Beautiful city, excellent weather, great science and optimism in the air - that is how one can describe the 53rd annual conference of Society of Nuclear Medicine in San Diego. Learning and science apart the most enjoyable portion of the meeting is the time one spends with friends, mentors and past residents and fellows.

Even though the five days of conference are hectic - attending 6:30 am informations, listening to plenary sessions, moderating scientific sessions, going through endless scientific exhibits and partying with friends past mid night - this yearly pilgrimage rejuvenates me. PET/CT certainly dominated the meeting; however the attendance in general nuclear medicine and nuclear cardiology sessions was a welcome and pleasant surprise. I am sure the versatility of tracer techniques will keep reinventing the role of nuclear medicine in clinical practice.

Twenty years ago I attended the annual meeting of SNM for the first time. The amount of new innovations we have seen in our field is mind-boggling. From planar to fusion, from imaging physiology to imaging pathology, the journey has been exciting, strenuous but at the same time rewarding.

The SNM has faced challenges - formation of competing societies like ASNC and AMI. SNM has faced these challenges well. Technologists, basic scientists, physicians that make SNM come from different backgrounds, training and walks of life and work together. It represents the best example of “E pluribus Unum”. The secret lies in harmony. Mutual respect and justice are the key elements of harmony. We may have different opinions and take different paths even, but our goal is the same - to serve patients and science better. As long as we don’t lose sight of our goal we can overcome and resolve the differences amongst us. The close association and contributions of basic scientists and technologists and clinical investigators places nuclear medicine ahead in the game amongst all imagers. Imaging in time domain, quantification and artificial intelligence is being introduced in other imaging modalities such as CT and MRI; while we in nuclear medicine have been using these techniques for decades. More competent and eloquent people will write more about what happened in San Diego meeting in this newsletter.

The beautiful harbor city named San Diego intrigued my curiosity and here is what I found.

“November, 1602
Sebastian Vizcaíno arrives with his flagship “San Diego”, sent north by Spain from Navidad in Mexico. Vizcaíno surveys the harbor and what is now Mission Bay and Point Loma, naming the area for the Spanish Catholic saint San Diego de Alcalà.”

One another thing that still lingers from San Diego in my brain (or is it liver) cells is “Shiraz”. I want to share with you the origin of the name of the wine Shiraz (Syrah in French) - The grapes that make Shiraz or Syrah come form a city named Shiraz in Iran. How can one talk about wine without reciting a Rubiyat of Omar-Quayyam - a Persian astronomer, mathematician and poet?

Ah, fill the Cup: what boots it to repeat
How Time is slipping underneath our Feet
Unborn TO-MORROW, and dead YESTERDAY
Why fret about them if TO-DAY be sweet!

And yet I say “come to Orlando in September - cause there will be more science, more merriment and much more harmony in Orlando!!”

Raghu Halkar
Deborah M. Gibbs, BS, RT(N), CNMT, NCT

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It was with great honor that I represented the South-eastern Chapter Technologist Section at the National Meeting in San Diego. There is a feeling of warmth, excitement and anxiety as I was invited to sit “at the BIG table” this year. Delegates from across the nation were present and encouraged to contribute viewpoints to the issues at hand. Below are just a few highlights of the issues we face:

Advanced Practice is adding a CT physician to the board to help develop the competencies for the NMP. An analysis of accrediting agencies to govern the NMP programs and maintain the educational growth for the future is being considered.

The Chapter on Committees is focusing on the strengths and weaknesses of the individual chapters. The development of a standardization method for reporting CEUVOICE credits is a huge issue. Currently every state and chapter is employing different methods. The cost for a credit card scanner is $16,000. which at this time is not cost effective for the smaller entities. Please submit suggestions to Lynn Roy or Deb Barnes at the SNM educational office.

The SNM Educational office has received a grant from GE for efforts in supporting speaker expenses to the states and chapters. The calendar year will be from October 1st to September 30th. All speaker applications should be submitted to Lynn Roy.

