

Dr. Peter T. Kirchner holds an appointment as Distinguished R&D Staff at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He is on an IPA appointment to the DOE's Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER) and on part-time detail to National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB). Prior to his present IPA appointment, Dr. Kirchner was on detail from ORNL to both NIBIB and DOE-BER (2002-2005) and on an IPA assignment from the University of Iowa to DOE-BER (1998-2002).

Responsibilities at DOE / BER:

Senior Scientist

Responsibilities at NIBIB:

Senior Advisor

Acting Director, Intramural Science Programs (2003-2006)

Co-Director, Joint NIBIB-CDRH (FDA) Laboratory for Assessment of Medical Imaging Systems

Dr. Kirchner obtained his education at Yale (BA, Physics) and Columbia University (MD), with residency training in Internal Medicine at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) and a fellowship in Nuclear Medicine at Johns Hopkins. He returned to NNMC to establish a residency program in Nuclear Medicine and to direct the nuclear medicine service. In 1977, he resigned from active duty in the Navy to accept an Associate Professorship at the University of Chicago and a post as Associate Director of Nuclear Medicine. In 1981, he became Director of Nuclear Medicine at the University of Iowa, where he served as Professor of Radiology and Medicine through 2002 (the last 4 years as an IPA at DOE). Dr. Kirchner certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM). He has been elected to fellowship by the American College of Physicians (FACP), the American College of Nuclear Physicians (FACNP) and the American College of Radiology (FACR). He has served in senior positions in the Society of Nuclear Medicine (past president; board of directors; general program chair), the American College of Nuclear Physicians (board of regents); the Institute for Clinical PET (past president; board of directors); the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (exam chair and vice chair), the ACGME's RRC for Nuclear Medicine (chairman), the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (chairman), and the Society of Nuclear Medicine's Education and Research Foundation (president-elect). He is on the editorial board of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine and on the International Advisory Board of Radiation Medicine.

Research Interests: Nuclear Medicine