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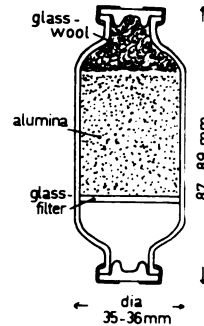
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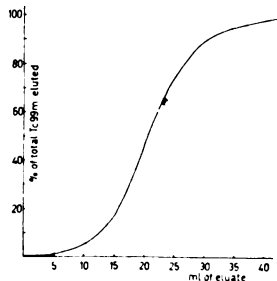
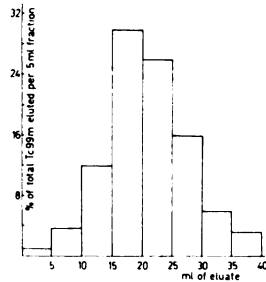
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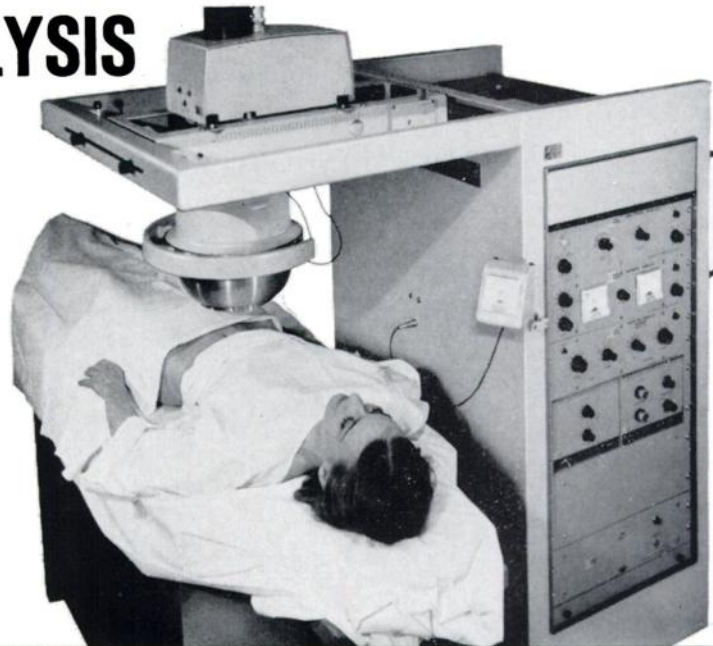
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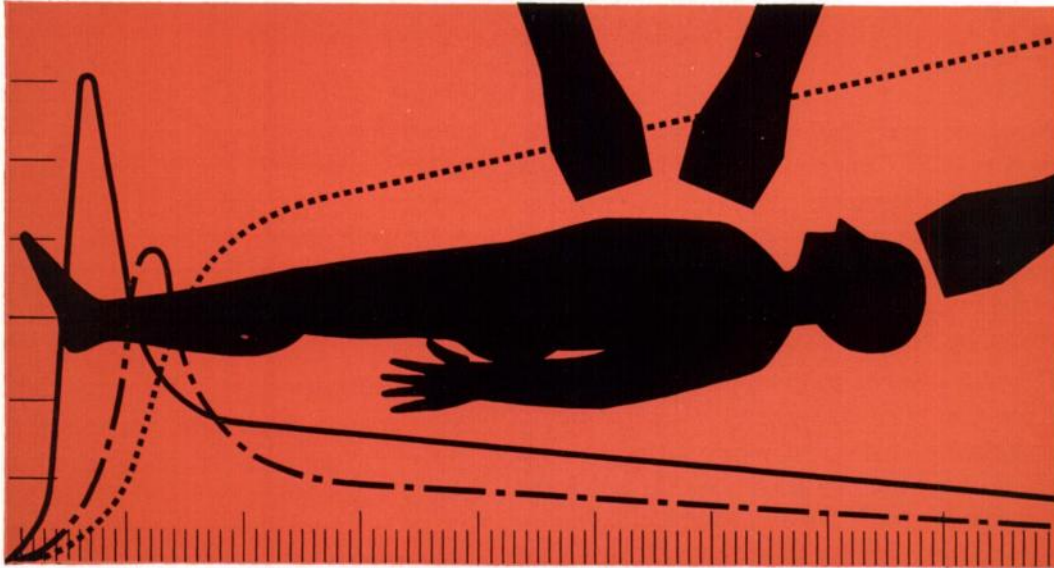
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Many diagnostic clues—but often no clinical picture

Until a few years ago diagnosis depended primarily on the clinical history, physical findings, chest films, electrocardiograms, angiography, and pulmonary function studies. Each of these was helpful. Sometimes not even *all* of them were conclusive.

