

NUCLEAR MEDICINE IN CLINICAL PEDIATRICS, Hirsch Handmaker and Jerold Lowenstein, New York, Society of Nuclear Medicine, 1975, 296 pp, \$22.50.

This book originated from a symposium entitled "Nuclear Medicine in Pediatrics" held in San Francisco in February of 1973. It is essentially directed to practicing pediatricians, as well as house officers and nuclear medicine specialists who occasionally see pediatric patients. It attempts to deliver the latest and most pertinent information on the procedures used in pediatric nuclear medicine. The editors recognized the difficulties associated with the transmission of information regarding new procedures and even well-established non-invasive radionuclide studies to the practicing pediatricians. Any effort to accomplish this should be commended. At the same time, they also recognize that at present even those of us who are directing most of our time to pediatric aspects of nuclear medicine may not be providing all we might in service. To this end, they have tried to provide an up-to-date and inexpensive source book to make the relatively new techniques of pediatric nuclear medicine more available and better understood.

This book has 296 pages, numerous illustrations, and the virtue of brevity. It is divided into an introductory section, followed by chapters discussing imaging of organ systems, in vitro studies, clinical experience in a children's hospital, radiobiology and dosimetry, new instrumentation, computer imaging procedures, new horizons, and an appendix. The chapters contain a few pertinent references. Each of the chapters discusses procedures, indications, radiopharmaceuticals, technology, and a number of examples.

The relatively young, dynamic, and rapidly growing field of pediatric nuclear medicine is difficult to write about. This book is a compilation of articles written by various prestigious authors in the field of nuclear medicine. Although it is generally well written, it (like most books written by several authors) sometimes lacks continuity.

Nuclear Medicine in Clinical Pediatrics could find its way on the bookshelf as a current reference source for those practicing pediatricians who are not aware of the tremendous potential of pediatric nuclear medicine in the better care and diagnosis of their patients, as well as for those interns and residents who deal with pediatric patients.

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THIRD CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS

The Scientific Exhibits Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for the display of scientific exhibits for the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. This year there will be three categories of exhibits: 1) regular and small viewbox; 2) residents and fellows; and 3) jiffy exhibits containing materials presented in scientific papers.

Regular exhibits may be large or small, free standing or illuminated by viewbox, and offer a means whereby attendees can take their time to view the material, assimilating and digesting the information at their own pace. The special residents and fellows category is designed to encourage physicians who are training in the field of nuclear medicine to participate in the national meeting. The jiffy exhibits, whose introduction last year was so successful, offer an opportunity for those presenting scientific papers to present the salient features of their paper in exhibit format so that participants in the meeting can review the data at their leisure.

Scientific exhibits award: The Society is pleased to announce the presentation of awards in the following categories: 1) clinical nuclear medicine; 2) instruction; 3) biophysics and instrumentation; 4) residents and fellows exhibits. In each category there are gold, silver, and bronze medal awards for outstanding exhibits. Judging is based on scientific merit, originality, display format, and appearance. Judging will occur on the first full meeting day.

Abstract format: Abstracts must be submitted on a special abstract form for scientific exhibits which is available from the Society of Nuclear Medicine, 475 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016.

Abstract deadline—April 1, 1976.