energy Agency, he became in 1965 one of the first faculty members at MD Anderson to be trained widely across all developing aspects of nuclear medicine. He was appointed chief of the section of nuclear medicine in 1967. In 1975 he was named a professor of medicine. In 1977 he became acting head of the department of Internal Medicine and in 1979 was appointed its head. He held this position until 1984, while concurrently serving as head of the Section of Nuclear Medicine. He then became the James E. Anderson Professor and chair of Nuclear Medicine. During these years he also served as a professor of medicine and physiology and member of the graduate faculty of the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (Houston) and as professor of internal medicine and radiology at Hermann Hospital at the University of Texas Medical School (Houston). He retired in 1995.

Dr. Haynie served on the board of directors and as secretary of the American Board of Science in Nuclear Medicine (1976–1982), was named a distinguished fellow

of the American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) and the American College of Nuclear Physicians in 1982, was president of the Texas Association of Physicians in Nuclear Medicine (1970–1971), and served as secretary–treasurer, vice-president, and a member of the Board of Trustees for SNM. He was the president of ACNM (1993–1994) and an alternate delegate and chair of the Section Council on Nuclear Medicine of the American Medical Association (1994–1995). He received the Outstanding Achievement Award and the Distinguished Service Award of the MD Anderson Cancer Center in 1995 and the ACNM Gold Medal in 1997.

Dr. Haynie was editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* from 1985 to 1989. A July 1990 *JNM* Newsline profile reported on his receipt of the SNM Distinguished Educator Award. In that profile, William J. MacIntyre, PhD, chair of the SNM Awards Committee, noted that Dr. Haynie's editorship "enabled that publication to fulfill its demanding obligation to scholarship and education." Of note in this article, Edmund Kim, MD, from MD Anderson reported that editing *JNM* during this period was not without controversy. Dr. Haynie received criticism from basics scientists for adding more clinical content to the journal, but, as Kim reported, Dr. Haynie "always said you have to provide clinical information to practitioners, and he emphasized patient care first."

In a 2004 audiotaped interview with Paul Murphy, MD, Dr. Haynie also described his direct contributions to the organization of the SNM Technologist Section. In 1968 and 1969 he served as president of the Southwestern Chapter of the SNM, where "we had been wrestling with what to do with technical affiliates, a category of members who couldn't vote and hold office, and the technologists wanted some independence; so we had hit upon the idea in the Southwestern Chapter to create what we called a Technologist's Section for them to have their own officers and put on their own program, and we did that in probably 1967 or 1968." Dr. Haynie was appointed chair of the SNM Technologists Affairs Committee at the national level and, together with SNM leaders and leading technologists, put together bylaws for formation of the Technologist Section.

Dr. Haynie was widely praised as an educator and mentor to generations of residents. He published 126 articles and contributed 25 chapters to textbooks. A memorial service was held on March 12, with a graveside service the following day.