Surgery, prolonged immobilization, metastatic carcinoma and trauma often precede pulmonary embolism—but are not necessarily followed by it. Pain, dyspnea, hemoptysis may signal pulmonary embolism—but they aren't necessarily peculiar to it. The electrocardiogram may be normal in spite of it.⁵ And there is no pathognomonic radiographic picture of pulmonary embolism.⁵

To be clinically valuable, however, a new diagnostic test should meet two criteria:

1. it should be correlated with known pathology; i.e., it should be carefully compared with other diagnostic procedures;
2. it should offer information not attainable as easily or as safely by accepted tests.⁶

Pulmonary arteriography meets the first criterion and is a most reliable diagnostic tool. It is, however, a time-consuming procedure and one that requires experienced personnel.²

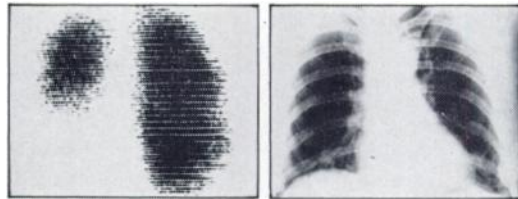
“...lung scintiscanning can detect an obstruction of the pulmonary circulation as soon as it is established.”⁷

Not only is the diagnostic procedure of lung scanning both safe and easy,² but there is information that is not attainable on chest films. “...it appears that the lung scan can point to the site of the embolic lesions before signs of lung infarction are recognizable on plain chest films.”¹

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Lung scanning meets both criteria for a clinically valuable diagnostic test. Findings are correlated with pulmonary function studies, angiography, pathology and the clinical state of the patient. And, scanning with Albumotope-LS has been

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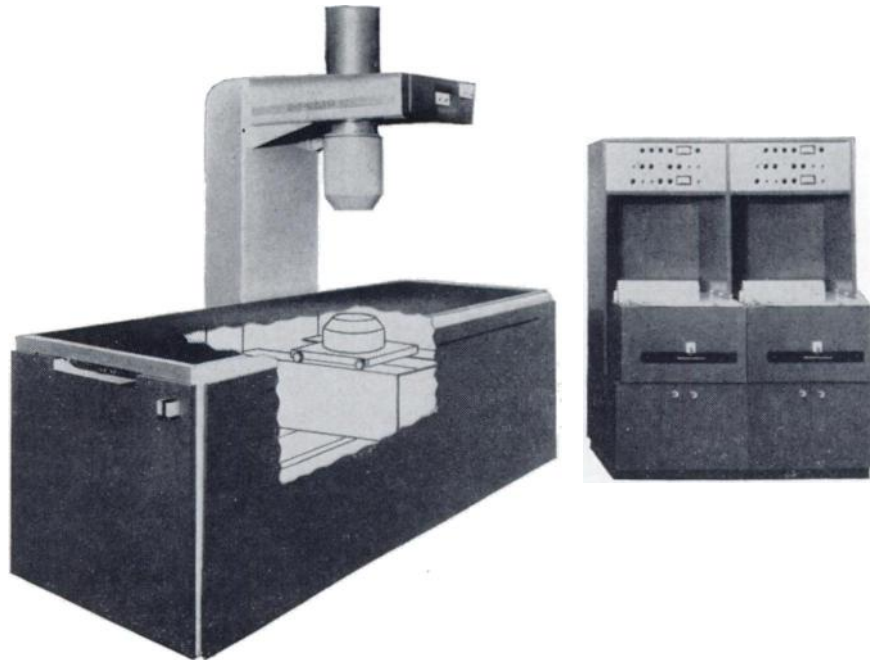


