

SNM 7TH ANNUAL WINTER MEETING PRESENTS INSTRUMENTATION AND COMPUTER SEMINARS

The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) will offer a comprehensive discussion of imaging hardware and software validation, quality assurance, and quality control during its Seventh Annual Winter Meeting to be held February 15-16, 1988, at the Crescent Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona.

The education program, "Imaging Hardware and Software: Validation and Quality Assurance," is sponsored by the SNM Computer and Instrumentation Councils and cosponsored by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM). The program begins on Monday, February 15, with an overview and definition of terms. This will be followed by a review of National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) stand-



The saguaro cactus, unique to the Arizona desert.



Skyline of Phoenix, Arizona, site of The Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) Seventh Annual Winter Meeting, February 15-16, 1988.

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ards presented by Jon J. Erickson, PhD.

Topics presented during the two-day meeting include quality control of single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT), positron emission tomography (PET), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), and bone densitometry. Robert Zimmerman, president of the Instrumentation Council, will moderate a panel discussion on quality control of PET, SPECT, and cameras, featuring the speakers from the February 15 morning sessions. A similar panel discussion will be presented on Tuesday, February 16, moderated by Jonathan M. Links, PhD, president of the Computer Council. This panel will discuss the council's role in promoting the testing and validation of software and will feature the speakers from the Tuesday morning sessions.

The program also features presentations of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) policy on software; legal aspects of clinical software development; and development of a nu-

clear medicine computer system. In addition to these and other presentations, there will be 12 submitted papers.

For three days before the Winter Meeting, SNM committees will hold their semiannual meetings, and all interested SNM members are welcome to attend. The Technologist Section committees will meet on Friday morning, February 12, and the Technologist Section National Council will meet Friday afternoon. SNM committees will meet on Saturday, February 13, and the SNM Board of Trustees will convene on Sunday, February 14.

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