

Nuclear Pharmacy Issues

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Radiation Safety Issues

- **Pharmacists handling reactor produced and PET radionuclides**
- **ALARA issues for handling reactor produced and PET radionuclides**
- **Pharmacist shortage**

Pharmacist Training/Shortage Issue

- **Pharmacy program now requires 6 year (previously 5 years)**
- **Overall need for pharmacists has increased, one area is PET**
- **To maintain ALARA at a lower level will require more pharmacists**

Addressing the Shortage

- **Pharmacy Profession
Curriculum including sufficient
elective courses during 6 year
program**

Addressing the Shortage

Certificate Programs (after 6 y)

- Purdue**
- University of New Mexico**
- University of Arkansas**

Addressing the Shortage

- **Technician Training-**
 - **Specialization needed for nuclear**