207U00000X NUCLEAR MEDICINE Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code Set

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207U00000X Nuclear Medicine Physician

Taxonomy Code	207U00000X
Status	Active
Level	Level II Classification
Short Name	Nuclear Medicine
Full Name	Nuclear Medicine Physician
Level I, Provider Grouping	Allopathic & Osteopathic Physicians
Level II, Classification	Nuclear Medicine
Description	A nuclear medicine specialist employs the properties of radioactive atoms and molecules in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and in research. Radiation detection and imaging instrument systems are used to detect disease as it changes the function and metabolism of normal cells, tissues and organs. A wide variety of diseases can be found in this way, usually before the structure of the organ involved by the disease can be seen to be abnormal by any other techniques. Early detection of coronary artery disease (including acute heart attack), early cancer detection and evaluation of the effect of tumor treatment, diagnosis of infection and inflammation anywhere in the body and early detection of blood clot in the lungs are all possible with these techniques. Unique forms of radioactive molecules can attack and kill cancer cells (e.g., lymphoma, thyroid cancer) or can relieve the severe pain of cancer that has spread to bone
Additional Information	Source: American Board of Medical Specialties, 2007. www.abms.org [7/1/2007: definition added, source added; 7/1/2011: modified source] Additional Resources: American Board of Nuclear Medicine, 2007. http://www.abnm.org/. A doctor of osteopathy was able to obtain a Certificate of Added Qualifications in the field of Nuclear Medicine. The Certificate is NO longer offered. American Osteopathic Board of Nuclear Medicine, 2007. http://www.osteopathic.org/certification Board certification for Medical Doctors (MDs) is provided by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine.

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