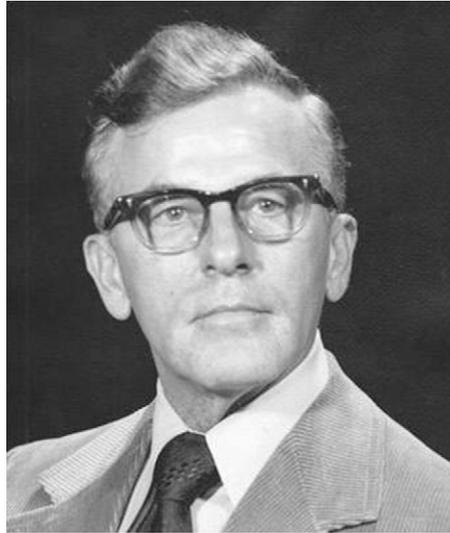


## Frank Howard DeLand, MD, 1921–2015

**F**rank Howard DeLand, MD, who devoted his professional life to the practice of nuclear medicine and for almost a decade served as the editor of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, died on February 27. He was born in 1921 in Jackson, MI. His education in engineering at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) was interrupted by service in World War II, where he was a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps, flying reconnaissance in the Pacific theatre. He became a member of the China Burma India Hump Pilots Association and earned numerous recognitions for meritorious service.

After the war, he completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan and in 1952 received his medical degree from the University of Louisville (KY). After an internship at Philadelphia (PA) General Hospital, he served as a fellow in pathology at the Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN), where he also earned a master's degree in pathology. Dr. DeLand's earliest appointments were at The Ohio State University (Columbus; 1956 and 1957) and at Florida Southern College (Lakeland; 1960–1967). After training in nuclear medicine at Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD), he became a professor of radiology at the



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University of Florida School of Medicine (Gainesville; 1970–1974), followed by professorships at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine (1974–1985) and from 1985 until his retirement at the State University of New York (SUNY) School of Medicine (Syracuse). At SUNY he served as a professor of radiology and pathology and as associate dean of the SUNY Health Science Center.

Dr. DeLand lectured both nationally and internationally on a broad range of topics representing the multiple foci of nuclear medicine in its formative years. He served as the editor of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* from 1975–1984 and as president of the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) in 1981 and 1982. He contributed as a member on numerous committees of the SNM and on the SNM Board of Trustees. He was a member of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. He authored many books and more than 175 peer-reviewed articles and contributed to the development of the first automated blood culture system.

Dr. DeLand is survived by Mary Maitland Schwab DeLand, his wife of almost 66 years, 4 children, and 6 grandchildren.

## Robert E. O'Mara, MD, 1933–2015

**R**obert E. O'Mara, MD, former chair of radiology and chief of nuclear medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC), died on April 26 at his home in Tucson, AZ.

O'Mara was born in Flushing, NY, and in 1955 graduated from the University of Rochester, where he was part of the school's undefeated 1952 football team. He received his medical degree from the Albany (NY) College of Medicine in 1959 and served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 to 1963. He completed residencies in surgery at Rochester General Hospital and in radiology at St. Vincent's Hospital (New York, NY), followed by a fellowship in nuclear medicine at the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center (Syracuse).

He served on the faculty at Upstate Medical Center and published several early papers in partnership with John G. McAfee, MD. He also served on the faculty at the University of Arizona College of Medicine



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(Tucson) before returning to URMC in 1975. At URMC he served as director of nuclear medicine through 1988 and as chair of the department of radiology from 1987 to 1991.

Dr. O'Mara published more than 50 peer-reviewed scientific papers across a broad spectrum of radionuclide imaging and therapy. His earliest such paper, on hepatic "scintiscanning," was published in 1967. He led a number of studies on bone scanning and, later in his career, focused more closely on nuclear medicine applications in thyroid cancer. He retired in 1999 and moved to Tucson, where he practiced part-time at the University of Arizona until 2006.

"Dr. O'Mara was an excellent physician, teacher, and scholar," said David Waldman, MD, PhD, chair of Imaging Sciences at URMC, in a published university tribute. "He made a tremendous impact on so many people's lives." A celebration of Dr. O'Mara's life was held on May 4 in Tucson. He is survived by Brenda O'Mara, his wife of 51 years, 3 children, and 2 grandchildren.