The SNMTS Membership Committee is being proactive in recruiting for our profession. We have established a discounted rate for current members who automatically renew online, active military (online publications only) and lab technicians of which include research and micro PET techs. These personnel are crucial to the future developments in Molecular Imaging.

On a Chapter Level: The Educational Committee is pleased to bring us three workshops (PET, Cardiac, and CT) to be held on Thursday, September 14th, 2006. A huge thanks to Leesa Ross, Program Director of Chattanooga State and Donna Mars, Baptist College of Health Sciences for organizing these educational opportunities. The Educators Forum will be picked up next year and a survey will be developed for accessing the need of alternating workshops from year to year.

We are very pleased with the current program for the upcoming meeting in September. We should all applaud the efforts of Aaron
EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

Advances in medicine and technology continue to change the practice and ultimately the educational requirements of our profession. In order to ensure that future technologists are prepared to practice in this dynamic environment, educational task forces have been formed by the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section (SNMTS). The Entry-level Task Force and the Advanced Practice Task Force are now in their third year of existence. Through my participation in the SNMTS, I have been afforded several opportunities to serve on committees and task forces that deal with the educational issues facing our profession. Currently, I serve as the chair of the Entry-level Task Force. Last year an Educational Summit was held and four teams were formed to oversee the following areas: curriculum development, programmatic transition, stake holder collaboration, and community outreach. The primary charge of the task force for this upcoming year is to develop the professional curriculum needed to educate the entry-level nuclear medicine technologist by the year 2010. The goal is to present a proposed professional curriculum to the Executive Board of the SNMTS by the Mid-Winter Meeting.

I also serve as a member of the Advanced Practice Task Force. The competencies for the Nuclear Medicine Practitioner (NMP) have been developed and approved by the SNMTS and the SNM Board of Directors. Currently, the following three higher education institu-

tions are planning to offer Master’s degree NMP programs starting in fall of 2007; the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, AR, the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston, MA. Recognizing that most NMP students will need the flexibility to continue working while earning the degree, these institutions are planning flexible curricula by offering online courses and allowing part-time student status with the student’s place of employment possibly serving as the clinical setting for the NMP program. Physicians in the students’ clinical settings will serve as preceptors for the program and affiliation agreements between the physicians and the programs will be needed. The prerequisites may vary from program to program but the core admission requirements being considered are a bachelor’s degree, graduate of an accredited nuclear medicine technology program, current certification in nuclear medicine technology, successful completion of the GRE, current certification in ACLS and three to five years experience in nuclear medicine technology. The next steps of the Advanced Practice Task Force will be to develop the curriculum, collaborate with the ARRT and NMTCB to develop one credentialing examination, collaborate with the Joint Review Commission to develop programmatic accreditation standards and to identify legal issues.

In order for me to provide the best representation of the membership of the Southeastern Chapter, your input is crucial. I will strive to keep you updated on the issues addressed during the governance meetings of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. I ask that you contact me with your questions, concerns, or ideas on how we may effectively meet the issues our profession may be facing now or in the very near future.

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PET WORKSHOP

For the 3rd year in a row, the SEC of the SNM is proud to present once again the annual PET workshop. We continue to utilize as many of the experts in the SEC SNM’s own membership base. The Workshop is to take place on Thursday, the day before the annual meeting starts, and will run from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. It will offer 8 Category A CE for attendees. Lunch is provided.

Last year we had 57 attendees at the workshop and the evaluations were very positive for the speakers and the topics. This year we look forward to offering this exciting and valuable information. We will stick to a similar line up of topics which are as follows:

8:00-9:30 am Radiation Safety for PET and PET/CT
Dr. Carmine Plott, RSO, Forsyth Medical Center

9:30-10:30am Radiopharmacy/Tracer production/PET Radiopharmaceuticals
Dr Paul Stroud, Radiopharmacy Manager, Wake Forest U. Baptist Medical Center

10:45-12:45pm Physics and Instrumentation of PET and PET/CT
Dr. Tim Turkington, Duke University Medical Center

