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## General Comment

As a research coordinator in Nuclear Medicine I see every day how much knowledge is required for these therapies. There are so many things that come together- patient counseling, radiation safety, education of staff and public and even other physicians about radioligand therapies. These are important and effective therapies, but they need to be done right. Otherwise it can lead to misunderstanding and even be dangerous.

As I deal with patients who are getting radioligand therapies each single day, I know how many questions, concerns, wrong believes and fears they have. I feel it is important to educate them competent and correct. A lot of these patients are very sick and it would be deeply wrong to educate them falsely. These patients need expertise- about the risks and benefits as well as about the efficacy and also the precautions.

If I was a patient, I want a physician who knows the field, the actual science behind it and has experience- first hand and not just from reading about it.

I think it is wrong, careless and dangerous to think a short course could give individuals the knowledge and expertise they need to give the best possible care to each patient.