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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ryan Appold R.T.(R)

CSRT President 2022-23

Happy Holidays from your CSRT President. It has been a great honor serving as your president for the last few months. The CSRT has been working hard to bring you CEU's/CQR's and other great content for all your radiologic needs.

Iam happy to announce that we were able to bring back our CEU and Brew for Tech Week. We were able to enjoy some great food and great drinks at Elicit Brewing while David Downes gave us a great lecture on imaging patients undergoing vascular procedures. We also revealed our newly designed CSRT CEU& Brew T-Shirts. We look forward to hosting more in-person lectures as the Covid Pandemic allows.

Iam ecstatic to announce that Jordan Tupay from Quinnipiac University and Marilyn Morales from Manchester Community College were both selected as this year's Student to Leadership Development Program participants. Stay tuned to hear more about them in the coming months as they get a first-hand look behind the scenes of the ASRT and the CSRT. They both will represent Connecticut at the ASRT Educational Symposium and House of Delegates Meeting in Reno,

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TREATING THE PATIENT, NOT THE DISEASE

Ryan Appold, RT(R)

As a Radiologic Technologist my main priority is patient care and making sure they get the best care possible while in my care. In one of my favorite movies, Patch Adams, there is a quote that I always found best describes my idea of patient care.

“You treat a disease, you win, you lose. You treat a person, I guarantee you, you’ll win no matter the outcome.”

As a Radiologic Technologist who’s modality is radiography, it can be easy to identify a patient by their disease / medical issue instead of getting to know your patient. I have seen staff get frustrated because they have a non-verbal patient who has a mental disability and may require extra work on a night when the Emergency Room is slammed. While I can understand the challenges a patient like that might cause, what we all need to remember is that the patient may not have any control over his or her actions and we need to treat this patient like any other.

Another important aspect to patient care is talking to your patients. On numerous occasions while taking chest x-rays on intubated patients, I talk to patients explaining what I am about to do, only for nurses and aid to say they cannot hear you they are medicated. I always respond with, “I know but I always will explain to them just in case they can”. Talking to patients can help you as a technologist and help your patient’s outcome. While talking to your patients they may reveal a hip implant they may have so you can adjust your technique due to the metal, or they may tell you they have COPD and were heavy smokers, where now you can adjust your collimated field for longer lungs. Having conversations with your patient can also reveal other ailments they may be afraid to tell doctors. I once had a patient tell me he felt like his doctor rushed him and truly didn’t listen to him and he revealed to me that while his elbow hurt, the pain was radiating down his entire upper arm from his shoulder. I transmitted this information to his doctor who then proceeded to order imaging for his C-Spine which revealed compressed discs causing radiculopathy.



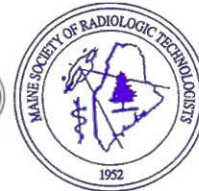
Patient care goes far beyond just your conversations with patients, but part of patient care also is acquiring the best images possible for your patient. It is realizing that a patient may be rotated on pelvis x-ray or recognizing that your tube was angled up causing the clavicles to be projected above the lungs on the portable chest x-ray you performed. It is taking that extra time to get accurate images. Good patient care is also politely telling your co-workers when their images may be subpar and how to improve them.

The final part to patient care is education. Being a radiologic technologist, you possess a great wealth of information. Some people may say they would be a horrible teacher, but being a teacher is not as complicated as it may seem. Technologists can be teachers by working with students in clinic; taking a few extra minutes out of their time to explain why they are positioning a patient a certain way or as a seasoned technologist, working with a new technologist as they acclimate themselves to

working in the operating room. This in no means is minimizing the never-ending work educators put in to organizing a lesson plan for a semester or completing all the paperwork that accrediting organizations required to maintain a radiologic technology program. Part of maintaining your credentials is the Biennial CEU requirements. This is a way the ARRT incorporated education into maintaining your status as an RT. Education comes in many forms and in many different environments, but most importantly education is just another way to improve your patient care.

