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KRIS' K-SPACE

Hi all!

Welcome to summer! For some of us, school is out (but not forever); and some of us are still chugging along. Summer semester is the hardest one for me because I'd rather be anywhere than at the library researching. But the sun is shining! Why am I inside? Hang in there, friends; it will all be worth it. Congratulations to our recent graduates, and best of luck as you start your new careers. Please make it a priority to be lifelong learners. Technology in medical imaging is changing more rapidly than at any other time, and this change will increase as AI is incorporated into our day-to-day. Our patients deserve technologists who can provide them with the highest quality, most advanced care.

OSRT committees have been busy getting established for an exciting year. Our new Strategic Plan includes splitting our Spring Annual Meeting into the Spring Student and Educator Symposium and Fall Annual Meeting. We have also made increased collaboration with other professional organizations a priority, and we'll be planning opportunities for members and non-members to network with each other. All these changes will require us to review our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures to ensure we comply with our own guidance documents.

Our Advocacy Committee has been busy monitoring proposed legislation at the Statehouse. Through our legislative consultant, the OSRT learned that the new state budget bill includes language that would lessen supervision requirements for GXMOs. On May 10, several OSRT members met with legislators and their staff to discuss the language when it was just a proposed amendment. On June 8, Dr. Julie Gill provided opposition testimony on behalf of the OSRT to the Senate Finance Committee after the amendment was added to the Senate version of the budget bill. Ohio has a reputation for providing safe, quality patient care, and the OSRT feels that this language would have a negative effect on our patients.

Many OSRT members represented Ohio and their modalities at the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting in Reno, NV, June 23-25, 2023. The House of Delegates is the legislative body of the ASRT and establishes professional standards of practice. It comprises chapter and affiliate voting delegates, with 168 potential delegates. This is where the business of the ASRT gets done. I was proud to represent Ohio as president of the OSRT and to have the opportunity to network with other affiliate leaders.

The ASRT House of Delegates got to experience how change happens in real-time at this year's meeting. OSRT Junior Board Chair Julie Gill and Jay Hicks, a delegate from Connecticut, introduced a Late Main Motion during the meeting. The Main Motion asked the ASRT to issue a Position Statement that all human beings should receive equitable quality healthcare. The Motion was seconded and approved for debate by a two-thirds vote of the delegates. Then, the House debated the Motion for three hours, including three caucuses, amendments to amendments, and much passionate, thoughtful debate from many delegates. We even heard input from our Student Leadership Development Program and Diversity Leadership Development Program participants. When all was said and done, the House approved the ASRT Position Statement:

- "It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists that all human beings receive equitable quality healthcare"

I want to thank all our members for everything you do to keep our affiliate strong. We would only be able to do it with you. Enjoy your summer!



Kristin Seitz
OSRT PRESIDENT

OUR ADVOCACY
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BEEN BUSY
MONITORING
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LEGISLATION AT
THE STATEHOUSE.

Kris

ASRT House of Delegates and Annual Governance Meeting: Affiliate Delegate Report

The OSRT was well represented during the ASRT Annual Governance & House of Delegates Meeting held in Reno, Nevada, on June 23-25. Kris Seitz, President of the OSRT, and past President Shellie Warino were Ohio's affiliate delegates. ASRT Chapter delegates included Tiffany Roman (Education), Allison Stokes (Radiography), Dr. Julie Gill (Quality Management), Lucas Gross (Nuclear Medicine), and Teresa Taggart (Nuclear Medicine). Representing professional organizations included Dr. Tracy Herrmann (JRCERT) and Dr. Heather Moore (ASRT). Eliane Mukayisenga, a recent graduate from the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College, participated in the ASRT Student to Leadership Development Program. As a student participant, Eliane could sit on the floor with the state and affiliate delegates during the business sessions. Other OSRT members attending the meeting were Dr. Phillip Ballinger, Bill Robinson, and Alisha Guerrero. If I failed to mention anyone else from Ohio who attended this event, I apologize for the oversight.



