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FDA SETS UP MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The FDA has set up a Medical Advisory Committee to advise it in establishing guidelines to be used in defining the requirements needed for NDAs and INDs on radiopharmaceuticals. In addition to recommending general guidelines, Earl Meyers, Acting Director of Oncology and Radiopharmaceuticals at FDA, hopes that the Committee will look in detail at the various nebulous areas requiring special precautions with radiopharmaceuticals such as the situation in pregnant women and in patients under 18 years old.

Chairman of the Committee is John Lawrence, Director of Donner Laboratory, Berkeley, Calif. Committee members are Merrill A. Bender, Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Victor Bond, Brookhaven National Laboratory, William Briner, National Institutes of Health, George Taplin, UCLA Laboratory of Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Biology, Michel Ter-Pogossian, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Henry N. Wagner, Jr., Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Jack Davidson, National Institutes of Health.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The American Association of Physicists in Medicine will hold their annual meeting in Chicago, Ill. from December 4 to 7, 1968. Abstracts of up to 200 words on any appropriate topic in the field of physics applied to medicine and biology should be submitted by October 1st to Robert O. Gorson, Stein Research Center, Jefferson Medical College, 920 Chancellor St., Philadelphia, Pa.

SYMPOSIUM ON NUCLEAR MEDICINE

A symposium devoted to current developments in nuclear medicine will be held at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine on September 18–20, 1968. Subjects to be covered by the faculty made up of 14 invited members and nine members on the staff of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine will include: radioisotope generators and radiopharmaceuticals, data-recording methods, instrumentation, cardiovascular applications, the lung, regional blood flow, endocrinology, the kidney and the liver and spleen. Registration fee is \$75 for regular registration and \$35 for residents, interns, fellow in training and technologists. For more information, contact M. Donald Blaufox, Dept. of Medicine–Radiology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1300 Morris Park Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.

NIH RESTRICTS FOREIGN TRAVEL

As a move to reduce expenditures overseas, the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare has placed certain restrictions on the use of grant funds for foreign travel. The Public Health Service has therefore withdrawn authority previously given for the use of grant and award funds for foreign travel, including Canada.

When the principal investigator or program director believes that the foreign travel planned is urgently required for the successful prosecution of the project, a request for reconsideration with special justification may be submitted for review. For any foreign travel subsequently approved, however, U.S. flag carriers must be used for departure from or entry into the United States and for any other portions of the trip where U.S. carriers are available.

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS

At its spring chapter meeting, the Pacific Northwest Chapter elected Wil Nelp of the University Hospital in Seattle as its president for the coming year. He replaced Gordon LaZerte who held the office in 1967–1968. Kenneth Moores will continue as Secretary-Treasurer.

In the Southwestern Chapter, Thomas P. Haynie of the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute has been elected president. Herbert C. Allen remains as Secretary-Treasurer.

COURSE ON RADIATION DETECTION

The College of Engineering of the University of Michigan is offering a course in Nuclear Radiation Detection for Medical and Health Scientists as one of its series of intensive noncredit summer courses especially designed for practicing engineers and scientists in rapidly developing fields of technology. To be held from July 8 to 19th, this introductory lecture and laboratory course is designed to familiarize medical and health personnel with devices and techniques used to measure ionizing radiation. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamental principles of detector devices with examples of their application in radiological health, nuclear medicine, radiology and related fields. A bachelor's degree or equivalent experience will be expected of enrollees, but formal training in electronics or calculus is not presumed. Tuition is \$450. For complete information write: Engineering Summer Conferences, Chrysler Center for Continuing Engineering Education, North Campus, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105.