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OCTOBER REMINDER MEETINGS

For further information, refer to last month's journal.

October 16–18, 1998—Chapter Meeting, Southeastern Chapter of SNM, Birmingham, AL.

October 21, 1998—Reimbursement Seminar for Nuclear Medicine Procedures, Long Beach, CA.

October 22–25, 1998—Twenty-Third Annual Western Regional Meeting, Western Regional Chapters of SNM, Long Beach, CA.

October 23–24, 1998—Nuclear Cardiology Symposium and Workshop, Milwaukee, WI.

October 25–28, 1998—Tenth Annual Meeting, Institute for Clinical PET, Boston, MA.

MEETINGS SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE

November 5, 1998—Reimbursement Seminar for Nuclear Medicine Procedures. **Sponsor:** SNM in conjunction with Greater New York/New England Chapters. **Location:** Newport, RI. **Credit:** 6 Category 1 AMA hr; 6 VOICE hr. **Fee:** \$225. **Contact:** Marie Davis, Society of Nuclear Medicine, 1850 Samuel Morse Dr., Reston, VA 20190-5316. Phone: (703) 708-9000, ext. 250. Fax: (703) 708-9015. E-mail: mdavis@snm.org.

November 14, 1998—Annual Chapter Meeting. **Sponsor:** Mideastern Chapter of SNM, Technologist Section. **Location:** Bethesda, MD. **Credit:** 7 VOICE hr pending. **Fee:** Preregistration: Member technologists (\$60); nonmember technologists (\$75); students (\$20); On-site registration: Member technologists (\$75); nonmember technologists (\$90); students (\$25). **Contact:** Alex Kurikeshu. Phone: (301) 891-5244. E-mail: Akurikes@ahm.com. Lenna King. Phone: (804) 744-0225. E-mail: artlen25@aol.com.

MEETINGS SPONSORED BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

November 7, 1998—Symposium in Nuclear Cardiology. **Sponsor:** American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC). **Location:** Dallas, TX. **Credit:** 2.5 Category 1 AMA hr. **Fee:** Free. **Contact:** Dawn Edgerton, ASNC, 9111 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone: (301) 493-2360. Fax: (301) 493-2376. E-mail: admin@asnc.org. Web site: <http://www.asnc.org>.

February 5–7, 1999—Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM). **Sponsor:** ACNM. **Location:** Fort Lauderdale, FL. **Credit:** 10 Category 1 AMA hr. **Fee:** Members (\$300); nonmembers (\$350); residents and fellows (\$100); technologists (\$75). **Contact:** Thomas Johnson, Jr., ACNM, P.O. Box 175, Landisville, PA 17538-0175. Phone: (717) 898-5008. Fax: (717) 898-0713. E-mail: tj676@aol.com.

April 7–10, 1999—First International Congress on the Sentinel Node in Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer. **Sponsor:** The University Hospital and The Netherlands Cancer Institute. **Location:** Amsterdam,

The Netherlands. **Contact:** Congrex Holland, P.O. Box 302, 1000 AH Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Phone: 31-20-50-40-200. Fax: 31-20-50-40-225. E-mail: sennode99@congrex.nl.

April 8–9, 1999—Workshop on PET of the Living Liver. **Sponsor:** European Society for Clinical Investigation. **Location:** Milan, Italy. **Contact:** Susanne Keiding, PET Center and Department of Hepatology V, Aarhus University Hospital, DK 8000 Aarhus C, Denmark. Phone: 45-8949-3031. Fax: 45-8949-3020. E-mail: susanne@pet.auh.dk.

April 20–23, 1999—Clinical Nuclear Medicine. **Sponsor:** Joint Program in Nuclear Medicine, Department of Radiology, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. **Location:** Cambridge, MA. **Credit:** 26 Category 1 AMA hr pending. **Contact:** Candace Cutler, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Department of Radiology, 75 Francis St., Boston, MA 02115. Phone: (617) 732-6265. Fax: (617) 732-6509. E-mail: cutler@ulna.bwh.harvard.edu.

April 24–27, 1999—Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM). **Sponsor:** ANZSNM. **Location:** Perth, Western Australia. **Credit:** CME hr pending. **Fee:** Approximately (\$500-\$600, Australian dollars). **Abstract deadline:** November 1, 1998. **Contact:** ANZSNM Conference Secretariat, c/o Congress West Pty Ltd, P.O. Box 1248 (3/12 Thelma Street), West Perth WA 6872, Australia. Phone: 61-8-9322-6906. Fax: 61-8-9322-1734. E-mail: conwes@congress-west.com.au.

May 10–12, 1999—Third International Congress of the Croatian Society of Nuclear Medicine. **Sponsor:** The Croatian Society of Nuclear Medicine. **Location:** Opatija, Croatia. **Abstract deadline:** December 20, 1998. **Contact:** Damir Dodig, KBC-REBRO, Kispaticeva 12, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia. Phone: 385-1-233-3850. Fax: 385-1-233-5785.