The ASRT House of Delegates business session highlighted the ASRT Board of Directors, the Commission report, and the Bylaws report. In addition, an Honors Evening and the ASRT Installation of Officers took place.

The Education Chapter initiated an action approved by the ASRT Board of Directors to present to the House. The action was that “the ASRT investigate, report on and subsequently determine ways, if appropriate, to support the baccalaureate degree as the entry-level of education for the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession.” The Board of Directors has approved that data be gathered by a multiorganizational committee to be presented during the ASRT House of Delegates meeting in 2024 to determine whether the data supports the baccalaureate degree as the entry to the profession.

ASRT House of Delegates and Annual Governance Meeting: Affiliate Delegate Report

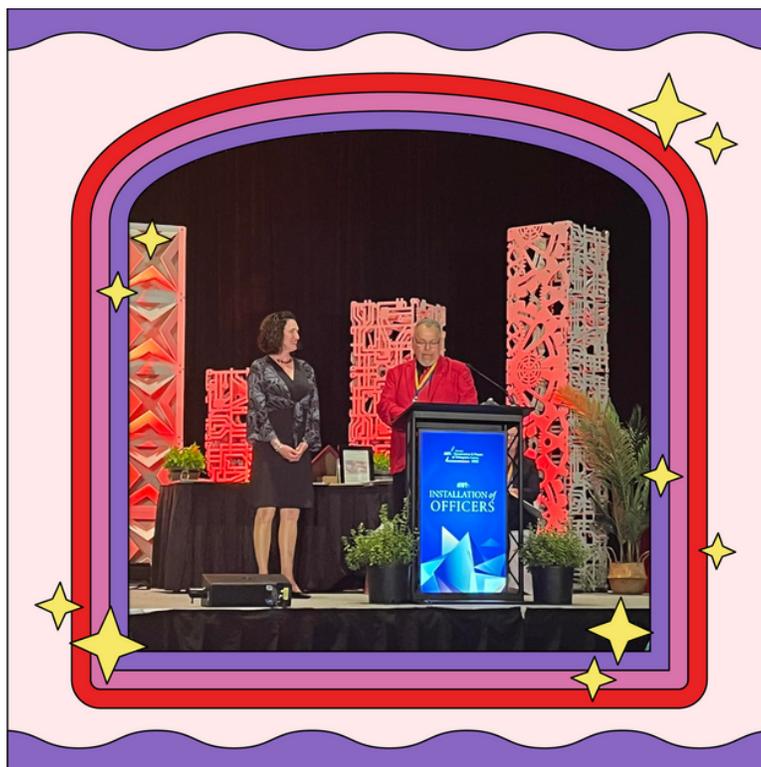
A motion brought forward by the ASRT Commission was entitled “Opposition of Remote Scanning in the Absence of a Radiologic Technologist.” This motion was to ensure that a registered radiologic technologist who was educationally and clinically competent was present in the event of remote scanning to ensure the patient’s safety and quality of care. An anonymous vote approved the motion.

Additionally, a late motion was brought to the ASRT House of Delegates by Dr. Julie Gill (Quality Management Delegate) and Dr. Jay Hicks (Connecticut Delegate) proposing that the ASRT adopt a Position Statement that “all human beings should receive equitable, quality patient care.” After much debate and discussion, the motion was approved.

Lastly, Dr. Heather Moore was elevated to President-Elect for the ASRT during the installation of Officers.

Respectively Submitted by;

Shellie Warino, M.Ed. R.T. (R) (T)
2022- 2023 Ohio Affiliate Delegate



ALWAYS ADVOCATING

The mission and vision of the OSRT state: The OSRT will promote clinical excellence in radiologic technology. The OSRT will advocate for radiologic technologists by advancing professional practice to enhance patient care. Over the past few months, members of the OSRT have been working diligently to fulfill the mission and vision.

On May 10, 2023, OSRT members spent the day at the Statehouse in Columbus, meeting with legislators and their staff. Discussions focused on the essential role medical imaging professionals play in the proper diagnosis and treatment in healthcare, dispelling the myth of button pushers. We also discussed the strict educational and clinical requirements necessary to certify individuals as medical imaging professionals. These requirements ensure that Ohio's patients receive quality care and that medical imaging procedures are performed safely and competently.

