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Perhaps the most useful application of the lung scan has been for the early detection of pulmonary embolism where ' appears that the lung scan can point to the site of embolic lesions before signs of lung infarction are recognizable on plain chest films."3 This is important, for with the development of new means of treating pulmonary embolism, the need for improved diagnostic ability has increased. For example, the availability of anticoagulant drugs to prevent further thrombosis and of proteolytic agents to dissolve thrombi already formed, the use of surgical therapy (such as ligation or plication of the inferior vena cava and even pulmonary embolectomy) - all require more accurate diagnostic procedures.4,5

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Although the lung scan has been used most frequently for the detection of pulmonary emboli, it can provide useful information in the diagnosis and evaluation of other pulmonary problems. For example, a recent report⁶ in the September, 1966, issue of Circulation discusses the potential applicability of the technique in the detection and assessment of mitral valve disease. According to the authors, the technique has been found useful in screening patients with clinical findings of mitral valve disease who were not considered symptomatic enough to warrant cardiac catheterization ... in the preoperative study of patients so ill that left heart catheterization was unusually hazardous...and in determining whether the pulmonary venous pressure is elevated in patients with known severe pulmonary arterial hypertension. In these latter patients it is often difficult to measure pulmonary arterial wedge pressure reliably and the more extensive manipulations necessary for left heart catheterization may be poorly tolerated. Thus, assessment of the distribution of pulmonary arterial blood flow by lung scanning affords a means for determining the existence of pulmonary venous hypertension, which suggests the presence of potentially correctable lesions, such as mitral stenosis or cor triatriatum.

New radioisotope scanning procedure can help detect the vascular changes of pulmonary disease before they show on chest films



Photoscan of lungs of female patient, aged 50, showing pulmonary emboli. Chest x-ray taken same day showed no radiographic evidence of pulmonary embolism.*

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