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1. This year 83 percent of nuclear medicine diagnostic misadministrations at Navy Medical Treatment Facilities were caused by injecting the wrong radiopharmaceutical.

2. A major contributing factor to these misadministrations appears to be a lack of attention to the correct procedures by the nuclear medicine technician. The following have been identified as causing some of the misadministrations.

a. Technician picking up the wrong syringe and not checking the label prior to injecting the patient.

b. Technician not checking the label on the radiopharmaceutical container prior to drawing up patient dose.

c. Technician placing the correctly labeled radiopharmaceutical vials into incorrectly labeled lead pigs.

3. It is strongly requested that you review with the nuclear medicine technician(s) the correct procedures for handling and labeling radiopharmaceuticals, drawing up and labeling the patient doses, and checking the dose prior to injecting the patient.

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