Patient care is one of the most if not the most important aspects of our jobs. Whether you are an administrator of a radiology department, a radiation therapist in a cancer center, or a radiographer in a hospital; providing the best patient care is our focus. As the quote I began this article with says, "When you treat the person, you will win no matter the outcome".

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WEBINAR
6:30PM -
7:30PM



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COMMITTEE UPDATES

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee's goal is to increase participation in the CSRT and promote continued education within our society. This year we will offer two scholarships, one for technologists and one for students. Details on how to apply will be released shortly. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Scholarship Committee, please feel free to reach out on our website.

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee is excited to announce that the 2023 Annual Conference will be held on Friday October 21st Virtually and Saturday October 22nd In-Person. We are looking for members to join and help plan this sure to be amazing event. Members of the conference committee will gather speakers to present various lectures to address a wide variety of lectures. Committee members will work with the speakers to submit their lectures to the ASRT and ARRT for CEU Approval and CQR credit. Members will also work with the board to identify and select a venue to hold our conference. Committee members will work with the venue to arrange all onsite needs for holding our conference. While conference planning is a yearlong process, Summer and Fall are the times where the most time is needed. Anyone interested should reach out to info@CSRT.us and we will connect you with the committee members.

Legislative Committee

The CSRT and its Legislative Committee continue to actively monitor issues that could impact our profession. Our goal is to ensure that your hard-earned credentials are protected from infringements by other practitioners, undermining your place in the healthcare needs of our patients.

If you know of any possible infractions to our licensure, don't hesitate to contact us.

Radiation Therapy Committee

The CSRT has formed a Radiation Therapy Committee. The goal is to provide CE lectures to radiation therapists. We hope to partner with our New England Partners in promoting RTT's to join their societies. We also plan on collaborating with the NY society radiation therapy subchapter. If anyone would like more information or has ideas please contact Nora at nuricchio@mcc.commnet.edu

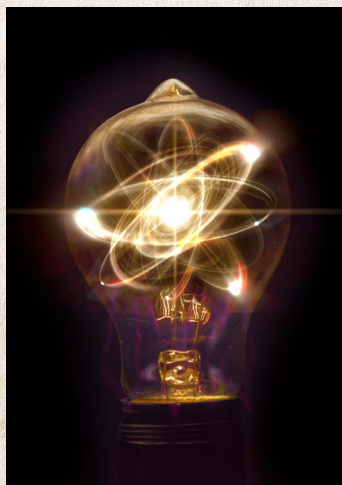


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Student to
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Congratulations to Jordan Tupay of Quinnipiac University's Radiography Program and Marilyn 'Chippy' Morales of Manchester Community College's Radiography Program. They were both selected for the American Society of Radiologic Technologists Student to Leadership Development Program and will be representing Connecticut at the ASRT Educational Symposium & Annual Governance & House of Delegates Meeting in Reno, NV in June, 2023.

Jordan and Chippy are joining a group of amazing former SLDP students such as current CSRT board members, Ryan Appold, RT(R) CSRT President 2022-2023, Lee Page, RT(R) CSRT Secretary 2022-2023, Alicia Salvatore, RT(R) CSRT Chair of the Board 2022-2023 and many more. Without a doubt, they as their predecessors have, will make a lasting impact on the profession!



DO you have bright ideas and think you could be a contributing member of one of our committees? [Click here](#) to learn more about our committees and their initiatives or send us an email to join one of the committees!



Patient Shielding

Task Force

Gonadal and Fetal Shielding

During Radiographic Procedures of the Abdomen and Pelvis

The ASRT supports the elimination of gonadal and fetal shielding during radiographic procedures of the abdomen and pelvis when performed by a registered radiologic technologist.



Why?

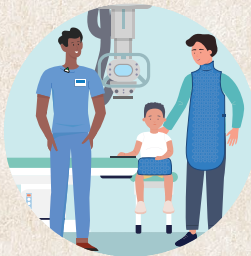
Shielding the pelvis and abdomen can obscure anatomy.



Most procedures require a low amount of radiation.

ASRT supports gonadal and fetal shielding when shielding:

- is safe and appropriate.
- reduces excess radiation exposure.
- increases patient comfort and confidence.



