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To: Members of the Committee on Human Use of Isotopes  
From: Dr. L. H. Hempelmann  
Subject: Minutes of Meeting Held on December 20th.

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There was a luncheon meeting of the Committee on Human Use of Isotopes in the Green Room on December 20th. Present were Drs. L. Kohn, Wm. Bale, G. Forbes, S. Swisher (substitute for Dr. L. Young), E. Mahoney (representing the Department of Surgery), W. Pommerenke, H. Mermagen (substituting for Dr. J. Howland), Wm. Wood and myself. Also present were Drs. George Ramsey and Harry Pinsky, representing the Department of Radiology.

The first item of business was a consideration of the use of Sodium<sup>22</sup> in moribund infants as requested by Dr. G. Forbes in his letter to me dated September 28, 1956. He was given approval by the Committee to carry out the proposal.

The second item of business was concerned with the amount of radioactivity which patients may contain without requiring hospitalization. Apparently, the Abbott Co. has sent out an announcement which indicates that the AEC may raise its recommended level of radioactivity in patients permitted to leave the hospital. Discussion of this subject was deferred until the safety and health physic regulations will be considered at our next meeting. In the meantime, Dr. Pinsky will find out whether this is the official recommendation of the AEC.

The third item of business was a review of the policies established by this committee in 1952 and a consideration of how the policies are being carried out. It was decided that the Committee is fulfilling its obligations as stated in my memorandum to the Advisory Board on January 2, 1952. In the course of this discussion, the question of current fee schedules was raised. Dr. Pinsky agreed to send a copy of the fees to all members of the Committee. He also said he would look into the question of "surplus funds" obtained as net income for the isotope program and report back to the Committee on this subject at the next meeting.

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In considering Item 3 of the memorandum, i.e. whether or not the Department of Radiology is carrying out its responsibilities, it became clear that the Department has not discharged some of its responsibilities, particularly in regard to not treating patients under 40 with I<sup>131</sup> and in not keeping adequate records in centralized files available to all members.

In view of the current practices of the I<sup>131</sup> program, a restatement of some of the old policies was made and some new directives were approved by the Committee to clarify the meaning of its original policies. The approved statements follow:

1. Isotopes can be used therapeutically only under the direction of the head or acting head of the Radiation Therapy Division.
2. No patient shall be treated with radioisotopes unless there is a permanent adequate record in the central files of the Radiation Therapy Division. An adequate record in this sense means history, clinical, therapeutic and laboratory data and follow-up observations.
3. No patient shall be treated with radioiodine without consultation with one member of the Department of Radiology, one member of the Radioiodine Clinic and the referring physician. If the referring physician happens to belong to one of these organizations, he must obtain the opinion of two other persons on the staff of the Radioiodine Clinic or in the Department of Radiology before administering treatment.
4. No patient under 40 years of age shall be treated unless the extenuating circumstances making this necessary are clearly stated in the record.
5. All patient records should be made available for follow-up by the Department of Radiology.

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6. The present Acting Head of the Division of Radiation Therapy shall maintain a precise record of the way in which the directives set forth by the Committee are being followed and shall issue a report to the Committee at its next meeting, two months from now, of any instances where regulations have not been followed.

December 20, 1956