

Mallinckrodt Award for Nuclear Medicine Technologist

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INTRODUCTION

The Mallinckrodt Award will be held in conjunction with the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM). Its aim is to foster the spirit of innovation and progress in nuclear medicine.

The Award will be provided for an oral scientific or technical paper presented by an accredited nuclear medicine technologist.

DEFINITION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS AWARD

(a) Technologist: A financial member of the ANZSNM who is employed as an accredited technologist in the field of nuclear medicine and who has been a financial member of the society for at least six months.

(b) Scientific or technical paper: A paper constructed in the following format. Objectives, Materials/Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusions

ENTRIES FOR THE AWARD

This Award will be made on investigational or other work presented orally at the ASM by the entrant.

Entries will be considered on their value in improving knowledge in any aspect of nuclear medicine. While the study need not be totally original, considerable attention will be paid to the basic idea, to the individual effort and to the lack of dependence on non-technical aspects such as scan interpretation or clinical assessment. The fundamental requirements of any scientific paper, such as clarity of description of the studied problem in the context of published data, critical evaluation of results, utilisation of statistical or other relevant methodologies, as well as the presentation itself, will be taken into account. Acknowledgment of people or agencies that have contributed substantially to the work must be included.

A candidate for the Award must submit an abstract for the ASM as with any other paper. Submission of abstracts must be in accordance with the requirements of the ASM.

All papers submitted for the award will be considered on their merits as to eligibility and final acceptance.

An accredited & registered technologist entering for the Award shall provide a personally signed statement countersigned by the department head, indicating the extent of assistance given by others so that the judges can make an assessment of the proportion of the work done by the author(s) of the paper. This statement, plus an electronic copy of a 2 x A4 page summary of results to date in scientific format, shall be in the hands of the ANZSNM secretariat at least three weeks prior to the beginning of the Conference.

The audience will be informed that the paper is an entry for the Award.

The recipient(s) of the Award must undertake to submit a copy of the manuscript publication in the Gamma Gazette within two months of winning the Award. All manuscripts of non-winning entrants submitted to the Secretariat will be destroyed.

RESULTS SUMMARY SUBMISSION FORMAT: Submitted by e-mail in Microsoft word format. This should be a one-page summary of your research to date and presented in scientific format, which includes the aim, method, results, conclusion and references.

Components of each manuscript must be submitted in the following order:

- 1.** Abstract (as submitted for ASM)
- 2.** Text (including summary of aim, method, results and conclusion)
- 3.** Acknowledgments (if any)
- 4.** References
- 5.** Tables & figures with legends can be included

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If a candidate for the Award requires financial support to attend the ASM in order to present a paper, application should first be made to the employer. If this is unsuccessful, and the entrant wishes to seek support from the Society, application should be made to the local branch of the Society at least two months prior to the ASM.

Applications will be considered by each branch and a decision made on which author or authors it wishes to recommend that financial support be given. Such a decision will usually be based upon a presentation of the paper at a local branch meeting. The decision should then be forwarded to the Secretariat not less than one month prior to the ASM.

The Federal Council of the Society will decide on the amount of money which the Society could provide and will advise the candidate through the Society. (The local branch is free to support a candidate with additional assistance.)

JUDGING

The judging panel shall consist of three (3) society members drawn from the ANZSNMT and the ANZSNM. One should be the President of the ANZSNM or their nominee, who shall act as Chairman. The two remaining 2 judges shall be nuclear medicine technologists for whom no conflict of interest can be identified. A judge must not belong to the same department as a candidate.

The criteria upon which judgement will rely shall include the following (percentages are maxima):

- (a)** The value of the paper as a contribution to nuclear medicine technology - 20%
- (b)** The extent of direct assistance the author(s) receive from supervisors or other individuals – 10%
- (c)** The content of the paper (accuracy, logic, statistical consideration, originality, etc) - 50%
- (d)** The technique of presentation (clarity, expression, quality and use of slides, timing, handling of questions, etc) - 20%

The judges will have discretion as to whether an Award will be made. The successful candidate will receive a suitably inscribed trophy.

AWARD

The Mallinkrodt Award is sponsored by Mallinkrodt. The award will consist of \$1500 to assist you in attending a CPD activity of your choice. This could be attendance at a scientific meeting which could be local or international, or any other approved CPD activity. In the case of multiple author entries, the Award will be shared.

A submission must be made to the Secretariat of the ANZSNM outlining the proposed use of the Award ticket.

Following the completion of the approved award, the winner(s) must make a technical report of 1500-2000 words to the Secretariat for publication in the Gamma Gazette. This should be completed within six months of the event.