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## DANIEL R. BIELLO, MD, 1947-1986



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**D**aniel R. Biello, MD, died June 4, 1986, after a 12-year struggle with Hodgkin's disease. Dr. Biello was born February 26, 1947, in Cleveland, OH. After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University *cum laude* in 1969 and from Case-Western Reserve School of Medicine with honors in 1973, he came to the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University School of Medicine, where he com-

pleted his internship and residency training in diagnostic radiology, and a fellowship in nuclear medicine.

During his fourth year of training, he served as the chief resident in diagnostic radiology at the Institute. In 1978, he joined the faculty of the Institute's Division of Nuclear Medicine as assistant professor of radiology, and the medical staffs of Barnes Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital. At the time of his death, Dr. Biello was professor of radiology and associate director of the Division of Nuclear Medicine.

During his all-too-brief academic career, Dr. Biello was highly productive as a scientist, having over 50 journal articles and chapters to his credit, including two papers in *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* and two in the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology*. He delighted in the search for new knowledge and new approaches to common clinical problems, and was particularly interested in cardiovascular nuclear medicine and in pulmonary embolism.

Through a series of studies, performed in collaboration with investigators at several different institutions, he developed new criteria for the interpretation of ventilation-perfusion

scintigrams (the "Biello criteria," as they are now usually labeled in the literature). His approach has been adopted into general use by the nuclear medicine community.

Dr. Biello was a master diagnostic radiologist and nuclear physician who found great satisfaction in solving complex clinical problems. He was never satisfied doing an adequate job, but always sought to do the best he could for each and every patient. His empathy and compassion for patients were unparalleled. He loved teaching, and scores of residents benefitted from his wisdom and learned the art of nuclear medicine from his example.

Dan was a gentle, unpretentious human being. Virtually everyone who knew him considered him a friend. No matter how busy or preoccupied with his own problems, he always found time to help others deal with their problems. His sound advice and calming influence will be particularly missed. The optimism and courage with which he faced his long illness inspired his friends and coworkers, and the physicians who cared for him.

The Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology has established the Daniel R. Biello Memorial Lectureship to serve as a lasting testimonial of our love and respect for this unique man. He is survived by: his wife, Elizabeth; his sons, David and Timothy; his parents, Dante and Jeane Biello; and his sister, Nancy Biello.

[Contributions are being accepted to fund the lectureship, and may be sent to the Daniel R. Biello Memorial Lectureship Fund, Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, 510 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis, MO 63110.]

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speak with Dr. Tetalman's colleagues, it is obvious that he would have contributed significantly to the discipline of nuclear medicine had his career not been so abruptly terminated. I hope that the contributions I may make to the field of nuclear medicine, particularly through the aid of this

award, may reflect on the legacy of Dr. Tetalman," commented Dr. Wahl.

Jillian E. Frohman

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