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Bio

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Kristina Elizabeth Hawk, MS MD PhD is a Nuclear Medicine Physician and Neuroradiologist. As a physician scientist, integrated MD/PhD training helped build a foundation to explore translational research efforts, using a full and intricate understanding of the research process, and the developed ability to understand, discuss and teach new emerging concepts. Dr. Hawk's dissertation in Neuroscience focused on the regulation of Nitric Oxide Synthase in the dorsal and ventral striatum, exploring the neurochemical role of nitric oxide producing interneurons, and their ability to coordinate dopaminergic and glutamatergic signaling in areas of the brain relevant to cognition and motivated behavior.

Eager to expand her passion into the field of Medical Radiation Physics, she also completed a separate Masters degree in Medical Radiation Physics. This provided her with in depth training of how therapeutic and diagnostic instruments use both ionizing and non-ionizing radiation in the clinical setting. She then completed her Medical Doctorate and Diagnostic Radiology Residency at the University of Southern California (USC), learning the art of medicine while serving the diverse population at Los Angeles County Hospital.

Dr. Hawk completed clinical fellowship requirements in Nuclear Medicine at USC, and is now Board Certified by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. She also completed a Neuroradiology fellowship at USC, and is Board Certified the American Board of Radiology. She served as both the Chief Resident and Chief Neuroradiology Fellow.

Dr. Hawk has held multiple local and national leadership positions, including positions in the American College of Radiology (ACR), the American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) and the Society of Nuclear and Molecular Medicine (SNMMI). Dr. Hawk is an editorial board member of the Journal of the American College of Radiology (JACR). She has served as the Vice-Chair for Education for the Nuclear Medicine Resident Organization of the ACNM, and the Educational Liaison for the Resident and Fellow Section of the ACR. Currently, she serves on the national ACR Commission for Women and General Diversity as well as the ACR Commission on Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Hawk also sits on the ACR Council Steering Committee.

Dr. Hawk is committed to continually exploring the beautiful applications of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation to image and treat the human body.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Neuroradiology
- Nuclear Radiology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Radiology - Rad/Nuclear Medicine

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Medical Education: University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine (2011) CA
- Board Certification: Diagnostic Radiology, American Board of Radiology (2017)
- MS, Rosalind Franklin University , Medical Radiation Physics (2008)
- PhD, Rosalind Franklin University , Neuroscience (2009)
- Professional Education: Rosalind Franklin University The Chicago Medical School (2009) IL
- Internship: Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency (2012) CA
- Residency: LAC USC Medical Center Radiology Residency (2016) CA
- Fellowship: LAC USC Medical Center Radiology Residency (2017) CA
- Fellowship: LAC USC Medical Center Radiology Residency (2016) CA
- Board Certification: Nuclear Medicine, American Board of Nuclear Medicine (2016)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Ferumoxylol Does Not Impact Standardized Uptake Values on PET/MR Scans.** *Molecular imaging and biology : MIB : the official publication of the Academy of Molecular Imaging*
Muehe, A. M., Yermeni, K. n., Theruvath, A. J., Thakor, A. S., Pribnow, A. n., Avedian, R. n., Steffner, R. n., Rosenberg, J. n., Hawk, K. E., Daldrup-Link, H. E.
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