

What's on the Government Relations Web Site for You?

Politics affects everything, and the world of nuclear medicine is no exception. Every day, regulations are passed, rules are proposed and legislation is introduced that directly affect physicians, pharmacists, technologists and anyone else remotely connected with nuclear medicine. For example, major revisions to the Food and Drug Act that could alter how you do your job are being considered this year.

One of the easiest ways to stay abreast of the latest trends on Capitol Hill is by visiting SNM's Government Relations Web site (www.snm.org). The object of this site is simple: We want to keep you informed and help you become involved. No one can explain to Congress the importance of what you do better than you can.

To make things easier for you, we have divided the site into three sections: Washington Update, Documents

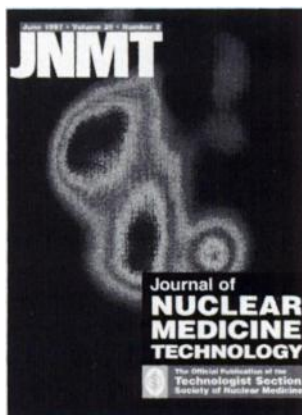


and Government Links. For the latest on the issues that concern you, click on Washington Update. In it you will find not only information on what the Government Relations Office and its committees are doing, but also reports of recent congressional hearings, the latest on important legislation, schedules of upcoming committee meetings and much more.

The Documents page includes many of the documents mentioned in the

Washington Update page (e.g., letters written to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on draft regulations or a synopsis of recent Government Relations Office activities. For those of you wanting to contact your Representative or Senator on certain issues, this is the perfect way to start. Action alert letters on many issues currently being considered by the legislature can easily be downloaded from this area.

Finally, the Government Links page is a great place to start your own searches. Perhaps you need to request a document from the NRC or the Food and Drug Administration but do not have their Web address. Check out our links. If you need information on a bill and it is not on the Washington Update page, then go to our Government Links page and click on the Library of Congress Legislative site. You can also easily link to many other related sites.



Index Medicus Selects JNMT

After extensive review by the National Library of Medicine, the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology (JNMT)* has been accepted for inclusion in *Index Medicus* and its online counterpart, MEDLINE on the MEDLARS™ system. *Index Medicus* and MEDLINE provide international access to highly respected, peer-reviewed biomedical literature from all over the world. Inclusion of *JNMT* in *Index Medicus* is important because it acknowledges the scientific stature of nuclear medicine technology and makes the journal accessible to a much wider audience of researchers in the medical community. This, in turn, may attract a wider and more scientifically varied pool of authors submitting articles.

Acceptance in *Index Medicus* also provides recognition of *JNMT's* contribution to the health care community. Although the National Library of Medicine does not provide a critique of journals selected, general criteria for publications considered include predominantly biomedical

scope and coverage; demonstrated scientific merit and originality in research; editorial work supporting objectivity and credibility of contents; production quality; and a primary audience of health professionals.

Editor's Note: *Newsline* congratulates the editors and staff of and contributors to *JNMT* and the Society of Nuclear Medicine—Technologist Section on this accomplishment.