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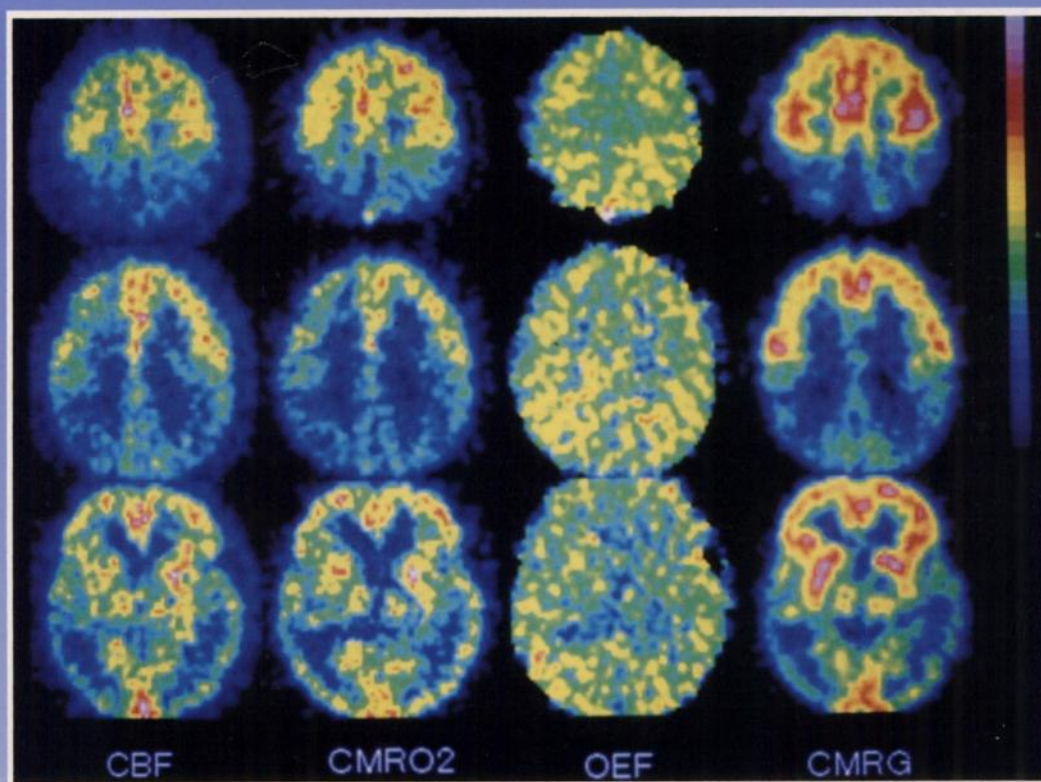
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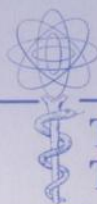
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Cerebral blood flow (CBF), cerebral metabolic rate of oxygen (CMRO<sub>2</sub>), oxygen extraction fraction (OEF) and cerebral metabolic rate of glucose (CMRG) images from a 55-yr-old man with Alzheimer's disease. See pages 1-6.



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*“Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
and never brought to min’?”*

*Auld Lang Syne*  
ROBERT BURNS

Shortly after my appointment as the new editor of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, and initiation of the transition process, a new issue arrived. I was again struck by the diversity and quality of the content. I had begun to form a more personal appreciation for the planning involved in seeking companion editorials, clinical pathological conferences and continuing education pieces. “What a wonderful editor Bill Strauss has been,” I thought. I looked up from my reading and said to my wife, “Bill’s really been a perfect editor.” My wife read my thoughts and said: “He’ll be a hard act to follow.” “Yes, I thought, he will.”

I first met Dr. H. William Strauss in 1965 when I returned as a resident to the University Service at SUNY Downstate-Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn after having been a general medical officer in the U.S. Army in Germany for two years. Bill was an intern on my ward. He was earnest and serious. We “worked up” patients together, made rounds and discussed clinical management. Two years later, as I was completing my year as chief resident and Bill was completing a year as a resident, I learned that he was going elsewhere for a second year of medicine and then heading off to Johns Hopkins for a training program in a new fangled area called “nuclear medicine,” which didn’t even have a specialty board at that time.

Nuclear medicine? Nuclear medicine! Very interesting, I thought. I might like that, but I was already planning further training in endocrinology.

And it came to pass that Bill began his career in nuclear medicine. As for me, endocrinology led to radioimmunoassay, to quantitative organ uptake, to imaging and nuclear medicine, and to Bill Strauss and his many contributions to the science and practice of nuclear medicine.

Now we say goodbye to Bill as editor of the *Journal*, appreciative of the growth it has enjoyed under his direction, grateful for his hard work and intelligence, his dedication through personal trials and his offer to continue to help in any way deemed desirable. The Awards Committee of the Society of Nuclear Medicine has already recognized Bill for distinguished service to the Society as editor of the *Journal*. It is appropriate for us to begin our new term with recognition of what has just passed and to say that “old acquaintance shall *not* be forgot.” The *Journal* shall continue to bear the mark of Bill’s creativity, and we shall follow his example of effort and integrity, using his work as a platform for future efforts.

And so, we begin anew: a new year, a new volume, a new editor.

**Stanley J. Goldsmith, MD, Editor-in-Chief**  
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