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Happy Fall and Buckeye Football season! Committees and appointees are well under way working to advance the profession by serving as the voice for medical imaging and therapy professionals across Ohio. Highlights from recent committee work includes:

- Education Committee planning an event (dates TBD) for Educators in Cincinnati to discuss the JRCERT proposed revisions; ASRT BSRS Core Curriculum proposed revisions have been posted to the OSRT website for public review and comment
- Health Policy Committee is working with legislative consultant on current bills introduced that impact the profession; committee began planning for "State Day" for medical imaging and therapy professionals; committee attending the Ohio Department of Health Radiation Advisory and Radiation Generating Equipment Committee meetings; finalizing a survey to go to all Ohio medical imaging and therapy professionals this November
- Annual Meeting Chairs are finalizing speakers, format and dignitaries for the April 2018 Annual Meeting in Cincinnati
- Strategic Planning committee reviewed and analyzed comments from board strategic planning meeting, to create a skeletal rough draft of the OSRT's next strategic plan
- Membership committee is hosting its first meeting in Columbus in September to determine what membership initiatives to focus on in the upcoming year
- Website (osrt.org) is constantly updated with information, be sure to check it out!

Please join us in celebrating National Radiologic Technology Week November 5th -11th, "Positioning To Save Lives!" is this year's theme.

I am asking for your support throughout NRTW in celebrating the vital work of medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals. Some of the events include:

- Nominate a co-worker for their inspiring patient care, to be featured and recognized via social media and the website.
- Through social media, share what your team is doing to celebrate the week
- Take pictures and send them to Lizzy ([e_hemme@yahoo.com](mailto:ehemme@yahoo.com)) to be shared in the next edition of *Cardinal Rays*
- Imaging or therapy memory share
- Virtual scavenger hunt

Two members of the OSRT were recognized at the The Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS) meeting this past July in St Louis, Missouri. Nina Kowalczyk was elevated to a Fellow and Julie Gill was installed on the Board of Directors. Congratulations to Nina and Julie!

UPCOMING CE OPPORTUNITIES

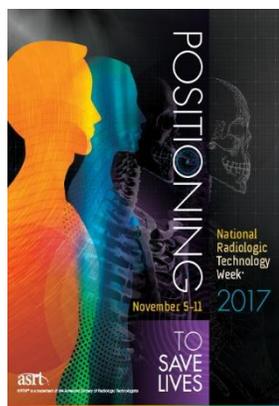
What?	When?	Where?	How do I get more info?
ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference	September 24-26, 2017	Sand Diego, CA	https://www.asrt.org/events-and-conferences/asrt-radiation-therapy-conference
ASTRO Annual Meeting	September 24-27, 2017	San Diego, CA	https://www.astro.org/2017-ASTRO-Annual-Meeting.aspx
RSNA Annual Meeting	November 26- December 1, 2017	Chicago, IL	http://www.rsna.org/register/
OSRT Annual Meeting	April 5-7, 2018	Cincinnati, OH	http://www.osrt.org/annual-meeting/2018-annual-meeting
ASRT Annual Meeting	June 21-24, 2018	Las Vegas, NV	https://www.asrt.org/events-and-conferences/asrt-educational-symposium-and-annual-meeting
AEIRS Annual Meeting	July 12-13, 2018	Charleston, SC	http://www.aeirs.org/hp_2018_info.html

ATTENTION Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Educators!

The OSRT is hosting a workshop regarding the JRCERT Accreditation Standards Proposed Revisions at the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College (date TBD early in 2018). The proposed revisions to the Standards will be posted on the JRCERT website in mid-October so please review them and bring a copy with you to the workshop.

During the workshop we will discuss the current JRCERT Standards, proposed revisions to the Standards, the correlation between educational best practices and the proposed revisions, and implications for program policies and procedures. **This workshop has been submitted to the ASRT for six (6) category A continuing education credits.**

Online registration for this workshop will be available soon with a fee of \$30.00 which includes lunch. Breakfast is not provided so drive thru your coffee shop on your way in! A \$15.00 fee will be assessed for late and onsite registration, and in such cases, lunch cannot be guaranteed. Stay tuned for more information in the coming future regarding this workshop.



National Radiologic Technology Week® is celebrated annually to recognize the vital work of R.T.s across the nation. The celebration takes place each year during the week that includes Nov. 8 to commemorate the discovery of the x-ray by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen on Nov. 8, 1895.

The week-long celebration calls attention to the important role medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals play in patient care and health care safety.