1:30-2:00pm Artifacts and variants seen on PET and PET/CT
Dr. Todd Blodgett, U. Pittsburgh Medical Center

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2:00-3:00pm Whole Body Oncology Applications in Molecular Imaging
Dr. Todd Blodgett, U. Pittsburgh Med Center

3:15-4:15pm Neurological Applications of PET and PET/CT
Dr. William Martin, Vanderbilt U. Medical Center

4:15-5:15pm Cardiac Applications of PET and PET/CT
Kathy Hunter, Bracco Diagnostics, Clinical Applications Specialist

Our educational goal is to provide PET and PET/CT topics delivered by excellent and experienced speakers that will allow the attendees to:

• Get fundamental science information that they may not have had opportunity to get in applications training
• Get review that is valuable in preparation for the PET boards
• Get fundamental science information that can help CNMTs transition from single photon Nuclear Medicine work to PET experience.

Debbie Gibbons, Chairperson, PET Workshop

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CT WORKSHOP

The presentation is designed to give Nuclear Medicine Technologists an understanding of CT principles, introduction to CT clinical applications and a basic knowledge of PET applications when applied to PET/CT.

Lorenzo Harrison and Jeff Rellis will be lecturing on topics such as:

CT scanner operation, scanner quality control, contrast medium, recognition of structures, organs and disease processes, CT anatomy and pathology, data processing, review of positron decay and production of annihilation photons, requirements for PET/CT scanner operation, detector crystals, how PET scanners acquire and store data, PET equipment quality control, fusion imaging, and case study discussion.

The workshop will be held Thursday, September 14th, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Registration fee for SNM members is $35 and for non-members the cost is $50. Registration must be made by September 7th. For registration information please visit the chapter’s website at www.secsnm.org.

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NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY WORKSHOP

On Thursday, September 14, 2006 the SEC Nuclear Cardiology Task Force, chairman Robert Pagnanelli will present the 4th annual Nuclear Cardiology Workshop. It will be held from 2:00pm to 5:00pm and the cost for SNM members is $35 and non-members the cost is $50. The deadline to register for this workshop is September 7th, 2006.

Image Acquisition
• MPI protocols and acquisition parameters Elizabeth Patrick CNMT, NCT
• Cardiac PET - 25 minutes - Salvador Borges-Neto, MD

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Preventing and Troubleshooting Problems
• QA / QC - 25 minutes - Jimel Carpenter, CNMT, NCT
• Artifacts and suboptimal scans - 25 minutes - Elizabeth Patrick CNMT, NCT / Robert Pagnanelli, BSRT(R)(N), CNMT, NCT

The Stress Lab
• EKG Basics - 25 minutes - Salvador Borges-Neto, MD
• Pharmacologic stress testing - 25 minutes - Robert Pagnanelli, BSRT(R)(N), CNMT, NCT

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ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Advocacy has been very active contacting our Congressional representatives and also advocating for nuclear medicine technologist’s rights to operate PET/CT scanners on state levels. On the national level, we lost the funding for research from the Department of Energy even with massive grassroots efforts. Many of you are familiar with this effort but for those who are not let me explain. Initially $37 million existed in this research fund. This funding aided in the founding of Tc-99m, PET scanners, and other staples of our technology. This was cut because of issues beyond our control.

We are actively calling and e-mailing our representatives to have this money reinstated for the next fiscal year’s budget. Please volunteer to call your representatives. You will be provided the phone numbers to call and “talking points” to say to your representatives. If e-mails are your preference, go to www.snm.org to Government Relations to Contact Your Legislators. From that point enter your zip code and follow the prompts.

Another national issue is the CARE Bill (from the House) and the Rad CARE Bill (from the Senate). This federal effort will help our profession ten fold with implementing minimum state standards to hire and enforce the hiring of qualified nuclear technologists as well as radiologic technologists and radiation therapists. Again, your help is requested in helping this pass the House and Senate. Simply follow the instructions above within the www.snm.org website.