And the NCRP Agrees

The NCRP recommends ending routine gonadal shielding during abdominal and pelvic radiography because:

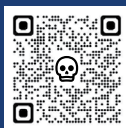


- The risks of genetic effects are lower than previously estimated.
- Improvements in technology have reduced absorbed dose to pelvic organs.
- Shielding can interfere with automatic exposure control (AEC).
- Gonadal shielding may obscure important findings.
- It is difficult to accurately shield the gonads in certain exams.
- A significant portion of dose to the ovaries is delivered by internally scattered x-rays that can't be blocked by shielding.

This change does not affect shielding for occupational exposure. You should continue using shielding to protect yourself and other staff.



For More Information
asrt.org/shielding
shielding@asrt.org



Get Complete Details.



Patient Shielding Task Force

Radiologic Technologists Have you covered!



Apply Now

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AWARD

The purpose of this award is to promote the advancement of the radiologic sciences by recognizing students who have demonstrated superior leadership skills and active participation in the community and/or profession.

The award includes a monetary grant, a one-year free membership to the CSRT, and free registration to the next annual CSRT conference. The monetary amount is to be determined annually by the CSRT Board of Directors.

*Open to Senior / Second Year students.

Applications close March 1st, 2023

TECHNOLOGIST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the advancement of radiologic technologists who have demonstrated superior leadership, advocacy, educational promotion or other achievements.

The award includes a monetary grant, a one-year free membership to the CSRT, and free registration to the next annual CSRT conference. The monetary amount is to be determined annually by the CSRT Board of Directors.

*Open to all registered Radiologic Technologists and Radiation Therapists.

Applications close August 1st, 2023



Apply Now

WHO CAN IRRADIATE IN THE STATE?

The CSRT helps to protect your rights & privileges as an R.T.

Years of study, documentation of clinical competence and the successful completion of certification exams have earned you the credentials of R.T.(R) with the privilege to competently and safely apply your skills to patients. You should be informed on how to keep that privilege from those who have NOT earned it. Our clearly defined state's practice standards can be located under ct.gov "Chapter 376(c)". Only R.T.'s that hold the proper ARRT credential and Connecticut State license may operate radiographic equipment, specifically: "energizing the beam, positioning the patient, and positioning or moving any equipment in relation to the patient."

A few exceptions allow certain professionals to utilize ionizing radiation for diagnostic purposes:

Physicians' Assistants (PA) - may perform only fluoroscopic procedures after ARRT certification in fluoroscopy.

Radiologist Assistants (RA) - may perform many fluoroscopic procedures under the direct supervision of MD's.

Other medical professionals performing radiologic or fluoroscopic procedures outside of these guidelines are in violation of state law.

The CSRT is working to protect YOU and YOUR job security. Direct any questions or concerns to us at <http://member.csrt.us/contact-us/> We are stronger with your support. Join the CSRT today at www.csrt.us.

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November 2022

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December 2022

Serving LGBTQIA+ Individuals In Healthcare

January 2023

Chest Radiography Interpretation Basics

February 2023



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July 21st, 2023 AT 7:00_{pm}

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FACEBOOK - THE CONNECTICUT SOCIETY
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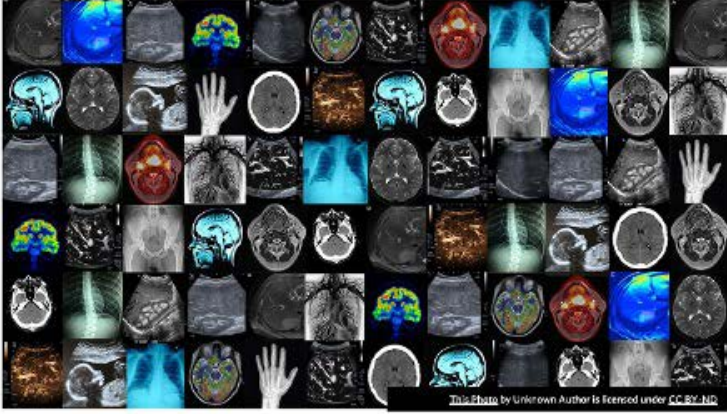
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EMAIL - INFO@CSRT.US

CSRT MEMBERS = FREE

MEMBER + 1 GUEST = \$5

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College Bowl & Job Fair

April 14, 2023

Middlesex Community College

Registration opens soon!

