



# The CSRT Newsline

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## President's Message

Dear Fellow CSRT members,

The Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists is off to a great start this year. After a troublesome 2009, the society has regained its footing and is looking to a bright future. On October 27, 2009, a free mini lecture was held at Middlesex Hospital. Thirty technologists joined us for a very informative evening with Dr. Aranow. We have two more mini lectures scheduled: a 2 credit mammography seminar on April 5<sup>th</sup>, and a 2-credit CT seminar April 22<sup>th</sup>. A third mini lecture is being planned and information will be forthcoming. You can log onto our website: [www.csrtinc.org](http://www.csrtinc.org) for information regarding upcoming lectures. I would like to express my thanks to Elaine Lisitano, Diane Kosenko and Robin Smith who have been working on these events. Thanks also to Jay Derksen for his diligence in revamping our website.

Once again I'm asking you to become involved in your society. Everyone is welcomed in any capacity, large or small. Since we all lead busy lives, I understand that most people just don't have the time to become very active. What you can do, though, is speak with your colleagues and encourage them to join and respond to legislative requests to call or write their representative in Hartford when needed. Remember, there is strength in numbers, and without your help the professionalism and status we have worked so hard to attain will be lost.

The CSRT will continue to provide several low or no cost CEUs for the price of a \$25 annual membership. We will also continue to monitor the legislative issues that arise and maintain relationships with the ARRT and the ASRT, as they are a great source of information and help. I look forward to a productive year and hope that each of you can bring 'one more member' to us.

Sincerely,  
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## 2010 CSRT Board Members

Officers elected and installed during the 2009 CSRT Annual Conference:

**President** - Sharon Ritton-Holly

**President Elect** - Jacqueline DeNardis

**Vice-President** - Marie Wilde

**Membership** - Donna Crum

**Secretary** - Robin Smith

**Treasurer** - Donna Crum

**Chairperson** - Alicia Giamo

**Senior Board Member** - Diane Kosenko

If you are a CSRT member and are interested in becoming involved with the society, you may contact any board member. This can be done by logging onto the CSRT website: [www.csrtinc.org](http://www.csrtinc.org). There are several committees that you may become involved with and new ideas are always welcomed.

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## **Membership**

There is a current shortage of membership in our state organization. I have always wanted to become involved in my profession and I was given the opportunity this past November when I became secretary of the CSRT. Since becoming a member of the CSRT Board, I have noticed that many of my fellow workers are not willing to become part of this organization. But, at the same time, many of these individuals have strong feelings regarding issues that they feel require changing or practices that they feel are wrong.

The CSRT needs new members who have new ideas. We need help to arrange conferences that you feel would be most informative and help to initiate those changes that you feel would improve both our organization and our professional standing.

Please give some serious thought to becoming a member of the CSRT.

Sincerely,  
Robin Smith

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## **2010 CSRT Annual Conference**

Please reserve October 8 & 9, 2010 to attend the CSRT Annual Conference. You can look for updates on our website: [www.csrtinc.org](http://www.csrtinc.org) or in future editions of the Newsliner.

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## **Mammography**

The CSRT has arranged a 2-credit Mammography seminar on April 5, 2010. The seminar will be held at Middlesex Hospital in the Bengtson Wood Conference Room at 6 p.m. Please see attached registration form.

## **CT Conference**

A two credit mini CT Conference is scheduled to be held in the Bengtson Conference Room at Middlesex Hospital on April 22, 2010. Dr. James Brink, from Yale New Haven Hospital, will be the guest lecturer. The titles of the two lectures are: "Multislice CT: Optimizing Utilization of IV Contrast Material" and "Radiation Safety, Utilization and Control".

The current climate in CT is radiation reduction, or the ALARA principle. Dr. Brink is at the forefront of this area, and has a lot of information to share with CT Technologists.

The lectures will begin at 6 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30. There is limited seating so please send in registration as soon as possible.

If you register for either of these conferences by phone, please include the correct spelling of your name in addition to a contact phone number.