If you are interested in becoming an official State Health Policy Liaison (SHPL) for your state you will be asked to call and or e-mail your Congressional representatives on occasion to provide the grassroots efforts needed to get attention. You would also be asked to make a telephone tree made up of your local radiopharmacy, industry representatives, local nuclear medicine college, etc. so more telephone calls can be generated. For further information contact me at isotoper@msn.com

Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, BHS, CNMT, PET, RT(N)
Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, NC
STATE REPORTS

Alabama Nuclear Medicine Technologists

The Alabama Society of Nuclear Medicine (ASNM) held its 33rd annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama the weekend of June 16-18, 2006. We offered many CEU talks on a wide variety of issues from what role an NMT would have in a dirty bomb event, starting a PET clinic, updates and reviews on liver, pediatric bone and renal imaging as well as cardiac scans. The meeting was held at the Hilton Perimeter Park South and coincided with the annual Birmingham Music Festival, City Stages.

At the meeting the 2006 - 2007 ASNM officers were elected. The new officers are, President - Jim Palmer, President-elect - Dr. Janis O-Malley, Treasurer - Linda Hutchinson, and Secretary - Dawn Williams. Outgoing President Norman Bolus congratulated all of the outgoing officers for a wonderful job in helping with the organization and details of the annual meeting. The outgoing officers were Secretary - Aleshka Kerley, Associate Secretary - Tonya Veitch, and Treasurer - Amanda Morantes. Next year, the incoming President Jim Palmer indicated that the meeting would be near sand if at all possible. Visit our website at www.alabamanucmed.org.

Norman Bolus, MPH, CNMT

Florida NMT

I am Anna Marie Zambito and I have the privilege of serving as president of the Florida Nuclear Medicine Technologists. The Florida Nuclear Medicine Technologists just celebrated our 35th annual meeting at the beautiful Renaissance Resort and Hotel in Tampa, Florida. 22 CEUs were offered at this educational and informative symposium. I am very pleased to announce that our 36th annual meeting will be held at The Florida Mall Hotel in Orlando. The meeting dates are May 3, through May 6, 2006. You can visit our website at www.fnmt.ws.

The 2006-2007 FNMT Officers are as follows:

President Anna Marie Zambito, CNMT
President-Elect Donna Diaz, RT(N), CNMT
Vice President John Cieply, CNMT
Secretary Wendy Welker, CNMT
Treasurer Martha Griffin, CNMT

South Carolina Technologists

South Carolina technologists experienced a bountiful year. Our website has become a popular and important media for information dissemination. It includes our newsletter, meeting information, links, legislative issues, pictures, board of directors contact information, scholarship information, and links to the SEC and SNM. It can be found at www.scsnm.org.

We had a successful annual meeting in March which took place in Greenville, SC. There were attendees from Florida, Georgia, and both Carolinas. Ten credits were available to attendees and covered such varied topics as: Hepatobiliary imaging, ICANL, HOPPS, PET, PET/CT, stress testing, infection imaging, osteoporosis, and pharmacological stress testing. The guidelines for attendance verification, as set forth by the SNM, were followed.

Our President’s Fall Seminar will be held October 7th, 2006. Midlands Technical College in Columbia, SC will be the site. This is free to members of the South Carolina society as well as to students in JRC accredited programs in the state. Program topics, tentatively, will cover stress testing, BEXXAR, scintimammography, and pediatric PET. There will be a total of 4 credits available.

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I would like to personally invite everyone to attend our annual meeting next spring in Charleston, SC. It will be held March 17th and 18th, 2007. Information about both upcoming meetings can be obtained from our website or by contacting any of the board members. Don’t forget that is St. Patrick’s Day weekend and big things are being planned! See you there this fall in Columbia and in the spring in Charleston!

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Kentucky Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists

The KSNMT has had a busy year. We have held two education conferences, each attended by about 75 technologists from around the state and surrounding areas. The Fall 2005 meeting was held in Frankfort, KY and the Spring 2006 meeting was held in Lexington, KY. At the Spring 2006 meeting the students from the state schools participated in a poster contest. Everyone did a fabulous job and it was a difficult decision to pick a winner. The winners were:

1st place - Jennifer Cantrell
2nd place - Kim Hogan
3rd place - Stephanie Zoll

The next education conference is scheduled for November 4, 2006 at the Kentucky Convention Center in Louisville.

