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NRC NAMES DR. JEFFREY F. WILLIAMSON TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL USES OF ISOTOPES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has appointed Dr. Jeffrey F. Williamson, a medical physicist at Washington University, St. Louis, to the NRC Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes.

The committee advises the NRC on policy and technical issues that arise in regulating the medical uses of radioactive material for diagnosis and treatment. It also provides guidance and comments on changes in NRC regulations and guidelines on medical uses; evaluates certain non-routine uses of radioactive material for medical uses; and provides technical assistance in specific licensing, inspection and enforcement cases.

Dr. Williamson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and physics from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, in 1974. He received M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in biophysical sciences from the University of Minnesota in 1980 and 1982, respectively. He has special expertise in radiation therapy.

He joined the University of Minnesota Hospitals, Department of Therapeutic Radiology, in 1983 as assistant professor in the radiological physics section. From 1983 to 1989 he held progressively more responsible positions with the University of Arizona Hospital, Department of Radiation Oncology. He served as assistant and associate professor of radiation oncology, radiation oncology staff physicist, and director of the division of physics.

In 1989, Dr. Williamson assumed positions with his current employer in St. Louis and is now professor of radiation physics; associate chief, radiation oncology center physics section; and chief, brachytherapy physics service at the Washington University School of Medicine's Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology. He is also the university's associate radiation safety officer and a member of the radiation oncology center research committee and radiation safety committee.

Dr. Williamson is certified in therapeutic radiological physics by the American Board of Radiology and in radiation oncology physics by the American Board of Medical Physics. He is a member of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements Committee that is rewriting NCRP Report 37, "Precautions in the Management of Patients who have Received Therapeutic Amounts of Radionuclides."

Other members of the NRC's Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes and their specialties are:

CHAIRMAN: Dr. Barry A. Siegel, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, nuclear medicine physician.

Dr. Daniel S. Berman, Cedar Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, nuclear medicine physician (cardiology).

Judith I. Brown, Silver Spring, Md., patient rights and care advocate.

Dr. Daniel F. Flynn, Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center, Methuen, Mass., radiation oncologist.

John Graham, St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, Mich., hospital administration.

Dr. A. Eric Jones, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Rockville, Md., FDA liaison.

Dr. Wil B. Nelp, University of Washington, University Hospital, Seattle, nuclear medicine physician (research).

Robert M. Quillin, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver, agreement state program representative.

Dr. Judith Anne Stitt, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, radiation oncologist.

Dennis P. Swanson, University of Pittsburgh, School of Pharmacy, nuclear pharmacist.

Dr. Louis K. Wagner, University of Texas Medical School, Houston, medical physicist (nuclear medicine).

Theresa Walkup. Mercy Health Center, Oklahoma City, radiation therapy technologist/medical dosimetrist.