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NRC SELECTS LAURA WEIL AS PATIENTS' RIGHTS ADVOCATE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MEDICAL USES OF ISOTOPES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has selected Laura Weil, the director and a faculty member of Sarah Lawrence College's Masters Degree Program in Health Advocacy, to be the patients' rights advocate on the agency's Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI).

Weil was selected from among 10 nominees for the position. The program at Sarah Lawrence, located in Bronxville, N.Y., is the only graduate level health advocacy degree program in the country, and Weil was the only nominee with both extensive practical experience and an academic background in patient advocacy. She holds a Master of Arts degree in health advocacy from Sarah Lawrence and serves as a member of the Institutional Review Board of Beth Israel Medical Center, where she is a primary reviewer of proposed clinical trials with respect to patients' rights. She serves as a consultant for the National Institute of Mental Health and is an executive committee member for the National Association of Healthcare Advocacy Consultants. She has taught ethics, and served eight years as the director of a medical center's patient representative department.

Weil will serve a four-year term.

The ACMUI advises the NRC staff on policy and technical issues in the regulation of the medical uses of radioactive material in diagnosis and therapy. The committee's membership includes health care professionals from various disciplines. More information about the ACMUI is available on the [NRC website](http://www.nrc.gov).

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