

# OVERHEARD

▶ A new study has found that PET scans can effectively measure blood flow to the heart and show whether behavioral changes or drug therapy or both have reduced a person's chances of suffering a heart attack.

—*Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA, Sept. 20, 1995)*

▶ President Clinton recently issued a "decision directive" ordering the Department of Energy to rein in costs and redundancies at its 27 national laboratories. However, he also rejected one cost-cutting suggestion which would have transferred Lawrence Livermore lab's defense activities to other labs and would probably have meant the shut down of the lab.

—*Science News (SN, Sept. 30, 1995)*

▶ A 906-page report to President Clinton on the Cold War human radiation studies came up with two dozen recommendations on how to safeguard the public against research abuses and ensure that future studies are conducted with full public knowledge. The report also recommended that subjects in three previous studies—about 30 individuals—be financially compensated for being subjected to health risks with-

out their consent.

—*Report from the Committee on Human Radiation Experiments (U.S. Government Printing Office, Pittsburgh, PA)*

▶ In an effort to save the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) from demise by Congressional legislation, members of the American Physical Society began a lobbying campaign wielding letters signed by 25 Nobel prize winners. They are protesting plans that could lead to the elimination or sale of the institute's laboratories in which research on measurement and standards techniques are performed.

—*The Washington Post (Wash. Post, Sept. 12, 1995)*

▶ The U.S. does not need more primary care physicians and fewer specialists concludes a new report. There are 69 primary-care doctors per 100,000 people in this country compared to England which has 54 and Germany which has 66. The report's author said the ultimate doctor mix should be about 40% generalists to 60% specialists—not 50/50 which is what some medical experts are recommending.

—*Michael Whitcomb, MD, vice president, Association of American Medical Colleges (JAMA, Sept. 6, 1995)*

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