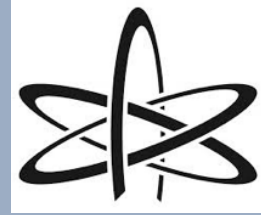




# CSRT

# Newsline



## Winter 2016

## Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists

### President's Message

# The CSRT is there...for YOU!



- Donna J. Crum, MS, RT(R)(CT)

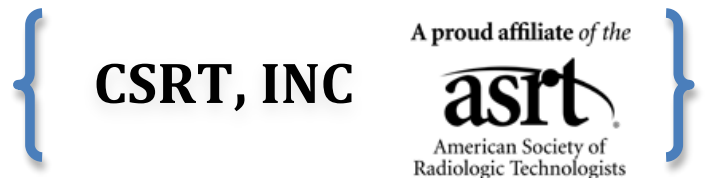
It is my honor to write to you as the elected president of the CSRT, Inc. for 2015-2016. The world is changing and with those changes come more and more stressors on members of all professions, including radiography - new technology, more training, and new regulations, just to name a few. Regulatory bodies are imposing change on our profession and I would like the CSRT to be the organization you turn to for the latest information that may affect how you practice your profession. It is impossible for a working radiographer to keep up with the many changes on the horizon. But as a member of your professional organization, we all may be able to stay abreast of any changes that may come.

The CSRT Board is the mouthpiece for the radiographers in the state of Connecticut. To that end, I am appealing to every radiographer in the state to become an advocate for your profession. Make your voice heard, stand up for what you believe in and never settle for someone else telling you how to be a radiologic professional. Many of the 3000+ Connecticut radiographers are members of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), our national organization. The ASRT provides wonderful benefits including continuing education

(CE) credits. The ASRT works on a national level to address radiographers' concerns. The CSRT is a state-level organization that monitors and addresses more local issues. The CSRT, Inc. works very closely with the

ASRT, but we know our state better than anyone else does and we want to know our radiographers better than anyone else in healthcare does.

While I am happy to announce the CSRT is financially stable this year, we still have a long way to go to maintain that stability. With the support of the ASRT's Affiliate Financial Assistance Program, we were able to develop our new website (see more on page 3) to communicate more quickly with the busy



radiographers across this state. We are able to continue to provide a lobbyist to monitor legislation that could affect radiographers in the state. We're busy working on a number of additional initiatives that

we hope will grow our numbers and strengthen our membership.

Over the past year under the direction of Daniel DeMaio, the CSRT board sponsored two innovative CE events at breweries in Stratford and Bristol that brought radiographers from around the state together. I would like to continue this new tradition and would like to spread out over more of the state to hear what radiographers are thinking and what challenges you may be facing in your profession. Unfortunately, I am not originally from Connecticut so I do not know of all of the wonderful places that are possible venues for CE events. I would like to learn more about your locale and look forward to hearing from radiographers around the state about possible venues that we may be able to utilize in the next few months.

The board also sponsored CE events in multiple hospitals, again hoping to hear from radiographers in the state and grow our membership. CE events took place in New London, Manchester, Middletown, Stamford and Farmington. We know other facilities are out there and we are willing to come to your site when authorized by your administration.

I would like to continue building our society by working with the student radiographers in the state. Last year, the CSRT sponsored a national speaker to come and address students on issues related to digital radiography. The 110 students representing many

different state programs learned many new concepts and facts about the latest digital equipment. In an effort to increase student participation in the CSRT, the board is forming a student committee to hear the issues and concerns of our student radiographers. I plan to investigate the challenges that keep them from joining our society and remove any obstacle that may be in their path. Students and new graduates are the lifeblood of the CSRT and we really need to encourage them to join and advocate for their new profession. There is safety in numbers and the more voices we have the louder we can communicate to other professions and to the public that we are the *radiologic science experts*. Spread the word to your friends and colleagues about the CSRT, Inc. Visit our **NEW** website, [www.csrt.us](http://www.csrt.us) and advocate for the radiography profession. On behalf of the Board Directors of the CSRT, I thank you all for your continued support.

