



The CSRT Newsline

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President's Message

Greetings fellow Radiologic Technologists!!

My name is Bill Hennessy and I am your newly elected president for 2012-2013. I'd like to thank the membership for their support and their confidence in me and I look forward to serving you to my utmost capacity.

The CSRT 2012 Annual Conference was held on October 6th at the new Quinnipiac University campus in North Haven. The lecture topics covered a wide range of subjects including mammography, radiation protection, ethical issues, and digital imaging. The lectures were presented by area radiologists as well as fellow technologists. The campus provided an educational environment, a catered buffet breakfast and luncheon, and an opportunity to network with fellow technologists. **The CSRT has scheduled the 2013 conference on Saturday, October 5th and it will again be held at Quinnipiac University's North Haven Campus.** Please mark this date on your calendar.

I've been a member of the CSRT since 1994. I joined because I saw a small group of dedicated and professional RTs working to better the profession. Through the years, I have witnessed great success such as licensure and the expansion in our scope of practice. However, I have also seen a few disappointments. One was the forced compromise and passage of the PA bill allowing them to perform fluoroscopy with minimal education standards and another was the allowance of non-RTs the privilege to perform Bone Densitometry. Even though the CSRT represented all Connecticut RTs in Hartford, our membership numbers are small frequently causing our voice not to be heard.

We are expecting more potential intrusions into our licensure bill as more and more healthcare

practitioners petition to perform procedures currently the domain of RTs or RAs. The CSRT takes these threats seriously and we need your help! There are currently over 4,000 licensed RTs in this state, yet less than 10% are members of their own state society. It's no wonder that our voice is not often heard in Hartford. For \$30.00 a year, less than a movie or dinner for 2, YOU can belong to a group of like-minded professionals working to better themselves and future RTs and RAs. YOU can become the eyes and ears of a group that will protect our practice wherever and whenever violations may occur. If you see any licensure violations please contact any CSRT officer or Board member and we will take it from there. YOU can ask your radiologists to support YOU and the profession and to protect the patient from excessive radiation exposure which can occur by using individuals with minimal education and training.

Membership dues and proceeds from the annual conference are the only source of income for the society. The ASRT does NOT fund us, as many may think. A substantial portion of our funds are used to support our lobbyist in Hartford who monitors all potential new bills and keeps us updated of happenings in Hartford. The rest is used for mailings, operating expenses, and costs incurred for the conference. As you can see, with a membership of less than 10%, our funds don't go far.

As President, my primary goals are to:

- double the current membership in one year

- create a proactive legislative committee to work with the department of Public Health
- support other imaging professionals seeking licensure similar to ours
- continue to support lectures throughout the state offered free for members or at minimal cost to non-members
- expand and give more responsibility to the society's committees

Please visit our newly designed website at www.CSRT.US and follow us throughout the year. The new site now has WePay offering you an easier way to join. NEW- Join us on Facebook.

Thank you again for your kind attention and I hope to see you, or more importantly, work with you in the near future.

Bill

Bill Hennessy

2012-2013 Board of Directors

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Two additional points of interest for all Connecticut RTs regarding effects on our scope of practice and licensure:

Effective September 1, 2012 any PA that is performing fluoroscopy, in any institution, must have taken and passed the ARRT certification examination in fluoroscopy. Additionally, anyone performing Bone Densitometry, in any institution, must be either any ARRT certified RT(R) or a practitioner that has taken the course and passed the certification exam from the International Society of Bone Densitometry (ISBD)

If you see or hear of any violations to these requirements please let us know. Patient safety, radiation exposure and quality of imaging procedures are our primary concerns.

Conferences

The 2013 CSRT Annual Conference will be held on Saturday, October 5th at the Quinnipiac University North Haven campus. Watch future issues of the Newline for more information

The CSRT will sponsor a 2.5 hour mini seminar on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013 at the Tully Health Center in Stamford. The title of the first lecture, presented by Olive Peart, M.S. R.T. (R) (M), is 'Understanding Breast Pathology' and will begin at 5 p.m. The second lecture, beginning at 6 p.m., will be presented by Daniel G. O'Hare, PhD and is entitled 'Is there any Morality in the Locality? A Review of Ethical Principles for x-ray Technologists'. Both lectures are ASRT credit pending. Please be aware that the Tully center is not located on the Stamford Hospital campus. The lectures will be free for CSRT members and there will be a \$20 fee for non-members. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Teresa Whiteside at: TWhiteside@stamhealth.org for more information.