The 2023 legislative session in Ohio has been busy. The House and Senate have been working to prepare the budget for the next two years to send to Governor DeWine for his signature. During this process, the OSRT was informed that an amendment had been added to the budget that would decrease the supervision requirements for GXMO's in the state of Ohio. Immediately, the OSRT went to work with the guidance of our legislative consultant, Paul Kudlak. On June 8, 2023, OSRT Junior Chairperson of the Board, Dr. Julie Gill, provided poignant opponent testimony before the Senate Budget Committee, which can be viewed on the OSRT website. In addition, the ASRT helped the OSRT send a call for action, encouraging medical imaging professionals to reach out to legislators - urging them to delete the amendment from the current Senate version of the budget bill. We are happy to announce that the language was removed from the budget bill on June 30, 2023.

The advocacy work being done by the OSRT is commendable. This organization works tirelessly to protect the medical imaging profession from the encroachment of other healthcare professionals and ensure that Ohioans are provided the highest quality patient care by educated, qualified, and licensed radiologic technologists and radiation therapists.

Watch for a full issue of the Advocacy Update soon!



MEET THE BOARD

Gary Greathouse, Senior Chairperson



Hello! I wanted to introduce myself to those who don't know me. I am Gary Greathouse the, Program Director of the Radiologic Technology Program at Lorain County Community College.

I have been in the profession for 42 years. Yes, 42 years and a technologist for 40 years (I always count my 2 year education). I am also the Senior Board Chair of the OSRT!

It's one of the reasons I wanted to tell you about the organization as I have been a member since 1987. I am an active member and I want to encourage you to be an active member too. We need people that are willing to move the organization forward to be real leaders and move the OSRT forward into the future.

I have served the OSRT in many capacities as Director, Committee Chair, Vice Chair of several committees, President Elect, President, Junior Chair of the Board and now as Senior Chair. I love my service to the OSRT as I feel it guides the entire state of Ohio. There are many roles YOU could play in the organization. Your voice counts and we need your ideas. On another note, I love to see new persons and fresh ideas come to play. Attend meetings and learn what you can do. Just ask yourself some deep questions: How can I help? In what capacity can I serve? Should I accept a large role or a smaller one?

I can't speak for you, but if you have a desire deep inside you to really make a difference, step forward and we, as an organization, will welcome you. I became an educator because I love to see people embrace the profession as I have. The desire to motivate and lead is in my self-image. So I ask you, what's in your self-image? What gifts do you have? You see, a gifts only worth isn't because it's kept, it's worth is how you use it and what you give to others.

Gary Greathouse
Senior Chairperson
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~ Gary Greathouse



Student Spot!

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Hello, everyone! I hope you are having an amazing summer, whether you are currently on a break or in clinical! I am currently at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center for clinical, and being at a Level One trauma center is a great learning experience. My graduating class at UC Blue Ash has just under a year until we graduate! (Not that we are counting the days.) Outside of clinical, I spend most of my time at the hospital working, enjoying the outdoors, or spending time with my family.

At times, it can be very difficult to juggle all of these different activities. I usually put all of my upcoming events and due dates into a calendar, which helps me stay on top of all my tasks with school work and other responsibilities! Additionally, I have continued studying for my clinical finals that help prepare for our registry. Many resources are available for students to study, such as the ASRT Student Resources for ASRT student members, radiology study apps, and the 2024 Student and Educator Symposium (SES). The 2024 OSRT SES will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, April 10-12. There will be registry review sessions, the Ballinger Student Self-Assessment exam, and the Quiz Bowl Competition.

Additionally, the OSRT has continued its committee meetings preparing for the Annual Meeting next year, its Advocacy efforts, and many more. I know that, specifically, the Advocacy Committee has been very busy, and I'd highly recommend thinking of joining any of the committees! If you have any questions regarding how these committees work, what goes on during the meetings, and if you would like to join a committee feel free to reach out to me or any of the other board members. With that being said, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Respectively,

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Student Spot!