-Donna Crum  
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**Board of Directors: 2015-16**

Senior Board Member – Bill Hennessy  
Chairman – Bob Grossman  
President – Donna Crum  
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Vice-President – Jay Derksen  
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## The Student Commons

The CSRT is proud to sponsor this year's **College Bowl on Friday, April 1** on the campus of Middlesex Community College. This exciting event will feature student teams from Manchester Community College, Middlesex Community College, Quinnipiac University and the University of Hartford. The day's events will also feature a fantastic lecture on digital radiography by our very own "X-Ray Bob" Grossman. Admission to the CE lecture and College Bowl is free for current CSRT members.

\*Visit our new-and-improved website – [www.csrt.us](http://www.csrt.us) - for more information. Come out and support your alma mater and all of our participating students!



## State Legislative Happenings

### **CSRT is Your Legislative Watchdog!**

The CSRT will continue to monitor state legislative activity with the help of our lobbyist, Josh Hughes from Capitol Consulting, LLC. This legislative monitoring is something the CSRT takes seriously. For example, we have worked with members in the past to introduce legislation to include Radiographers in the state's Sick Leave Bill. The CSRT has also recently helped the Nuclear Medicine Technologists with legislation important to their practice.

The CSRT understands that you can get your CEU credits several ways - online, at a conference, through journal directed readings, etc. While many CE companies and other organizations may fill the niche for continued education, they certainly do not supply the technologists in any state with legislative monitoring. That is the role of your professional society, **The Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists**. The CSRT's legislative committee along with the ASRT, monitors state legislation that might affect the RT's here in CT. This monitoring also includes watching the state budget, and how reimbursements to our practices will

affect the employment market in Connecticut. Due to new state legislation last year, hospitals and private radiology practices suffered a reduction in reimbursement for medical imaging procedures. We learned of this pending legislation early and immediately sprung into action! With the help of the ASRT, the CSRT sent out an email to all ASRT members to contact your State Representative and asked them not to cut reimbursements. If you are an ASRT member, you might see similar emails again this year. Please take the time to open and act on them. Help us continue to safeguard the interests of all members of the radiologic science and medical imaging profession here in Connecticut.

Our legislative work is a huge part of what makes membership in the CSRT a very worthwhile investment – for only \$30 per year! A strong membership translates into a strong voice at the state level. Spread the word about the value of the CSRT and help make that voice even stronger.

**The CSRT and the Legislative Committee  
are here to help you!!**

# *important*

Check out our new & improved CSRT website!!

## **www.CSRT.us**

Our new mobile-friendly site offers great enhancements including:

- Easy online registration.
- Rolling membership status – join anytime of year!
- Convenient, automated renewal notifications.
- An interactive calendar of upcoming events.
- And much, much more!

**Come visit us – today!!**

### **Did you know...?**

Our Connecticut licensure law permits only Physicians, Radiologist Assistants, and ARRT Fluoroscopy-Certified Physician Assistants to perform fluoroscopy. If you are aware of any other practitioner performing fluoro, please contact the CSRT!

<http://member.csrt.us/contact-us/>

**CONTACT US**



## Conference Wrap-Up

**The CSRT's 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** on October 3, 2015 at Quinnipiac University's North Haven campus was a great success!

The 2015 annual conference weekend included a variety of opportunities for student participation. Preceding the annual conference on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, a student mini-conference was held at Middlesex Community College and featured a very special guest speaker, the renowned digital radiography guru, Dennis Bowman. Students were engaged in learning about digital and adaptive radiography. At the close of the afternoon students were invited to become members of the CSRT and attend the next day's annual conference.

On Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> the annual conference began with a warm welcome, and a variety of lectures were given throughout the day across the general radiography, mammography and student tracks. Approximately 75 technologists, educators and students were in attendance! The business meeting featured a "Year in Review" provided by outgoing President Daniel DeMaio, highlighting many of the CSRT's accomplishments over the 2014-2015 year. Advocacy for our profession was a major theme of new CSRT President Donna Crum's address to attendees, with a focus on the significant value of ongoing membership. Special guest, Ann Obergfell of the ARRT reviewed the Continuing Qualification Requirements (CQR) and process for technologists. The business meeting also featured the presentation of a special award to member Jo Piccone in honor of her continued service to the CSRT and renamed the Lifetime Achievement Award after her! The business meeting concluded with the election of the 2015-2016 Board of Directors. Thank you to all 2015 lecturers: Joe and Sandra Phillips, Dr. Shelley Goldstine, Dennis Bowman, Ann Obergfell, Dr. Stephen Judson, Nora Uricchio, Bernadette Mele, Dr. Joseph Colasanto, Alicia Giaimo, Wendy Tolman and Dr. Jeffrey Takahashi. With special thanks to our student track lecturers Lucy Richard and Sue Morison and all those that participated in the student panel discussion.

The CSRT has already begun working hard planning the 2016 Annual Conference and we hope to see you there! Mark your calendars and ***Save the Date: October 1, 2016!***

## Bylaws Committee

Our Bylaws Committee wishes to propose a revision to the membership registration process. Our new website provides us with the ability to implement a "rolling membership" process, whereby an individual may register for CSRT membership at any point in the year. Once registered, the membership is effective for 365 calendar days. Members will receive automated e-mail reminders to renew their annual membership. Please review the proposal below and forward any comments to the CSRT Board through the "Contact Us" link on our website ([www.csrt.us](http://www.csrt.us)). The complete Bylaws of the CSRT may also be found on our website for your reference. The proposal will be voted on during the business meeting of this year's Annual Conference in October.

### ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP FEES

The dues for members shall be of such amounts as are required by the CSRT. Dues for all members, established by the Board of Directors, require adoption by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting at a CSRT business meeting.

- A. Application/membership fees shall be established by the Board of Directors.
- B. Notice of a proposed dues increase shall be given to the membership thirty (30) days in advance.
- ~~C. The annual dues for all members shall be due and payable in advance by October 1.~~
- C. Membership dues will be effective for 12 months from date of application or membership renewal.
- ~~D. Any person who is in arrears after 90 days shall be deleted from membership.~~

#### Rationale:

1. Rolling membership will provide incentive to join at any time and get a full year's benefit.
2. Will increase membership.
3. Will improve efficiency of the membership process

## CSRT Awards

The CSRT Awards Committee is composed of dedicated individuals who are either life members or past presidents, each having more than 10 years of active membership to the CSRT. Each year, the Committee considers nominees for the John Archer and Life Member Awards. The Committee wishes to remind all members of the CSRT that nominations for these special awards are always welcomed. Please review the criteria below and contact CSRT President Donna Crum at [donna.crum@midhosp.org](mailto:donna.crum@midhosp.org) if you know of someone deserving and eligible for this important recognition.

### **John Archer Award**

This award was established in 1990 in honor of John Archer who died suddenly. He was an outstanding member of the CSRT who served as president and was very instrumental in the pursuit of licensure legislation in the state.

This award is presented to an exemplary CSRT member in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the Society. This worthy individual must be a CSRT member for at least ten years, having actively participated as a standing committee chairperson, and having served on the Executive Board. In addition, the candidate must have also produced a significant impact on the profession of Radiologic Technology, exhibited positive goals, upheld the ideals of the Society, and attained a level of respect and confidence from members of the profession.

### **Criteria for John Archer Award:**

1. CSRT member who has contributed outstanding service to the Society for at least 10 years.
2. Recipient must demonstrate active participation as a member of a standing committee, served as a committee chairman, and held office in the Society, with such efforts producing a positive impact on the Society.
3. Recipient must present himself/herself as a professional by carrying forth the goals and ideals of the Society throughout their actions and their work environment.
4. Nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee five (5) months prior to the Annual Conference for consideration in that year.
5. The Awards Committee will review nominated candidates and submit a recommendation to the Executive Board for approval.
6. Only one John Archer Award will be given annually.
7. At the discretion of the Executive Board, this award may or may not be given annually.

### **Life Member Award**

Over the years, the Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologist has had some exemplary members who have laid down a solid foundation for the Society to build upon. For many years of their professional lives, these members were hard-working, never-tiring leaders who moved the Society forward. They have lifted our Society, giving it strength and dignity. This award honors these individuals. Life members shall not pay dues and will have all privileges and obligations of society members.

### **Criteria for Life Member Achievement Award:**

1. This award is given to an active member of the society who has performed outstanding continuous service to the society for at least twenty (20) years.
2. This individual has demonstrated active participation having served as a chairman of a standing committee, held office, and produced a positive impact on the society.
3. Candidate's name will be submitted to the Awards Committee. Confidentially, the Awards Committee will evaluate the individual's record of service using a point system.
4. The nominated candidate may be asked to submit a society resume.
5. If necessary, letters from four (4) Executive Board or past presidents from the candidate's era may be used to verify and document the candidate's activities, benefits and accomplishments related to the continuing improvement of the CSRT.
6. Life member candidate will be voted upon by the Executive Board, following the recommendation of the Awards Committee.
7. Life member candidate must have a 3/4 vote of the Executive Board to be approved.
8. Only one Life Member Award will be given annually.
9. At the discretion of the Executive Board, this award may or may not be given annually.

Nominate your  
eligible & deserving  
colleague.....**TODAY!**



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*In memoriam...*

**Eileen Noble (62)**

It is with deep regret that the CSRT acknowledges the death of Eileen Noble (62) who passed away on Nov 4, 2015 after a brave battle with small cell lung cancer. Eileen was Director of Radiology Associates and MidState Medical Center in Meriden for 41 years. She was a long time member of the CSRT who urged her staff's involvement in their professional organizations. Four weeks before her death, she was at our Annual Conference still supporting us right to the end.

Our deepest condolences to her family - husband Drew, son Doug, daughter Kellie and 4 grandchildren. She will be greatly missed, not only by them, but by her Radiology family at Radiology Associates as well.



*With deepest sympathy.....*

**Get Involved – Join a CSRT Committee**

Joining one of our fun and productive committees is a great way to become more involved in the CSRT and your profession. Committee work in the CSRT requires a minimal commitment of time and resources. Most of our work is completed via telephone and/or email correspondence. Face-to-face committee meetings are scheduled only on an as-needed basis. By volunteering your time and talents to a CSRT committee, you'll have an opportunity to directly participate in leadership of our profession at the state level. You will also experience a deep sense of satisfaction knowing that you are an integral part of the ongoing professional well being of all radiologic technologists in Connecticut.

Please review the list of committees and chairs below, and contact President Donna Crum to find out more and to **GET INVOLVED!**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair(s)</b>
Annual Conference Planning	Allyson Forster
Bylaws	Diane Smith & Jim Riddick
Awards/Nominations	<b>Open</b>
Legislative	Diane Kosenko & Bill Hennessy
Membership	Barbara Asher
Newsline	Daniel DeMaio
Media Relations/Website	Jay Derksen
Education	<b>Open</b>
Student	<b>Open</b>

**To learn more or to join a committee, email: [donna.crum@midhosp.org](mailto:donna.crum@midhosp.org)**

Know someone interested in becoming a medical imaging or radiation therapy professional?  
Perhaps you're interested in pursuing an advanced degree or an additional imaging credential?

