

anatomical lectures 'for nine years and more' prior to the publication of the 'du motu cordis' (in 1628) and, in another place<sup>2</sup>, that Harvey had been instructed by the Royal College of Physicians of London to give the anatomy lectures in 1618 (10 years previously).  
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**References**

- 1 Keynes G. *The Life of William Harvey*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1966:175
- 2 Ibid: 86

**Renal artery embolism**

I would like to comment on the errors that appeared in the above case report (December 1991 *JRSM*, p 748). Figure 1 is part of a radionuclide renogram and is not an arteriogram as the caption states.

The statement in paragraph four: '... isotope renogram using <sup>99m</sup>Tcnetium...' is quite incorrect. Radionuclide renograms are performed using various radiopharmaceuticals that are handled by the kidney in some physiologic manner. Technetium-99m is only a label that enables us to measure the clearance of the particular radiopharmaceutical. While Technetium-99m pertechnetate may be used to assess the perfusion of an organ such as the kidney that would not be a renogram.

Nuclear medicine is not an esoteric specialty anymore and physicians and particularly editors should be familiar with the basic principles and terminology of nuclear medicine.

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**Correction**

**Renal artery embolism: a rare cause of renal colic**

G Y H Lip, S P Bramwell, P J Paterson  
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On page 748, an isotope renogram appears as Figure 1 instead of the intended arteriogram. The correct Figure 1 is printed below.



Figure 1. Arteriogram showing complete occlusion of single left renal artery just distal to its origin (arrowed)

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