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OSRT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Did you know that the OSRT Education and Research Foundation (OSRTERF) offers grants to students? As our name shows, we want to help further your education.

With money that is raised by donations, endowed grants, and Foundation fundraising we can give these grants. These grants have been used for many things, such as: helping to pay tuition, pay for books, pay for gas, pay for registry fees, etc. So, the question we ask is, why are so few students applying for grants when we know the need is there?

It is an effortless process that requires that applicant be an OSRT member, and the application includes the following:

- Enrolled in an accredited program
- Apply by March 1
- Include a qualified transcript
- Cumulative GPA from the current program
- Cumulative GPA of 2 program core courses
- 100-word narrative of professional goals
- 100-word description of financial needs
- 100-word narrative – to be determined (will be explained on application, when posted on OSRT Web Site)

The application will be posted shortly on the OSRT website. Watch your email and social media for more information.

We would love to see your application!





TOMIO CALHOUN

The Importance of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

My name is Tomio Calhoun, and I am the Enterprise Director of Radiology for UC Health. I am a registered technologist in Radiology, Computed Tomography, and Nuclear Medicine. I am an Army veteran that retired after a 21-years of service. During my military career I held positions such a Director of Radiology, Program Director of the tri-service Nuclear Medicine program and was deployed to Afghanistan as a trauma team lead, just to name a few. In my early Army career, I would moonlight at various local hospitals performing X-ray and CT. I am an active member in several professional societies such as the American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA), American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) and the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Overall, I am a healthcare professional who enjoys advocating for medical imaging and assisting with outreach to share the wonderful advantages of being in the imaging space.

What brought me to The Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists (OSRT) is my passion for medical imaging and contributing to the profession. I truly believe positive change can be accomplished by banding together with liked-minded individuals who desire the same. The OSRT provides that space for the Buckeye State and I am proud to serve on the OSRT's Advocacy Committee.

THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Continued...

The importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion cannot be overstated enough in my opinion. **My metrics for diversity and inclusion are two-fold, does the organization's population reflect that of the people it serves and is there equity/equality of opportunity.** Answering this question honestly, I would venture to say we will not like that answer. The reason why diversity, equity, and inclusion are important because we can do better as a field. When it comes to racial and ethnic makeup in the workplace, one of the most diverse organizations in the United States over the last 75 years has been the military", Diversity Woman Media. My time spent in the military taught me that diversity, equity, and inclusion is vital for successful organizations.

In my opinion, we can better value diversity, equity, and inclusion by acknowledging we can improve with providing equality of opportunity. Outreach and awareness are needed to educate and attract talented individuals from all backgrounds into joining our career field. We should reach out to all schools in our communities and bring awareness to our profession. We should strive to provide a consistent presence in our communities and surrounding areas with the intent of promoting medical imaging to everyone.

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- ▶ Student Review Sessions
- ▶ Student Open Forum
- ▶ Quiz Bowl Competition
- ▶ Case Study Presentations
- ▶ Educator's Luncheon
- ▶ Ballinger Student Self-Assessment Examination

Questions: Email Julie Gill at gillji@ucmail.uc.edu

To SHIELD OR NOT TO SHIELD?