Also at our next meeting we will be electing officers and are currently accepting nominations. Our current officers are:

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To be eligible for a state certification, you would need to have passed either the NMTCB or the ARRT (N) exam. In addition, the proposed regulations also include a variance that will allow Nuclear Medicine Technologists to independently perform PET/CT and SPECT/CT exams with device specific training (for attenuation correction or anatomic localization only). This is great news for NMT’s in the state of Kentucky!

For more information regarding meetings, elections, or other nuclear medicine news for the state of Kentucky, please visit our website at www.ksnmt.org.

Stephanie Land

COLLEGE REPORTS

Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Lexington KY

The consolidation and transition between Lexington Community College and Central Kentucky Technical College to Bluegrass Community and Technical College has passed the first-year mark, and the students and faculty seem to have weathered the changes pretty well.

The second-year students submitted case presentation posters as a course requirement to the KY Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists for their Spring 2006 meeting along with students from the program in Louisville KY. Two of the Bluegrass students placed in the top 5 posters with the top 3 receiving monetary awards from the Society. The technologists were very pleased to have the posters at the meeting, and it appears we have started a new tradition.

Five of the second-year students participated in an optional field trip to Cincinnati OH, to see a production run of F-18-FDG. We met in the college parking lot at 9:00 PM, arrived at the radio-pharmacy at 11:00 PM, toured the site and watched the pharmacist and technicians run the cyclotron and manufacture the labeled FDG until it left the building at 3:00 AM. We left after the first run, but the personnel had 2 runs left before their work was finished for the night. It’s a long night to watch a highly automated process, but we learned from where and how FDG gets to our PET sites.

The May graduates are mostly working (7 of 9), mostly certified (6 of 9), and appear to be doing very well in this new beginning. Nine of 10 former first-year students have transitioned through the summer term to second-year students and are enjoying a summer break. (Sadly one student was lost in the transition due to the complications of life and school.) The in-coming class of 9 is biding its time until class begins in August - no panic attacks yet as far as I can tell.

There is anticipation among the students as well as the technologists in KY that a proposed state regulation will instituted a certification requirement for NMTs and RT(T)s before the summer (or at least the year) is out. The proposed regulation has been submitted as a revision to an existing certification program for radiographers which has been in place for more than 25 years. For the sake of quality patient care, we are hoping that this will soon be in effect.

Looking forward to the coming year.

Charles H Coulston, MSED, CNMT, RT(N)(R)
Program Coordinator, Nuclear Medicine Technology

Methodist University Hospital School of NMT, Memphis, TN

Members of the 2006 Methodist University Hospital [Memphis] School of Nuclear Medicine Technology class are Julie Black, Melissa Gray, Heather Grohmann, Nikki Robinson, Martina Vaughn, James Woepse. They are on track to graduate in October. Congratulations go to Heather Grohmann and Nikki Robinson for their success in the student poster competition at the Tennessee State meeting in April.

Members of the 2006 class are currently working on their Intern projects and are beginning to look forward to graduation.

Our 2007 class has just been selected and notification letters are being sent. We look forward to welcoming them into the program August.

Nancy Clifton, RT, CNMT, Program Director

Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville, KY

Jefferson Community and Technical College offers a 21 month Associate Degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology. Each Fall we welcome 12 new students into the field of Nuclear Medicine. This year we had to choose the very best 12 students from an applicant pool of over 50 qualified individuals!

Our graduating class of 2006 is now in the workforce. At the time of writing this, most have taken their boards and most have gained employment. Congratulations to you!