NRTW® 2017 will be celebrated Nov. 5-11. See Palmer's Post for more information on how to celebrate with the OSRT!

Tech Talk with Lizzy

- 1) **What is your name, job title and educational background?** My name is Christine Gialousis, M.Ed., RT(R)(M)(CT)(MR), and I am the Educational Coordinator for the CT/MRI Program at the Cleveland Clinic. I attended St. Elizabeth's School of Diagnostic Imaging in Youngstown, Ohio. I went to Lima Technical College (now known as Rhodes State College) for my CT and MRI education. I attended Youngstown State University for both my Bachelors in Health Sciences and Masters in Education, where I focused on Instructional Design and Educational Technology.
- 2) **What does your job entail?** I coordinate the curriculum of the CT/MRI programs, to coincide with the ARRT content specifications. I maintain all student records, create 40-60 clinical schedules across 50 clinical sites, create and deliver educational lectures in CT Physics, MRI Physics, and Sectional Anatomy for both face-to-face and online courses.
- 3) **Could you describe one of your typical workdays for me?** Depending on the semester or whether or not I am teaching that day, each day could be very different. That is one of the things I like the most, no two days are alike. A teaching day might include making copies of PowerPoint presentations (PPT), tests, and learning resources. Delivering a class from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Lunch. Grading and updating the students' files, fixing any problems found in the PPT during the lecture so that it is ready for the next class, and filing the students' paperwork. When there is an online class going on; which is usually every semester, I check on class email, discussion posts, and assignment submissions. I also check the clinical side of the program; enter clinical time, enter competencies, and log clinical procedures. I share these duties with our CT/MRI Instructor. We have close to 50 students logging clinical time and procedures so there is always work to do. I hold two weekly web meetings for the online class and I try to have those on days when I am not teaching a face-to-face class.
- 4) **What do you think the most important skills and abilities are for this position?** Organization, communication, flexibility, and the ability to see trends and make changes to your program to meet the needs of an ever changing profession.
- 5) **Describe a satisfying or meaningful experience that you have had during your career.** I have had many extraordinary experiences as a radiographer, mammographer, CT and MRI technologist. But the most satisfying moment happened two years ago when I had two mothers as students. They sacrificed family time, they missed some of their kids' concerts and games in order to become a CT or MRI technologist. At graduation the son of one of these two students, who was 12, came up to me and thanked me for making his mom so happy. It was the most emotional thing I had ever heard from someone at graduation, and it came from her son. That same night the other mother had her husband and three girls with her to celebrate her accomplishments. As we were taking pictures after the ceremony they asked me to take one with them and once we were done all three girls said in unison, "we love you mom and we are so proud of you". Both of these mothers replied to their children that they could not have done it without me. They did all the work but they still thanked me as if I was the one who had done it for them. That was the day I realized how much of an impact I could have, just sharing what I know and helping others get to that same point.
- 6) **What do you wish you knew (but didn't) when you first contemplated this career?** That teaching is HARD! I should have taken some courses on educational delivery and assessment.
- 7) **What suggestions do you have for an individual wishing to enter this field?** Get a well-rounded education. Become registered in more than 1 modality, so you can understand multiple viewpoints. Learn as much as you can about technology. Never stop educating yourself!
- 8) **What have you done for the OSRT?** I have been on many committees; The Technology and Innovations task force, Annual Meeting Committee, and the Membership Committee. I provide IT assistance when needed and I am currently the Co-Social Media appointee and was elected to serve as a Director on the Board of Directors. I have given an OSRT Annual Meeting lecture and lectured at an OSRT educational seminar for CT.
- 9) **What do professional organizations like the OSRT do for our profession?** Many things; the obvious things like professional networking, educational opportunities, professional support through idea sharing and professional development. The not so obvious stuff like, profession building (through student development and technologist education), lifelong friendships, and the motivation to be the best technologist are the things I cherish. I remember being a new Radiologic Technologist and wanting to do more, be more; and when I went to the OSRT Annual Meetings I would get excited to be a Radiologic Technologist. I was with my peers and I could share experiences with them and learn from them. When I left those meetings I was energized to be more than just ordinary, I wanted to be special and make a difference. That is what the OSRT does for the everyday technologist, it makes them want to be more than they are and it reminds them of how special it is to be a Radiologic Technologist. It motivates them to do things that make differences in their patients' lives – that's exciting!