***Here's a list of accredited programs in the state of Connecticut.***

<b>Program Name/Location</b>	<b>Programs/Degrees Offered</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Capital Community College Hartford, CT	Radiologic Technology, A.S.	Paul Creech (PCreech@ccc.commnet.edu)
Gateway Community College New Haven, CT	Radiologic Technology, A.S.	Julie A. Austin (jaustin@gatewayct.edu)
	Radiation Therapy, A.S.	Gina M. Finn (gfinn@gatewayct.edu)
	Nuclear Medicine, A.S.	Beata I. Gebuza (bgebuz@gatewayct.edu)
Manchester Community College Manchester, CT	Radiologic Technology, A.S.	Susan Morison (smorison@mcc.commnet.edu)
	Radiation Therapy, A.S.	Nora G. Uricchio (nuricchio@manchester.edu)
Middlesex Community College Middletown, CT	Radiologic Technology, A.S. Certificates: CT, Breast Imaging	Donna J. Crum (donna.crum@midhosp.org)
Naugatuck Community College Waterbury, CT	Radiologic Technology, A.S.	James P. Pronovost (jpronovost@nvcc.commnet.edu)
Quinnipiac University North Haven, CT	Radiologic Technology, B.S.	Natalie Pelletier (natalie.pelletier@quinnipiac.edu)
	Diagnostic Medical Sonography, B.S.	
	Certificates: CT, MRI	
St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center - Hartford, CT	Radiologist Assistant, M.H.S	Ramon Gonzalez (Ramon.Gonzalez@quinnipiac.edu)
	Certificate: Adult Echocardiography Certificate: Pediatric Echocardiography	Richard Palma (rpalma@stfranciscare.org)
	Certificate: Invasive Cardiovascular Technology	Jeffrey Hill (jehill@stfranciscare.org)
St. Vincent's College Bridgeport, CT	Radiologic Technology, A.S	Terry K. Hine (thine@stvincentscollege.edu)
	Advanced Placement: Radiography Refresher Course: Radiography	Tatiana Rampino (trampino@stvincentscollege.edu)
St. Vincent's College/Stamford Campus - Stamford, CT	Radiologic Technology, A.S	Olive Peart (olive.peart@stvincentscollege.edu)
University of Hartford West Hartford, CT	Radiologic Technology, B.S.	Daniel N. DeMaio (ddemaio@hartford.edu)
	Certificates: CT, MRI, Ultrasound	Kori L. Stewart (korstewart@hartford.edu)
Windham Community Memorial Hospital – Willimantic, CT	Certificate: Radiography	Carrie L. Clews (carrie.clews@hhchealth.org)
Yale-New Haven Hospital New Haven, CT	Certificate: General Sonography Certificate: Cardiac Sonography	Jennifer Wright (jennifer.wright@ynhh.org)

**Accrediting Agencies**

Radiography & Radiation Therapy: Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)  
www.jrcert.org

Nuclear Medicine: Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine  
Technology (JRNMCT) – www.jrnmt.org

Diagnostic Medical Sonography: Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP)  
www.caahep.org

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**Upcoming Events**

**CE & Brews! – Two Roads Brewery, Sunday, February 21, 2016**

Lecture by Mr. Jason Bohn, *Cross-Sectional Anatomy of the Knee* at 2:30 pm

Brewery tours and tastings to follow....



**CE Lecture – Manchester Community College – Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

Lecture by Ms. Diane Kosenko, *Advocacy in Our Profession* at 5:30 pm

**College Bowl – Middlesex Community College - Friday, April 1, 2016**

8:00 am - Come watch our radiography students battle for program bragging rights!



**Spring Conference - Saturday, April 2, 2016**

7:30 am, University of Hartford – 4 CE credits

Co-Sponsored by the CSRT and UHART

**Annual CSRT Conference – Location Pending!  
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016**



Visit our **new** website, [CSRT.US](http://CSRT.US) for more info on these and other upcoming events!