

The nuclear medicine physician and the PET/CT issue

To the Editor: After reading your editorial published in the 2nd issue of the Hell J Nucl Med, 2007; 10 (2): 74-78, we would like to express the unanimous opinion of the Greek doctors specializing in Nuclear Medicine, according to which, we consider that for the use and responsibility of the PET/CT dual scanner, the nuclear medicine physician should be the only responsible person and the radiologist should be asked as advisor, when needed. Nuclear Medicine is an independent specialty and we, as specializing nuclear medicine physicians, spend six months of education in the radiology department,

where the main equipment in use, of which we become educated, is the CT scanner.

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PET/CT a hybridic equipment based on PET studies

To the Editor: There is no doubt that nuclear medicine physician is the one to perform the PET studies. Also there is no doubt that if nuclear medicine physician wishes to have detailed anatomical imaging, he may ask for a CT scan. In case a CT scan is necessary, the radiologist should be called as an advisor. Greece has quite a few CT scanners and most of the patients referring for a PET scan have already had a CT scan. Perhaps it is not necessary to buy a double PET and CT scanner if we want to use it only in a few cases. We do agree with the concept presented in your editorial of 2007; 10(2):

74-76 that in the PET/CT equipment the nuclear medicine physician should be the physician in charge and the radiologist should be asked as an advisor when it is necessary.

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