

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS
PROPOSAL IN STP FORMAT**

PROPOSAL: To Adopt CSHP Professional Policy on “Nuclear Pharmacy”

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors

DATE: May 17, 2012

SITUATION:

1. Nuclear pharmacy is a specialty field of pharmacy practice, which involves compounding and dispensing radioactive materials for diagnosing and to treat specific diseases.
2. The field seeks to improve and foster safe and effective preparation and use of radioactive drugs for diagnosis and therapy.
3. Nuclear pharmacists are specially trained on the various radiopharmaceuticals that they use since extensive precautions must be taken when handling radiopharmaceutical materials to minimize the exposure of radiation to themselves and others.
4. As nuclear medicine procedures are becoming more widely used, the need for more safe and effective practice by trained pharmacists is becoming more evident.
5. In addition to compounding and dispensing, nuclear pharmacists can consult with other health care providers on products and assist in interpreting studies.
6. There is increasing focus in nuclear pharmacy with the development of PGY2 residencies and board certifications.
7. No similar policy relating to this matter exists in current CSHP professional policy.

TARGET:

1. Develop a policy that supports the growing field of nuclear pharmacy.

PROPOSAL:

1. To adopt CSHP Professional Policy on “Nuclear Pharmacy” as follows:

The California Society of Health-System Pharmacists supports that the responsibility for the preparation and distribution of radiopharmaceuticals for human and veterinary use shall be delegated only to specially trained pharmacists, as defined by the Board of Pharmacy, in the area of nuclear pharmacy.

RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED ACTION(S)

Financial: N/A
EVP time: N/A
Staff time: N/A

CSHP BOARD ACTION: