

Welcome to the New Millennium



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Dear SNM Members and Nuclear Medicine Colleagues:

As we begin a new century and a new millennium the temptation to look back at past accomplishments and ahead to future possibilities is irresistible. But the past is perhaps most instructive about the futility of attempting to predict what will happen even in the coming decade, much less in the next 100 or 1000 years. Only 100 years

ago, medical practitioners were just coming to terms with the fact that Roentgen's discovery made it possible to see inside the living human body. Slightly more than 50 years ago, our own specialty was born out of the application of scientific discoveries to the quest to visualize more clearly and understand more completely the most minute aspects of form and function. Who can say what astonishing changes may lie just ahead?

We can know only one thing for certain: we must be prepared to deal strategically and effectively with rapid technological change and with the clinical, regulatory, and economic results that inevitably accompany such change. To do this,

the Society of Nuclear Medicine must enter the new millennium taking positive action to sustain and reinforce this preparedness across a wide spectrum of practitioners and medical settings.

Our "New Century's" resolutions should include decisive actions:

- To support the ongoing initiative to redirect our activities as a knowledge-based and educational society.
- To be more inclusive, reaching out and welcoming nuclear medicine practitioners whatever their specialties.
- To be more visible to referring physicians, especially family practitioners and oncologists.
- To work with other professional societies to form strategic alliances.
- To expand our outreach to include international nuclear medicine societies and groups.
- To continue to work cooperatively with regulatory agencies to advance the science of nuclear medicine in an age of rapid technological change.

Working together, we will be able to face change effectively and continue to enhance the benefits that nuclear medicine brings to patients around the world.

Advanced Nuclear Medicine Initiative

The Department of Energy, Office of Isotope Programs, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE) solicits responses for research and development programs for new and innovative uses of isotopes, including alpha-emitting isotopes in the diagnosis and therapy of cancer, HIV and other infectious diseases or other innovative medical applications. The diagnosis and therapy of many diseases with the use of isotopes will be the subject of a high risk/high impact research program the Department calls the Advanced Nuclear Medicine Initiative (ANMI). The Department wishes to encourage research in these areas by providing resources for the required research. This program is not intended to support human clinical trials. Researchers with innovative ideas in the use of isotopes for diagnosis and therapy of many diseases

have had difficulty obtaining funding for areas of research that are not closely tied to specific isotopes, means of delivery and disease. The purpose of the ANMI is to support broad-based research on new uses of isotopes, including alpha emitters for the diagnosis and therapy of life-threatening disease or other innovative medical applications. The Department is looking for applications in these areas with the view toward providing funding or the required isotopes as part of a research program. Complete details, instructions on how to apply, opening and closing dates and the forms may be obtained from the DOE NE home page on the internet at: <http://www.ne.doe.gov>. The DOE points of contact are John Pantaleo, Program Manager at 301-903-2525 and Richard G. Lewis, Contracting Officer at 202-426-0066.