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## Keeping up! PJNMed may open new horizons by moving to PJNMed -i

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Time and progress wait for no one and in today's rapidly changing world one needs to continually re-invent oneself to keep relevant:

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Nuclear medicine has evolved in a manner nobody could have predicted 50 years ago. What started as a small part of radiology grew to a science on its own, faltered so that there was talk of doing away with this as an independent specialty [1], grew stronger and now has found new life as molecular imaging, embracing a syncretic approach to diagnosis and treatment. Molecular imaging embraces so much more than isotopes and gamma cameras. Any modality that serves to further the primary aim of physicians, that is, helping patients, is included in this limitless specialty. One of the authors has long maintained the absolute necessity of learning other imaging specializations while retaining a primary interest in nuclear medicine [2]. It is gratifying to see that this approach has gained an unstoppable momentum as nuclear medicine departments enter into the realm of hybrid imaging, integrating CT, MR, and ultrasound into their services, in many cases, even as a stand-alone facility. The founders of the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) included a cardiologist, five radiologists, two internists and only one nuclear medicine physician [3]. In 2012, the society renamed itself as SNMMI; the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging; embracing all manners of imaging technologies. There are no monopolies on knowledge, and no bunkers where professionals can exist in isolation. Integration

with other sciences and technologies is inevitable. We should accept this fact and review, retrain, and rethink our approach to the future.

It is with this in mind that the Pakistan Journal of Nuclear Medicine announces its intent to evolve into Pakistan Journal of Nuclear Medicine *and Imaging*. It is proposed that journal will now accept articles related to other imaging modalities, in addition to nuclear medicine which will remain the primary focus. This will offer our authors another option to publish in an established journal that represents the genius of Pakistani imaging physicians. Although a national journal, the editors will continue to accept articles from all over the world. This proposal is open to discussion and opinions are sought. Comments and suggestions should be sent to the editor/board at [muhammadbabarimran@yahoo.com](mailto:muhammadbabarimran@yahoo.com).

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