August 1, 1975

TO: Institution Members

FROM: Christopher A. Rodowskas, Jr., Executive Director

ATTENTION: CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

At the 76th annual meeting, two resolutions were adopted which deal with radio-pharmacy. These are presented below with the action of the Board of Directors and are offered for your information:

RESOLUTION 2. Source: Special Committee on Radiopharmacy

Whereas, the practice of nuclear pharmacy/radiopharmacy centers around radioactive drugs (radiopharmaceuticals) in the diagnosis and treatment of disease states, and,

Whereas, radiopharmaceuticals are clearly defined as drugs and can as such be dispensed by a pharmacist or under the direct supervision of a qualified physician, and,

Whereas, radiopharmaceuticals are subject to all rules and regulations of the FDA and/or state boards of pharmacy pertaining to drugs and other agencies concerned with the health and safety aspects of radioactive materials, and,

Whereas, in view of the rapid developments and growth in nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals, and the subsequent need for pharmacists with a specialty in nuclear pharmacy, therefore,

Be it resolved, that all pharmacy students should be introduced to the basic aspects of radiopharmaceuticals and their application in nuclear medicine.

* Adopted
** To be forwarded to all member institutions, one to each delegate and one to each dean.

RESOLUTION 3. Source: Special Committee on Radiopharmacy

Whereas, dependent on the level of education and training, nuclear pharmacists/radiopharmacists may assume numerous responsibilities beyond those delineated as minimal, and,

Whereas, nuclear pharmacists/radiopharmacists may conduct research in the development of new radiopharmaceuticals and quality control procedures, serve in instructional capacities, assume supervisory roles and perform other tasks compatible with their education and personal ability, and,

Whereas, in view of the rapid developments and growth in nuclear medicine and radiopharmaceuticals, and the subsequent need for pharmacists with a specialty in nuclear pharmacy, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the AACP recommend that all schools and colleges of pharmacy that wish to offer specialized programs in nuclear pharmacy/radiopharmacy provide programs that would prepare students with competencies in the following:
RESOLUTION 3. (continued)

   a. prepare, procure, store, compound, and dispense radiopharmaceuticals
   b. provide radiopharmaceutical quality control
   c. develop and maintain control procedures and records
   d. identify drug interactions
   e. carry out clinical consultation with patient and physician
   f. conduct routine health physics procedures
   g. fulfill requirement of regulation and licensure

   Be it also resolved, that an academic educational program for practicing pharmacists wishing to specialize in nuclear pharmacy/radiopharmacy should include a period of clinical experience in the practice of nuclear pharmacy/radiopharmacy in a supervised manner.

   * Adopted as amended.
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* Action of House
** Disposition by Board of Directors Postsession Meeting, July 11, 1975