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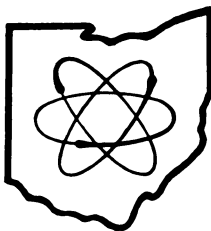
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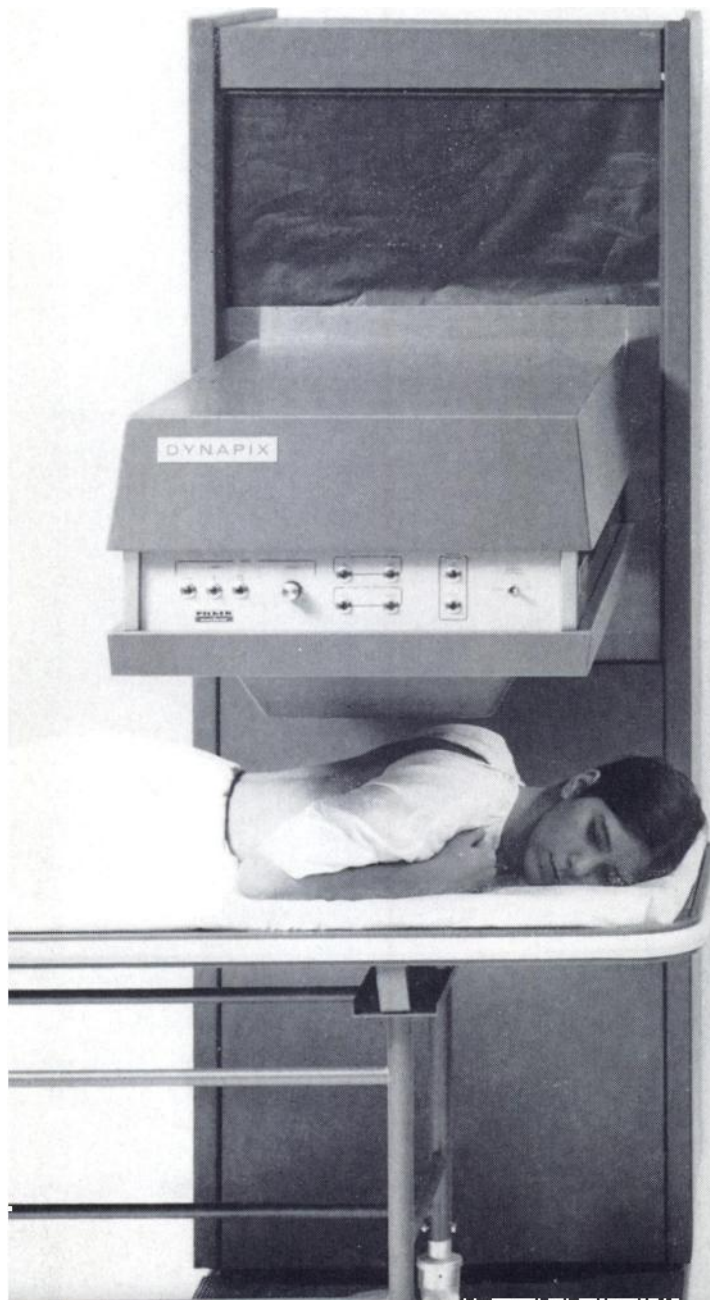
