

SNM Updates *Clinician's Guide to Nuclear Medicine*

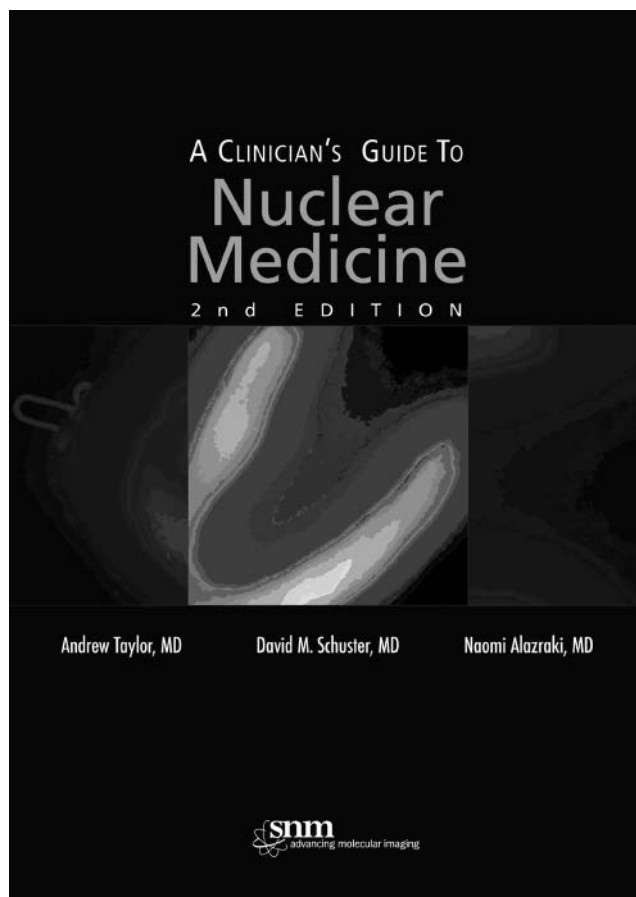
At the Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, in June, the SNM released a new edition of *A Clinician's Guide to Nuclear Medicine*, the best-selling introductory reference guide to the diagnostic and therapeutic uses of nuclear medicine procedures. With updated text, images, and references, this revised book is targeted not only at clinicians and referring physicians but also at imaging residents, interns, technologists, and medical students.

"This book truly represents what its title suggests: it is an up-to-date clinician's guide that puts nuclear medicine practice in perspective," said H. William Strauss, MD, of the nuclear medicine service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, NY. "This reference identifies the procedures and focuses on information for clinical care. No other publication comes close to the clinical utility of this text. This book should find its way onto the shelves of practitioners' professional libraries."

The book reviews nuclear medicine procedures, available alternatives, and the advantages and limitations of each and provides information to aid in preparing patients. The format is designed to answer the most common clinician questions: In what way can nuclear medicine aid in the diagnosis and management of diseases? What tests are available? What are their advantages and limitations? When should they be used? How do alternative tests compare with nuclear medicine procedures? What should a patient expect when coming to a nuclear medicine department? Are there radiation risks to patients or their families? What radionuclide therapy options are available, and when should they be considered?

The authors open each chapter with an introduction, followed by a list of scans and therapies detailed in the text. Readers can quickly find information by following the major subdivisions in each chapter, which include Clinical Questions, Worth Mentioning/Cutting Edge, and Patient Information categories. Patient Information sections, for example, provide a summary written especially for patients that outlines the test procedure, radiation risks, and any special requirements for most of the common nuclear medicine diagnostic studies.

The new edition contains updates and new applications for PET/CT, PET, and multidetector CT technologies. Images illustrate common clinical conditions, and each chapter includes a list of pertinent references. The last chapter lists the cost of common nuclear medicine procedures and alternative diagnostic tests (per 2006 Medicare reimbursements). In addition to every organ area and dis-



ease subspecialty in which nuclear medicine is useful, the book includes chapters on women's health, pediatrics and radiation, radiopharmaceuticals, and imaging devices. The detailed index provides rapid access to targeted information within the text.

Coauthors of the volume are Andrew Taylor, MD, professor of radiology and codirector of nuclear medicine at Emory University's School of Medicine (Atlanta, GA); David M. Schuster, MD, director, Division of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, Department of Radiology, Emory University Hospital; and Naomi Alazraki, MD, professor of radiology and codirector of nuclear medicine at Emory University's School of Medicine and chief of nuclear medicine at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Atlanta, GA).

The volume is available directly from the SNM Service Center at 800-513-6853 or at servicecenter@snm.org. ✱