The class of 2007 is busy planning their trip to the Southeastern Chapter meeting in Orlando! They have raised money doing all sorts of things. They have sold “HOT” shirts, worked parking cars, and were successful obtaining an educational grant from our state society. The class of 2007: Dawnita Avendano, William Brown, Meghan Edwards, Ashley Godoy, Nicole Harding, Laura Lawalin, Tracy May, Douglas Poynter, Christy Sullivan, Tiffany Thompson, Kim Tomlin, Stephanie Zoll.

Cybil Nielsen, MBA, CNMT
Program Coordinator

Students on Field Trip to See FDG-18 Production
Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, GA

Announces Accreditation of the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program

The past year of the Armstrong Atlantic State University (AASU) Nuclear Medicine Technology Program has produced a tremendous amount of activity and excitement. In response to a shortage of allied health professionals, especially true for Nuclear Medicine Technologist, a consortium of health care providers in Savannah, spearheaded AASU’s expansion of programs in the Department of Radiologic Sciences to include a Nuclear Medicine Track.

In February, evaluators from the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) conducted a site visit to AASU for the purpose of determining if the course offerings met the criteria established by the JRCNMT for accreditation.

In the accreditation letter received from the JRCNMT, the AASU Nuclear Medicine Technology Program was determined to be in full compliance with all requirements necessary for initial accreditation. The evaluators did not report any adverse finding in their accreditation determination. Because of the satisfactory review, the JRCNMT award AASU’s Nuclear Medicine Program accreditation until 2009.

In the second year of the program, a junior class of students is starting their journey as “budding” Nuclear Medicine Technologist, while ten senior students have embarked upon the final “leg” of their Nuclear Medicine Technology training.

Rochelle B. Lee, M.B.A., R.T. (N), Nuclear Medicine Program Coordinator

Broward Community College

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Program located on the North Campus in Coconut Creek graduated nineteen (19) students on June 21st. Eight (8) A.S. Degree and eleven (11) Certificate students. One student has already passed the NMTCB and the rest are scheduled over the next week.

Just over half of the students have been offered positions. There will be more competition for fulltime positions due to the fact there are six schools between Miami and Fort Pierce (one hundred mile radius). We have already started to see other students at some of our clinical sites in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Student Life funded ten (10) students and me to attend the Academy of Molecular Imaging meeting in Orlando in March. The lectures were very informative and gave the students a needed perspective on PET/CT and CT applications. The students were very impressed with the exhibit hall and equipment displays.

The NMT Program will admit eight (8) First Year A.S. Degree; six (6) Certificate and seven (7) returning students that will become 2nd A.S. Degree in August for the Academic Year 2006-2007.

Nicolas Neil received the Irene Fischley Award for Academic Excellence and highest GPA among the Associate Degree students. Michael Jones received the GPA award for Certificate students. Christopher Cunniff placed first in the student competition of the Florida Nuclear Medicine Technologists on May 6th in Tampa at the Airport Renaissance Hotel of the International Mall.

Lorenzo Harrison, Program Director

Chattanooga State Technical Community College, TN

It has been a great year and the day the students thought would never come is about to arrive. This group had the opportunity to attend the Tennessee Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Annual Meeting in Chattanooga during April. Two students presented papers, Hetal Patel on Comparison of Palliative Bone Therapy Agents and Mark Doyle presented on Iodine-123 Ioflupane for Parkinson’s Disease Imaging. Both students took home cash awards for their paper presentations. One student, Cristy Stoker submitted her poster to the Georgia Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Annual Meeting and also won for her submission.

The students graduate the first week of August and a new group starts at the end of the same month. The graduating students are in the process of securing jobs, but not having any difficulty so far. Dusty and I wish them good luck on all their future endeavors!

Leesa Ross, MA, CNMT, RT(N)
Director, Nuclear Medicine Technology Program

Ms. Rochelle Lee, NM Program Director, and JRCNMT

CONGRATULATIONS

⇒ to Carol Bonanno, FSNMTS who has just been appointed to the State of Florida Radiation Control Committee.

⇒ to Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, BHS, CNMT, PET, RT(N) who has been invited to become the PET Columnist for ADVANCE Magazine for Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals. Look for her first column in the August 2006 issue.