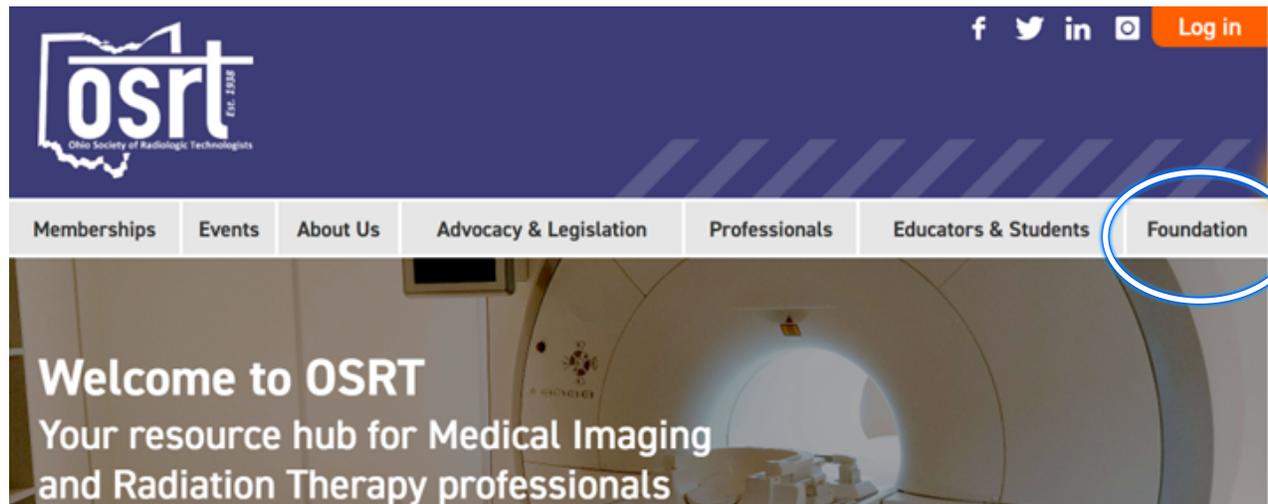
If you are still unsure of the shielding recommendation from the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM), check out the [ASRT's Patient Shielding Task Force page](#). There is a wealth of resources available for technologists and patients regarding the changes to recommended shielding.

The ASRT supports the elimination of gonadal and fetal shielding **specifically during abdominal and pelvic radiography examinations** performed by registered radiologic technologists.

This elimination in shielding does not encompass occupational shielding. Technologists should continue to use shielding to protect themselves and other staff.



What's Where on the New Website?



Under the [Foundation](#) tab, you can find information on the following:

- Grant applications, for both students and technologists
- Make an online donation
- History and Bylaws of the OSRTERF

Foundation Corner



Several grants are designated specifically for registered technologists. If you are a member of the OSRT, a technologist or therapist who has completed your primary certification and are currently working on furthering your education, you could be eligible to apply for one of our technologist/therapist grants.

The OSRTERF has grant money for R.T.s working on additional certifications or completing a higher degree (Baccalaureate, Master, Doctorate, etc.). YOU could qualify for one of these registered technologist grants.

Watch the OSRT website for information regarding the application process, and make sure to apply by the March 1 deadline!



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

All are welcome to attend the Board of Directors meetings. **They are free to attend, but pre-registration is required.** Please contact the OSRT Executive Secretary for more information or register.

- **Saturday, September 23, 2023**
In-person at Central Ohio Technical College
Newark, Ohio
- **Saturday, January 20, 2024, via Zoom**
- **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**
In-person at Hilton Columbus-Polaris
- **Saturday, July 27, 2024, via Zoom**

IS IT YOUR TIME TO RENEW?

Don't forget to renew your OSRT membership! Look on your membership e-card or contact the Executive Secretary to see when it is your time to renew.



Renewal notifications will be sent via email before your membership expiration. Make sure to not miss these emails by setting the OSRT email as a trusted sender, so our emails don't end up in your junk folder. Also, be sure that the email you are using is the email in your member profile.

Why renew? Well, why not! OSRT membership has many benefits, including professional advocacy, discounted rates for CE opportunities, networking, scholarships, and volunteer opportunities. For more information, check out our [membership benefits](#).

VIRTUAL CE SESSIONS

The OSRT will be planning on holding a virtual CE session in January 2024. If you would like to present, please contact osrt@osrt.org.

More details to come....



In Memorium

Joyce M. Copen

Barberton, Ohio



Joyce M. Copen, 91, passed away Monday, May 29, 2023. She was a life resident of Barberton. Joyce retired from Akron General Medical Center, where she taught radiology for many years. She was a retired member of the OSRT.

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To promote clinical excellence
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OSRT MISSION

We advocate for radiologic
technologists by advancing
professional practice to
enhance patient care.

From the Editor

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of Cardinal Rays! I appreciate any feedback that you have about Cardinal Rays. What information would you like to read about? Let me know!

Lauren Huffman

Cardinal Rays Editor



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