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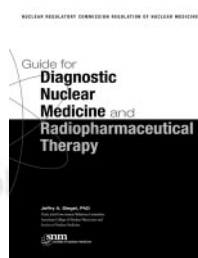
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Combined Guide to NRC Compliance Now Available

At the 51st Annual Meeting of the SNM in June, the Society will release *Guide for Diagnostic Nuclear Medicine and Radiopharmaceutical Therapy*, a new volume of guidance for compliance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requirements under revised 10 CFR Part 35. Author Jeffrey A. Siegel, PhD, Chair of the Joint Government Relations Committee of the American College of Nuclear Physicians and the SNM, noted in the book's foreword that "There is no question that licensees must comply with NRC regulations, but doing so by adopting regulatory guidance is not necessary. The NRC has clearly stated that its guidance for licensing under 10 CFR Part 35 is not intended to be the only means of satisfying requirements for a license." To that end, Siegel worked with NRC reviewers and with representatives from a number of professional medical organizations to review the regulations to provide specific guidance in meeting new risk-informed, outcomes-based requirements. The diagnostic portion of the volume appeared in 2003 under a separate cover. The combined volume now includes radiopharmaceutical therapy.

"This book is intended to serve as a useful bridge between the new regulations and practitioners who want to ensure continued compliance and maintain the security and safety of licensed materials in clinical and research settings," said Siegel. The book includes a complete "walk-through" of the regulations, focusing on radiation protection programs and implementation procedures necessary for compliance. "We have also attempted to point out procedures that may not be necessary or that may be necessary to establish the documented radiation safety



track record necessary for a licensee to unilaterally revise its radiation protection program to discontinue or modify certain components," said Siegel. "At a Glance" boxes throughout the book summarize the most important regulatory issues and pertinent regulations. The book may be used by diagnostic nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceutical therapy

practitioners in place of NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses, Program-Specific Guidance About Medical License, issued by the NRC in October 2002 as guidance for licensing all medical by-product material under 10 CFR Part 35.

The NRC views this book "as providing focused information that may be useful to nuclear medicine professionals in understanding the applicability of NRC requirements to the medical use of by product material in diagnostic and radiopharmaceutical therapy settings, and as providing measures that practitioners in these settings may use to facilitate implementation of the revised rule."

"For all practitioners, the primary and paramount focus remains on the accurate, timely, and safe diagnosis and treatment of illness and disease," said Siegel. "Compliance with changing federal regulations and increased familiarity with the implications of these regulations will assure both practitioners and patients of adequate and effective radiation safety practices."

For information on purchasing the book, visit www.snm.org.