

The American Board of Science in Nuclear Medicine—Recognition of Professional Excellence

The American Board of Science in Nuclear Medicine (ABSNM) was incorporated on September 9, 1976 for the purposes of establishing and maintaining standards in the nuclear medicine sciences. The board offers certification to practitioners based on qualification by graduate education and professional experience and examination in both general and specialty areas.

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The Board has conducted annual examinations in conjunction with the meetings of The Society of Nuclear Medicine since June of 1979. The examination is written and has two parts. Part 1 in general nuclear medicine science covers basic aspects of atomic and nuclear physics, instrumentation, radiopharmaceuticals, mathematics and statistics, radiobiology, radiation protection and regulations, basic anatomy-physiology-pathology, and technical and scientific aspects of clinical nuclear medicine, including imaging and in vitro studies. Part 2 consists of specialty examinations chosen by the candidate from the following list. (a) Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation, (b) Radiopharmaceutical and Radiochemistry Science, (c) Nuclear Medicine Laboratory Science, (d) Nuclear Medicine Computer Science, (e) Radiation Protection, and (f) NMR physics and instrumentation. The issuance of a certificate by ABSNM indicates that the holder has an adequate foundation in nuclear medicine science and has passed an examination designed to test capability to practice competently in this field. It does not confer any legal qualification, privilege, or licence to practice.

By the end of its first 10 years in existence, ABSNM had certified 100 diplomates. The Journal is pleased to recognize this accomplishment by these individuals by listing their names below. It is to be hoped that other qualified practitioners will also seek this recognition of their professional excellence. Further information and application forms for the Board's forthcoming examination in June, 1986 can be obtained from the administrator of ABSNM, Eugene Vinciguerra, ScD, 145 West 58th St., New York, NY 10019.

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