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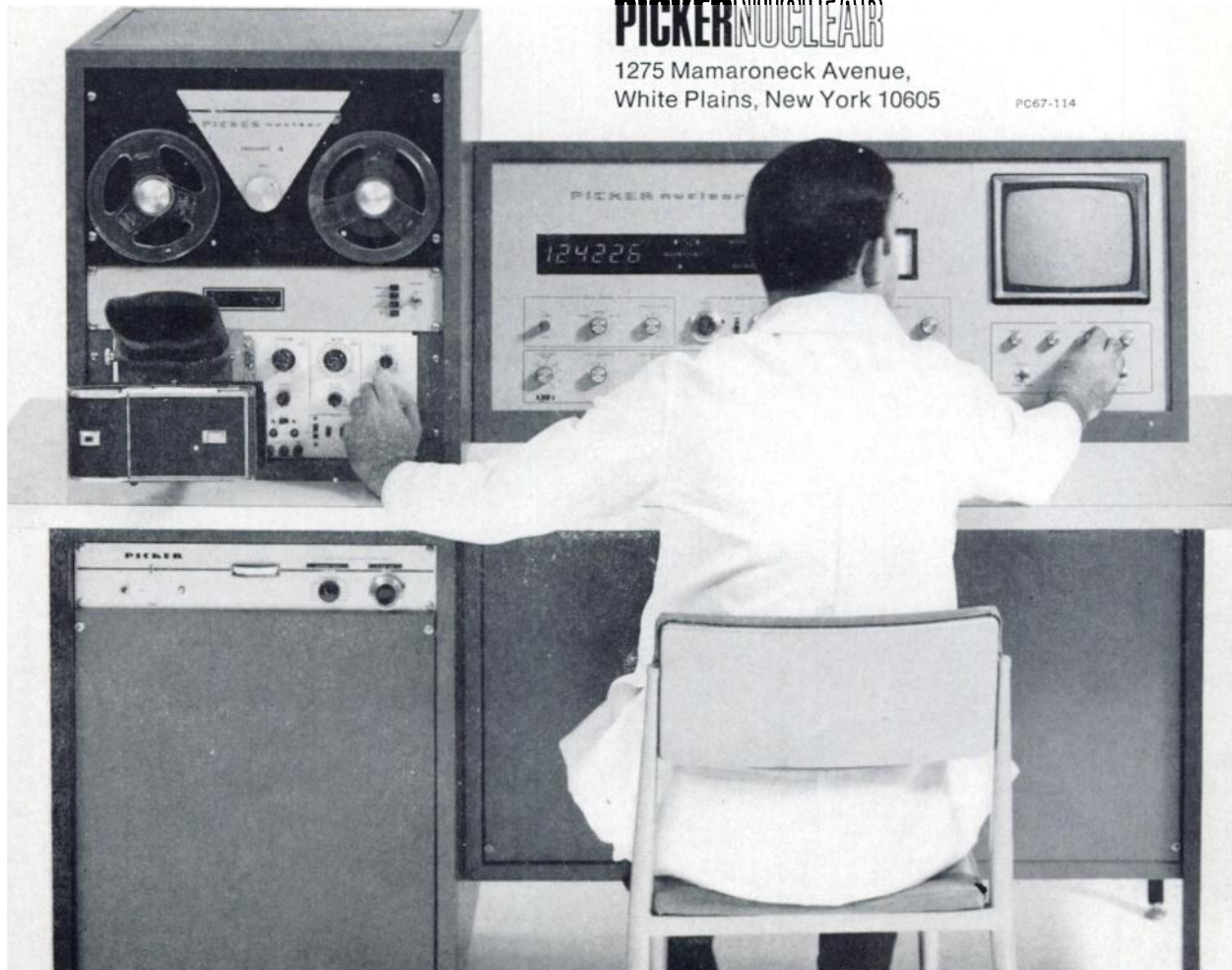
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