Thomas P. Haynie, MD, Honored as Distinguished Educator

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The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) presented its Distinguished Educator Award to Thomas P. Haynie, MD, at a ceremony during its Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in June. Dr. Haynie was honored for his efforts over the past three decades to share his knowledge of nuclear medicine with students, colleagues, and readers of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine,* which he edited from 1985 through 1989.

Dr. Haynie, James E. Anderson Professor of Nuclear Medicine, and chairman of the department of nuclear medicine, division of diagnostic imaging at the University of Texas (UT) M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, who was the fourth recipient of the Award, will join the ranks of the noteworthy educators, Marshall Brucer, MD, C. Craig Harris, MS, and William G. Myers, PhD, MD.

William J. MacIntyre, PhD, chairman of the SNM Awards Committee, notes that the Distinguished Educator Award is "only given when the Awards Committee unanimously agrees on a nominee who has been brought up by one of its members."

Dr. MacIntyre, an SNM past president, staff physicist in the nuclear medicine department of The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio says, "The Society of Nuclear Medicine has in place many mechanisms to recognize achievement in the basic and clinical sciences, but it is equally important to recognize contributions to the educational aspects of the field. One of the Society's most important educational instruments is *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*. The Awards Committee wanted to honor Dr. Haynie by naming him as the 1990 recipient of the Distinguished Educator Award for his tireless efforts as editor of the *Journal* from 1985 through 1989. His efforts over this time have enabled that publication to fulfill its demanding obligations to scholarship and education."

'One of the Best Trainees'

Dr. Haynie received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston in 1956. He then went to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor to pursue postgraduate training in internal medicine. It was there that he became interested in nuclear medicine, which he studied under William H. Beierwaltes, MD, Professor of Medicine Emeritus at the University of Michigan School of Medicine, consultant to St. John Hospital in Detroit and William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Close to 30 years later, Dr. Beierwaltes still refers to Dr. Haynie as "one of the best trainees I've ever had."

Dr. Haynie stayed in Ann Arbor as an instructor to the assistant professor of internal medicine and assistant coordinator of the nuclear medicine unit at the University of Michigan and as a consultant in internal medicine at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital until 1962, when he returned to Texas. He initially received an assistant professorship in internal medicine and the directorship of the nuclear medicine service at the UT Medical Branch in Galveston and a consulting position in internal medicine at the Public Health Service Hospital there. It was in 1963 that he first became affiliated with the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center as a consultant in medicine.

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After spending the fall of 1964 at the Hospitalier Averroes in Casablanca, Morocco as a technical expert for the International Atomic Energy Agency, in 1965, Dr. Haynie was appointed associate professor of medicine and associate internist at M.D. Anderson. In 1967, he became chief of the section of nuclear medicine there. In 1975, he

was appointed professor of medicine (nuclear medicine); in 1977, he became acting head of the department of internal medicine; in 1979, chairman of the department of internal medicine; in 1984, he was appointed to his current Chairmanship; and in 1988, he received his current Professorship.

He is also professor of medicine and physiology and a member of the graduate faculty of the UT Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston and professor of internal medicine and radiology at Hermann Hospital at the UT Medical School in Houston.

Over the past three decades, Dr. Haynie has progressed from being a consultant in medicine to being a physician who his colleagues call "the most experienced nuclear oncologist in the world."

Colleagues and students alike laud Dr. Haynie for his methods and style of teaching and his vast experience and insight. Edmund E. Kim, MD, professor of radiation and internal medicine and director of the metabolic imaging center at M.D. Anderson, who has worked with Dr. Haynie over the past decade, praises Dr. Haynie's approach to sharing his knowledge. "Dr. Haynie always asks others their opinions. In teaching, he talks to his students and asks questions, trying to relate his message with others' opinions and getting others to think for themselves. Whenever anyone asks him a question about nuclear medicine, he always describes a lot from personal experience. He gives insight about common sense and makes others think about things."

Similarly, Donald A. Podoloff, MD, Dr. Haynie's deputy chairman of nuclear medicine, associate professor of radiology and nuclear medicine at M.D. Anderson, says, "I use him as a mentor in many respects. He has enormous clinical experience, particularly in cancer diagnostic imaging using nuclear medicine techniques. There are very few things that he hasn't seen over the past 27 years. And he shares his experiences in a way that has made sense and is gentle. That's what makes him a very good teacher. He gives the impression that you're learning something together when, in point of fact, he already knows it."

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Richard Abello, MD, who recently completed a two-year nuclear medicine fellowship under Dr. Haynie at M.D. Anderson and is completing a radiology residency there, says, "It's always been a pleasure to work with Dr. Haynie. He has an incredible amount of experience. He can always come up with another differential diagnosis when reading scans." Adds Dr. Abello, "He's passed on a philosophy to be less dogmatic when interpreting scans."

Journal Editorship

In December 1989, Dr. Haynie completed a five year term as Editor of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine,* for which he will be long remembered. Dr. Beierwaltes says, "Dr. Haynie did a marvelous job with the *Journal.* I was very impressed by it. As usual, he put his whole heart and soul into it."

Dr. Kim agrees. Noting that Dr. Haynie received some criticism from basic scientists for making the content of the *Journal* a combination of clinical and basic research, Dr. Kim says that Dr. Haynie's bottom line is always the patient. "He always says you have to provide clinical information to practitioners, and he emphasizes patient care first. He's a very good doctor in that regard."

In addition to editing *JNM,* Dr. Haynie often helps his colleagues prepare and edit their abstracts, manuscripts, and books. Dr. Podoloff notes, "because he's been doing this for so long. . .there's very little he hasn't seen before." Describing an editorial he was writing at one time, Dr. Podoloff says that Dr. Haynie uncovered a reference article "that rounded out my presentation. He has the ability to see the other sides of very complex issues. That's one of his great strengths." Noting Dr. Haynie's recent presentation on discordancies between PET scans and clinical findings at the European Nuclear Medicine Congress in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Dr. Podoloff adds, "Other people tend to look at the similarities among methods, he can look at dissimilarities."

Dr. Podoloff says that Dr. Haynie is "committed to resident and intern education" and to that end he is developing a teaching file of unknown cases for residents preparing for board certification. "Dr. Haynie is preparing the individual cases and putting them together in a coherent fashion," a process that "takes a couple of hours for each case, and there are hundreds of them." Dr. Podoloff adds, "When he's finished, it will be the finest teaching file in oncologic nuclear medicine."

A often repeated remark from those who know Dr. Haynie is that he is a gentleman and a gentle man. He is always willing to share his kindness, his knowledge, and his experiences with everyone — his colleagues, technologists, students, and patients.

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