The CSRT Board is excited to announce that our annual College Bowl will be held on Friday, April 14th (0800 -1300) on the campus of Middlesex Community College.

Like last year's event, there will also be a Job Fair with representatives from statewide healthcare agencies. This is an awesome opportunity for Connecticut's students to network with medical imaging managers or hiring managers about their open positions and hiring packages all while prepping for the Registry!

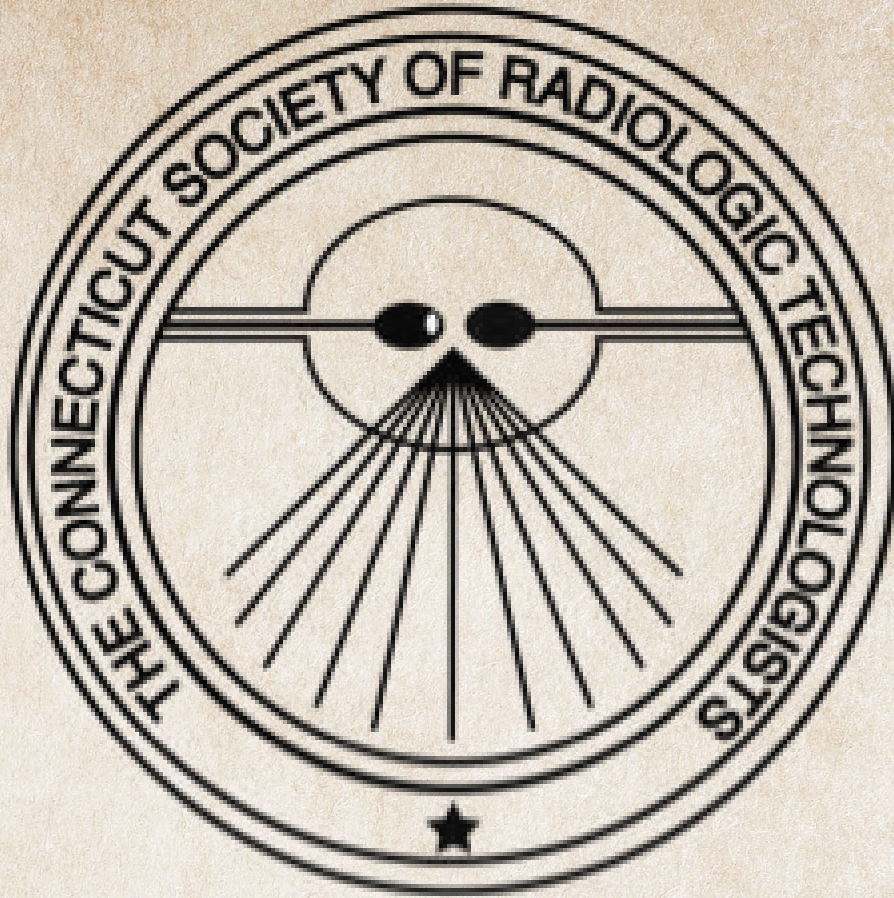
Full details and team registration forms will be sent to program directors soon!

We hope to see you there!

Annual Conference
September 29th* and 30th*
online via Zoom on Friday
night and in-person on Saturday
morning! We will have great topics
centering on a multi-modality
approach to care!

Tentative dates; subject to change.





Our mission is to provide state of the art education, communication, and legislative representation for our society; while creating public awareness of our integrity, professionalism, and humanitarianism.

Founded in 1938, the organization has been the instrument for our professionals to share ideas and interests, and network with colleagues, and participate in ongoing educational accreditation.

Great discoveries are made accidentally less often than the populace likes to think.
- Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen

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