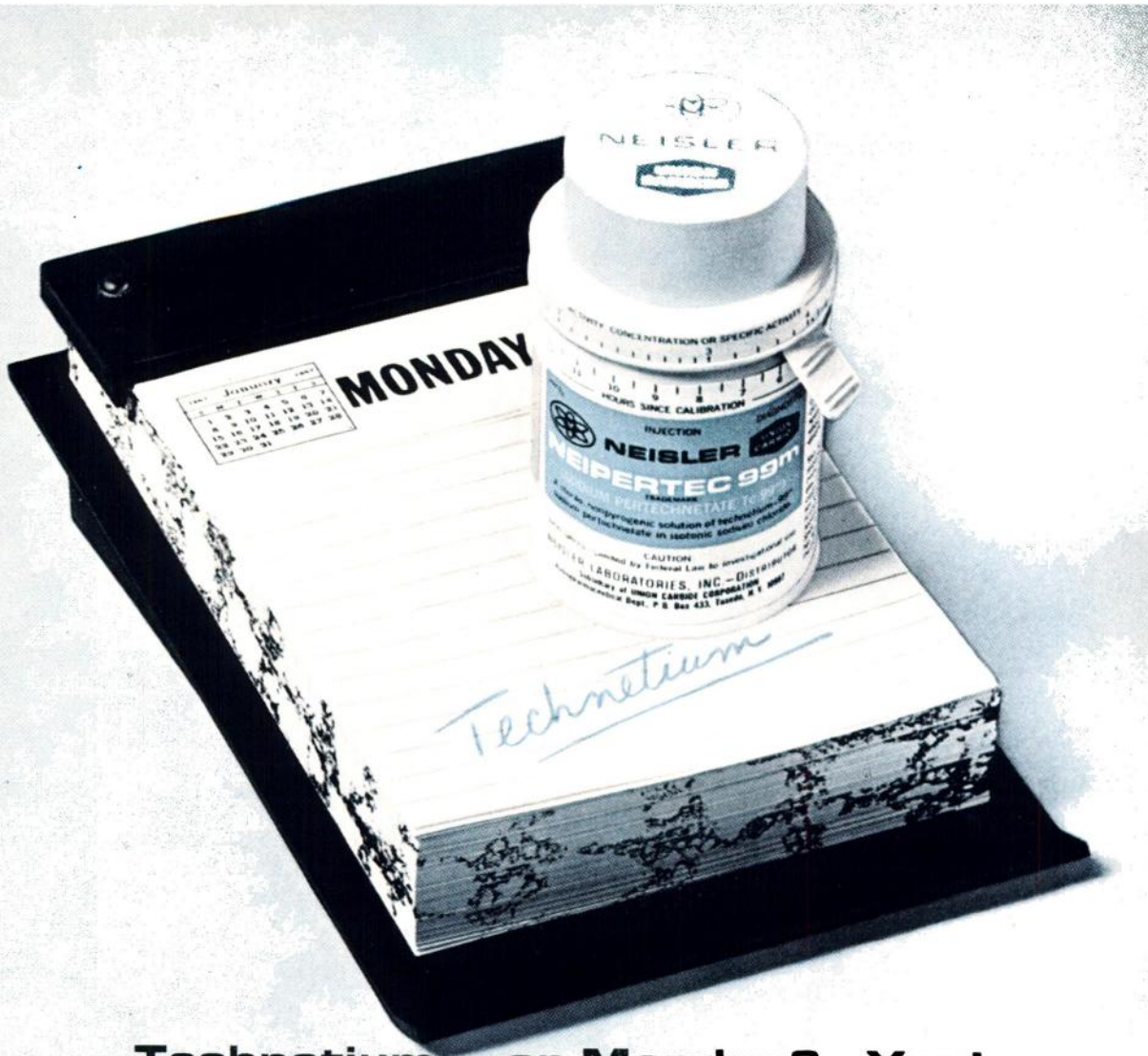
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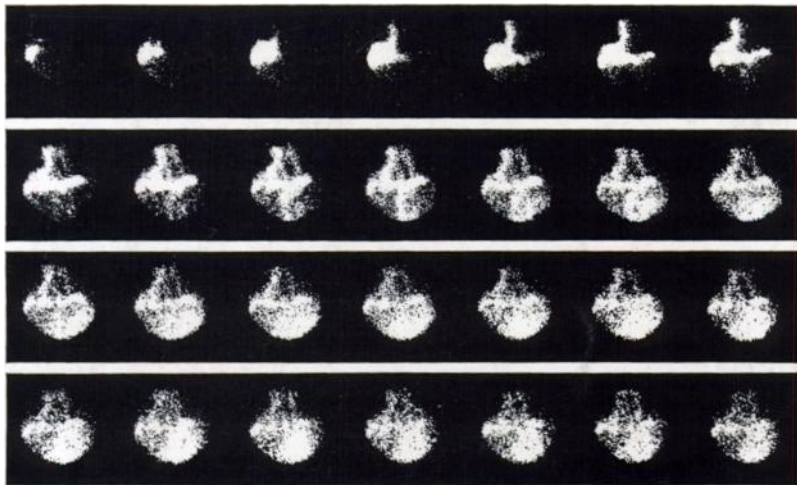
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