October 9–13, 1999—European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM) Congress. **Sponsor:** EANM. **Location:** Barcelona, Spain. **Abstract deadline:** March 25, 1999. **Contact:** Elisabeth Pouget, Pacifico, S.A., E. Granados 44, 08008, Barcelona, Spain. Phone: 34-98-454-5400. Fax: 34-93-451-74-38. E-mail: eanm@pacifico-meetings.com.

SNM Education and Research Foundation

For fellowship, grant and scholarship information, contact Sue Weiss, CNMT, E&R Foundation, Society of Nuclear Medicine, 1850 Samuel Morse Dr., Reston, VA 20190-5316. Web site: <http://www.pet.upenn.edu/snmerf/>.

Student Fellowships—These grants are designed to stimulate interest among students in the United States and Canada. These awards provide an opportunity to spend elective quarters and/or summers working with experts in the field. Maximum grant is \$3000 for 3 months. Ranking of the candidate will be based on the quality and originality of the research proposal submitted. Applicants must provide the information requested in the application form for consideration. Decisions on candidates' ranking will be made at the Mid-Winter and Annual Meetings of SNM. The number of candidates to whom awards will be made is determined by the funds available for student fellowships. Application deadlines: December 15, 1998 and April 15, 1999.

Pilot Research Grants—These grants are intended to provide seed money to scientists working in the nuclear medicine field. Such proposals must be of a pilot nature in either clinical or basic research. Maximum grant is \$5000. Applicants must provide the information requested in the application form for consideration, including justification of why this is a pilot research grant and how it will allow the applicant to fully develop his or her research program. Decisions on such grants, based on available funding, will be made at the Mid-Winter and Annual Meetings of SNM. Application deadlines: December 15, 1998 and April 15, 1999.

Tetalman Award—Established by the family and

SNM MEETING DATES AND VENUES

46th Annual Meeting
June 6-10, 1999
Los Angeles Convention Center
Los Angeles, CA

47th Annual Meeting
June 4-8, 2000
America's Center
St. Louis, MO

48th Annual Meeting
June 24-28, 2001
Toronto Convention Centre
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

friends of Marc Tetalman, MD, this fund provides an annual award of \$2500 to one investigator [36 years old or younger or within 7 years of award of degree (MD or PhD)] in nuclear medicine for his or her accomplishments. Applications must include a curriculum vitae, a statement detailing research accomplishments and future goals, three or more letters of recommendation from established investigators and up to three selected reprints. Application deadline: March 1, 1999.

Paul D. Cole Scholarships—Established by the SNM-Technologist Section and the family and friends of Paul D. Cole, twelve \$1000 scholarships, for each of the three types of nuclear medicine tech-

nology training programs (certificate, associate, baccalaureate), are available for qualified applicants. Application deadline: April 15, 1999.

Benedict Cassen Postdoctoral Fellowship—This fellowship is awarded to recent doctoral degree recipients demonstrating an excellent academic record and exceptional research ability. Its purpose is to broaden recipients' basic exposure to nuclear medicine research at an institution different from that conferring the doctoral degree. The award, amounting to \$25,000 per year for 2 years, is contingent on satisfactory performance in the first year. Application deadline: January 3, 1999.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Technetium-99m-Red Blood Cell Scintigraphy Following Contrast Scintigraphy



Figure 1.



Figure 2.



Figure 3.

PURPOSE

A 35-yr-old diabetic man was sent for radionuclide venography of the lower limbs. Two days earlier, he presented with weakness, pain and edema of the left lower limb. Radiographic subtraction venography suggested extensive phlebotrombosis of the left lower limb. The radionuclide venography showed thrombosis involving the left femoral and iliac veins while the flow on the right side was nearly normal (Fig. 1; slow, first-pass half body). That evening, the patient developed pain and swelling of the right lower limb, despite just starting heparine therapy. It was decided to repeat the venography the next day. Prior to radionuclide administration, a static 18-hr delayed image was acquired (Fig. 2) of the residual activity from the previous day. Extremely high uptake was seen in a small thrombus, which had formed in the right groin region. Subsequent dynamic flow (Fig. 3 shows reframed dynamic images) revealed total bilateral blockage of main veins of both legs with multiple collaterals. Neither iliac veins nor inferior vena cava were identified.

TRACER

Technetium-99m in vivo labeled red blood cells (800 MBq each consecutive day)

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION

Intravenous injection into the veins of both feet

TIME AFTER INJECTION

Day 1: Immediately (first-pass half body), 30 min and 18 hr
Day 2: Dynamic study

INSTRUMENTATION

General Electric Starcam XRT-4000

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