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Greetings fellow students! It seems totally unreal that I am writing my third submission for the student edition of the Cardinal Rays – time really does go by so quickly! Some of us were able to enjoy summer away from classes while others were still deep in coursework and clinical hours. Now the majority of us are all headed back for Fall semester and one step closer to everything we have been working so hard to achieve. I wish the best of luck to all of us as we continue our education in this great field of medical imaging!

Studies are not the only thing we have to look forward to as the fall months approach. National Radiologic Technology Week (NRTW) is also upon us. As we all know, the x-ray was discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen on November 8, 1895. Today we use the week that includes that date to celebrate the important role of radiation in the medical field, both diagnostic and therapeutic. This year NRTW will be celebrated November 5th through November 11th. According to the ASRT website, this year's theme is "Positioning to Save Lives."

Celebrating our profession is not reserved only for radiologic technology students, faculty members, and working professionals – include your entire school! This commemorative week also allows us the chance to educate those who might be unaware of what it is that we do. Post flyers on message boards and in hallways that have different facts about Wilhelm himself; purchase items from www.asrt.org and raffle them off; have a poster contest within your program and set them up in an area of campus that has a lot of foot traffic and allow students to vote for their favorite one. I am sure by brainstorming with other students there are many ideas we can come up with to educate others about what it is that we are studying and how radiology helps in so many areas of healthcare. How will you celebrate NRTW? Feel free to email me your ideas!

I recently had the chance to speak to students who are entering the radiologic technology program at Sinclair Community College. Each year there is an orientation and a few of the second years are asked to come in and answer any questions that the incoming students might have. I was reminded of the feelings I had this time last year – the butterflies, the nerves, the fear of the unknown and the oh-my-god-what-did-I-get-myself-into phase. After completing a year of our program at Sinclair, I am confident going into my second year. I know there is a lot of hard work ahead of me, but I know I can tackle it. All of this being said, take a moment to reflect on yourself as a student, and the thoughts and feelings you had when you started your journey in the field of radiologic technology to where you are now. If you are returning, take the time as a more senior student to reach out to the incoming students; lend an ear or a shoulder if it's needed. You might have been there and know what your fellow student is experiencing. You might make more of an impact on that person than you realize. If you are just beginning, know that there is support out there for you! We are all in this together and we are the future of this profession. By sticking together and helping one another, we are paving the way for a very bright future for each and every one of us!

Best of luck to everyone as Fall semester kicks off – we've got this!!

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OSRT VISION

The OSRT will be the voice of Ohio medical imaging and radiologic science professionals.

OSRT MISSION

The OSRT will advocate for medical imaging and radiologic science professionals by advancing professional practice to enhance the quality of patient care.

The Foundation Corner

Greetings from the OSRTERF!

Earlier this year, the OSRTERF sent out a survey to all Educators in Ohio. The subject of the survey was the academic competitions sponsored by the Foundation at the OSRT Annual Meeting. Questions were asked about the current format and about the addition of a Case Study Presentation. Approximately 75% of those who responded were in favor of a Case Study option. The Foundation Directors have worked to develop rubrics for digital submission of the case study and for an oral presentation at the Annual Meeting. The final documents will be available on the OSRT website soon. Also, copies of the rubrics will be sent to all Program Directors, faculty and coordinators. The Foundation is very excited about the addition of a Case Study Presentation and hope that you will be as well. You may also be interested in a change to the OSRTERF grant application. Community service activities will be required to have occurred within 2 years of the application submission. As always, up to 4 points may be awarded for professional/community activities.

The Foundation will be sponsoring a fundraising campaign in late 2017 and 2018. If you have the names and contact information for any corporate vendors or other professionals, please forward to osrt@osrt.org.

Just a reminder to you and your students – in 2017, the OSRTERF awarded \$3700 in grants to students and technologists.

Enjoy the remains of the summer!

Sheryl Bacon, R.T.
OSRTERF Chairperson



We would like the membership to notify us of any members who have passed away during the last year. Any information on the technologist would be appreciated.

Please send notice to domrt62@yahoo.com.

Thanks in advance,

Deborah O'Mellan, R.T.

A Note from the Editor

Hello readers! The nip in the morning air means fall is on its way! Kids have gone back to school and everyone is settling into new routines.

The OSRT would like to extend sympathy and concern to those affected by the tropical storms this season. Our thoughts are with the individuals and families as they recover from these devastations.

Thanks to you, our dedicated members, for your continued support!

Do you have a topic you would like to see included in the next edition? Send it in so others can hear your voice!

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Thanks!

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