

Good afternoon,

I am truly honored and humbled to accept the position of President of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists.

I want to begin by thanking the members of OSRT for your trust and confidence. It is a privilege to serve an organization that has such a rich history of advancing our profession, supporting education, and advocating for the patients and communities we serve every day.

I want to also thank the amazing leaders who have come before me. Their dedication, vision, and countless volunteer hours have truly strengthened the OSRT. I am beyond grateful for their example, guidance and for the foundation they have built. I know I will be able to rely on them when the need arises, and it inevitably will.

I also want to recognize every member in this room. Whether you are attending your first annual meeting, a technologist early in your career, an educator shaping the next generation, or a seasoned professional with decades of experience, you are the reason this organization exists. Your passion for excellence in patient care fuels the mission of OSRT.

As healthcare continues to evolve, medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals remain at the forefront of innovation. New technologies, artificial intelligence, advanced imaging systems, and changing healthcare models continue to transform how we practice. While these advances bring exciting opportunities, they also challenge us to remain adaptable, informed, and committed to lifelong learning.

In this rapidly changing environment, professional organizations like OSRT become more important than ever.

OSRT is more than an annual meeting.

It is more than continuing education.

It is more than membership dues.

OSRT is a community.

It is a place where professionals connect, share knowledge, advocate for our profession, and support one another through challenges and successes. It is where students discover possibilities, where leaders are developed, and where relationships are formed that can last an entire career.

This year, I'd like to center around three key priorities:

1. Strengthening Membership and Engagement

Our organization is strongest when members feel connected and valued. I want to help members to participate, share ideas, volunteer, and contribute their unique perspectives.

Whether you work in radiography, CT, MRI, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, mammography, sonography, education, management, or another specialty, your voice matters. The future of our profession is shaped not by a few leaders, but by all of us working together.

2. Investing in the Next Generation with the experience that resides in the OSRT

Students and emerging professionals represent the future of medical imaging in Ohio.

Throughout my presidency, I hope to strengthen mentorship opportunities and provide greater engagement for students and early-career technologists. We must continue to support their growth, encourage their curiosity, and help them see the incredible possibilities within our profession.

A strong profession requires strong leaders, and leadership development begins long before someone serves on a committee or board. It begins when we encourage a student, mentor a colleague, or share our knowledge with someone who is eager to learn.

3. Advancing Advocacy and Professional Excellence

Advocacy is not limited to legislation or policy discussions. Advocacy happens every day.

We advocate when we provide exceptional patient care.

We advocate when we uphold safety standards.

We advocate when we educate our patients and colleagues.

We advocate when we support one another and elevate the profession.

As healthcare continues to change, OSRT must remain a strong voice for radiologic professionals throughout Ohio. Together, we can ensure that our profession remains respected, visible, and positioned for future success.

As I look around this room, I see tremendous talent, knowledge, and dedication. I see professionals who are committed to improving patient outcomes. I see educators who inspire future technologists. I see leaders who willingly give their time to move our profession forward.

My promise to you is simple: I will listen. I will serve. I will try my best. I will work alongside you to ensure that OSRT continues to grow and provide value to every member.

Thank you for your dedication to our patients, your commitment to our profession, and your support of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists.

I am honored to serve as your President, and I am excited for what we will accomplish together this year.

Thank you so very much!

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