



## Bruce R. Line, MD

**B**ruce R. Line, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) and Medical Center, and director of that department's Nuclear Medicine Division, died on April 17 at his home in Cockeysville, MD. He was 59 years old.

Bruce graduated from Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, PA). He received his medical degree from Albany (NY) Medical College, where he also completed his internship. He was invited for internship and a subsequent residency position at the Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (Bethesda, MD), where his early work focused on radionuclide imaging of pulmonary fibrosis. In 1974 he received his first faculty appointment, as a clinical associate in nuclear medicine at NIH and from 1975 to 1981 was a clinical associate and research analyst with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute on the NIH campus.

In 1981 he returned to the Albany Medical College, where for almost 2 decades he held a joint position as a professor of radiology and of cell biology and cancer research. From 1981 until 1992 he also served as director of nuclear medicine for the hospital.

In 2000 he joined the Department of Diagnostic Radiology faculty at UMSOM. An accomplished and admired educator, Bruce was director of the nuclear medicine residency program and the nuclear radiology fellowship program at UMSOM. At the time of his death he was an active member of the Residency Review Committee on Nuclear Medicine for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and of the Executive Committee of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine.

Bruce was a frequent invited lecturer and grand rounds speaker on a range of topics and was the author of hundreds of journal articles, book chapters, reviews, and scientific presentations. He was on the editorial board or served as a manuscript reviewer for several peer-reviewed journals, including the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, *RadioGraphics*, *Radiology*, the *Journal of Computer-Assisted Tomography*, and *Lung*. He was a member of SNM, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honors Society and was regularly named to "best physicians"



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lists in the popular media. He was an active participant in planning for this year's SNM Annual Meeting with members of the SNM Scientific Program Committee.

He was the principal investigator or co-investigator on numerous grants and awards and was a valued grant review panel member for the National Cancer Institute. His most recent work focused on molecular targeted therapy in cancer, with a specific emphasis on angiogenesis-targeted  $\alpha$  radiotherapy. This innovative work was carried out through a groundbreaking international arrangement with the American Russian Cancer Alliance. His most recent grant proposal for work on these projects was filed only 2 months before his death.

"Bruce was a caring physician, outstanding educator, indefatigable researcher, and warm and enthusiastic colleague," said Reuben Mezrich, MD, PhD, chair of the University of Maryland Department of Diagnostic Radiology. "His extraordinary accomplishments in continuing his research and educational efforts through even the most challenging periods of his own illness are examples for all of us. The legacy that he leaves in nuclear medicine here at Maryland is sure to continue to bear fruits for colleagues, trainees, and patients for years to come."

Bruce is survived by his wife, Beth, of Cockeysville; daughter, Elizabeth Line of Brooklyn, NY; and son, Christian Line, MD, of Hershey, PA. Prior to his death, his colleagues decided to honor Bruce's major achievements by establishing a fund to support a research prize at UMSOM. His wishes were for the Bruce Roberts Line Prize to be awarded for outstanding research achievement in the imaging sciences by a "physician scientist," committed to both clinical care and basic science. An award committee will meet annually to consider presentation of this award to a UMSOM radiology or nuclear medicine faculty member whose work aspires to the level of outstanding research achievement that Bruce himself attained. We are saddened by his premature passing but have been greatly enriched by his presence.

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