

# Medical History in the Hellenic Journal of Nuclear Medicine

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The Hellenic Journal of Nuclear Medicine is about to celebrate its 20th anniversary end of 2017. On board of the editorial team since 2003, this journal has influenced me like a good friend over the many past years. From time to time, the journal has published interesting and valuable historical notes. They show that nuclear medicine has a history and that medicine is its basis. They also teach us today, and some of the ancient perspectives and approaches are still valid.

The reader of HJNM may be interested in these historical contributions, as they are timeless. Therefore, it was our idea to summarize these in the following pages. Where there is a link to the free article, this is noted. Upon opening all articles, you will find out that these are a book or so of its own. In thanks to the editor-in-chief of the Journal for his continuing support on the historical section.

Below we refer to the historical papers of the Journal:

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*Special Historical Article.* How a tertiary medical nuclear medicine department at the Himalayan area in India can be established and function in an exemplary manner. Basic rules revisited. V.K. Dhingra, S. Saini et al. 2015; 18(3): 252-6. <http://nuclmed.web.auth.gr/magazine/eng/sept15/13.pdf>

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*Historical-Technical Article.* The beginning of using X-rays and the evolution of equipment for the treatment of ocular cancer. K. Laios, M. Zozoglou. 2017; 20(1): Ahead of print.

And hopefully many more to follow!

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