
NEWS BRIEFS

Residency Review Committee Appointments

As of 1985, The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) has become a co-sponsor of the Residency Review Committee for Nuclear Medicine (RRCNM), a body of six appointed members which accredits training programs.

The committee was established in 1973 with two sponsors, the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM), and both organizations appointed three members for three-year terms, explained B. Leonard Holman, MD, director of clinical nuclear medicine at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, and chairman of the RRCNM.

Last year, the AMA and ABNM approved the Society's petition to become a sponsor, and each group now appoints two members to the committee.

Michael J. Welch, PhD, immediate past president of the Society, appointed during his term in office two SNM members to serve on the RRCNM: Peter T. Kirchner, MD, director of nuclear medicine at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; and Robert J. Cowan, MD, director of nuclear medicine at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. ■

Training Criteria Debate Reopened

At the Society's Business Meeting last month in Houston, TX, Herbert C. Allen, Jr., MD, a private practitioner at Nuclear Medical Laboratories in Houston, reopened the debate on training and experience criteria required by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for physicians performing cardiovascular nu-

clear medicine studies (see *Newsline*: Mar. 1985, pp. 220-223; June 1985, pp. 557-558).

By introducing a resolution from the floor, calling for the Society to support six months of training for all physicians instead of four months for cardiologists and six months for other physicians practicing nuclear medicine, Dr. Allen tried to get a group of the general SNM membership to overrule the resolution passed by the Board of Trustees last January at the Winter Meeting in Las Vegas.

Stanley J. Goldsmith, MD, who took office as president of the Society last month, made a motion for a substitute resolution to refer the question back to the Board of Trustees to discuss again at its Winter Meeting next February in West Palm Beach, FL. Dr. Goldsmith's resolution was adopted by members attending the Business Meeting. ■

SNM Forms Cardiovascular Council

Several members of The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) are organizing a Cardiovascular Council for nuclear cardiologists and cardiovascular nuclear medicine physicians.

"Although the scientific, clinical, and financial impact of this imaging subspecialty is well appreciated, there is no defined and specific focus for interchange and consideration of topics of mutual interest," said Elias H. Botvinick, MD, associate professor of medicine and radiology at the University of California in San Francisco.

"An SNM Cardiovascular Council could further the scientific and educational goals related to this imaging modality," added Dr. Botvinick.

To become a charter member, contact Henry L. Ernstthal, Executive

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New SNM Officers

During the Society's Annual Meeting last month in Houston, TX, the following members took office for the 1985-86 year: President, Stanley J. Goldsmith, MD, director of nuclear medicine at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York; Vice President, Robert E. O'Mara, MD, chairman of nuclear medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center; President-Elect, Howard J. Dworkin, MD, chief of nuclear medicine at the William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI; and Vice President-Elect, Richard A. Holmes, MD, chief of nuclear medicine at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia, MO.

In addition, four members were recently elected to four-year terms on the Board of Trustees: Robert E. Henkin, MD, director of nuclear medicine at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL; John W. Keyes, Jr., MD, associate staff radiologist at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit; Peter T. Kirchner, MD, director of nuclear medicine at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; Robert J. Lull, MD, chief of nuclear medicine at the Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco. ■

SNM Address Change

The Society of Nuclear Medicine will move its Central Office at the end of this month. As of August 1, the SNM address will be: 136 Madison Ave., 8th floor, New York, NY 10016. The telephone number will remain unchanged (212) 889-0717. ■