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# Nuclear Medicine History

The field of nuclear medicine was born in the decade after Marie Curie died in 1934. But, her legacy of research in radiochemistry and her collaboration with her daughter and son-in-law, Irène and Frédéric Joliot-Curie, presaged the current practices in radionuclide production, radio-pharmacy and radiobio-distribution.

It is believed that she died following a lifetime of exposure to radium and its daughters. She would, one expects, be very pleased to see how new radium isotopes and other alpha-particle emitting radionuclides are being employed in modern cancer therapy.

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