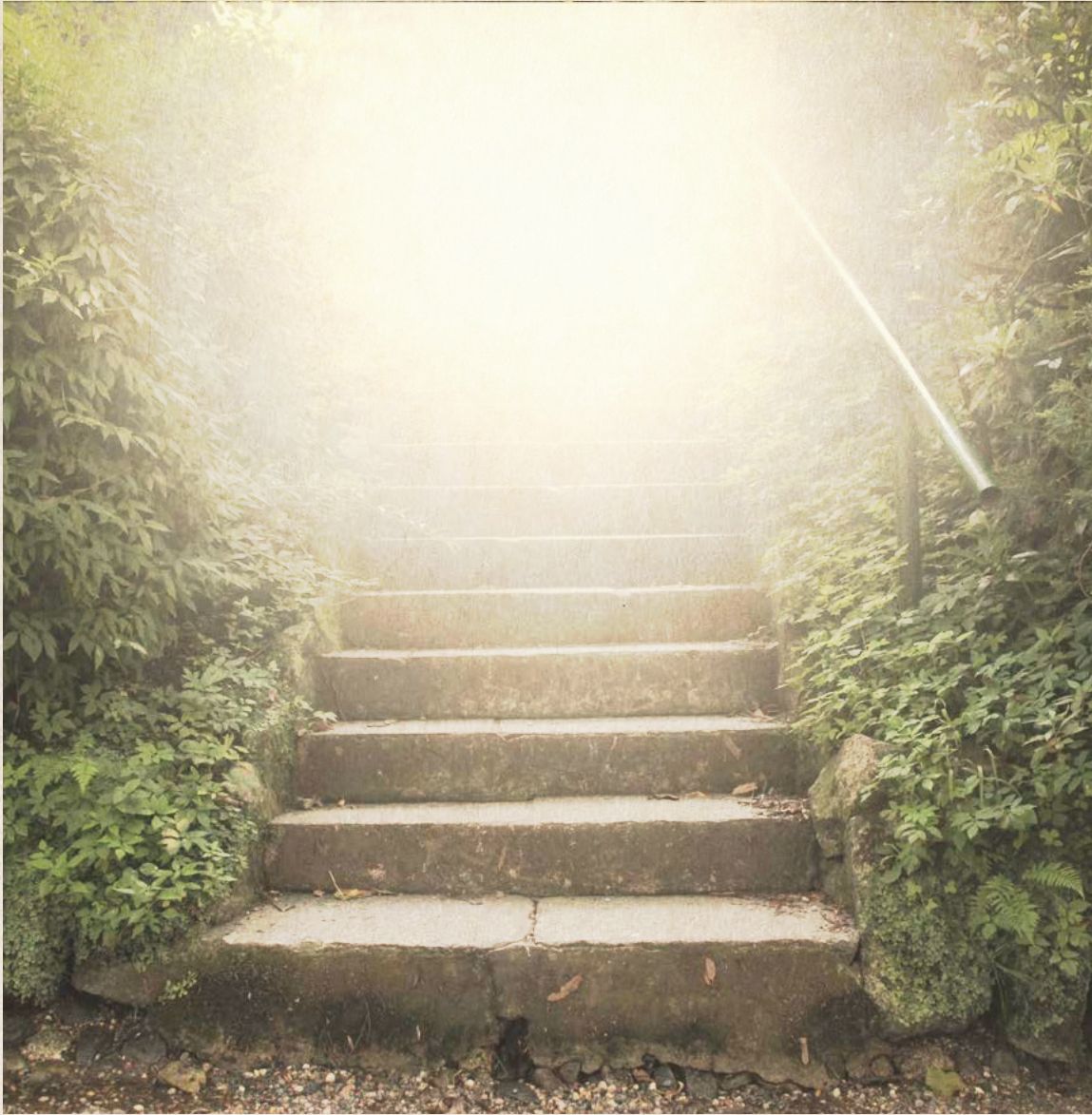


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ryan Appold R.T.(R)

CSRT President 2022-23

The back-to-school sales are in full swing and the weather has started to cool a little which means one thing, summer is almost over. I hope everyone had a great summer spending time with family and friends. As RT's you know our work never ends, and that includes the work of The CSRT.

I know many of my fellow RT's are feeling the stress of staffing shortages, I am happy to announce that the State of Connecticut Legislature has heard you. They passed legislation forming a taskforce to address shortages in radiologic technologists, nuclear medicine technologists, and respiratory therapists. I am happy to announce that we selected Bernadette Mele to represent us on this taskforce. Her extensive background as a technologist and as an educator at Quinnipiac University, made her an ideal candidate to represent us.

In other news I had the privilege to Attend the 2023 ASRT House of Delegates with CSRT President-Elect Jay Hicks in Reno, NV. You can read more about our time there along with other representatives from Connecticut in this edition.

While my time as President is wrapping up, I am excited about the future. I am positive that Jay Hicks, who will take over as President after the Annual Conference, will continue to lead our organization to great success. He has extensive experience being a member of the ASRT for 20+ years, as well as serving in multiple organizations such as the LSRT, JCERT, and AEIRS. It has been a true honor to serve as your president for the last year.

CSRT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-23

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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 are offer two scholarships, one for technologists and one for students. Jordan Toupay of Quinnipiac University took home the Student Involvement award this year. Applications for the Technologist Award close September 1st. 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 September 15th Virtually and Saturday September 16th In-Person at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center in Wethersfield, CT. There will be a total of 8 CEU's and several CQR opportunities.

Conference planning is a yearlong process; anyone interested in joining the conference committee to help plan the 2024 conference 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 have partnered with our New England Partners in promoting RTT's to join their societies and host therapy related lectures. 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.

Education Committee

The Education Committee will be seeking input from program directors and faculty about their needs of the CSRT. We strive to offer programs that are beneficial to all educators and students alike. Be on the lookout this semester for a survey to assess how you need CSRT to work for you!

Newsline Committee

The Newsline Committee meets to put together a newsletter twice a year. We are always looking for students or therapists to write articles, edit pages and proofread. If you have any interest in joining, contact us today at info@CSRT.us.

Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee has met to maintain alignment with the ASRT's 2023 updates as well as modernize our own bylaws. We look to meet in early 2024 to begin reviewing for the 2024 annual meeting.

ASRT HOD UPDATES

Ryan Appold R.T.(R)

The ASRT hosted the Annual House of Delegates from June 22nd to the 25th. Radiologic Technologists from across the world descended on the Nugget Casino Resort in Reno, NV. This year the House of Delegates was made up of 93 State Delegates and 52 Chapter Delegates with many states sending 2 students as part of the Student to Leadership Development Program. President of the ASRT Daniel "Danny" Gonzalez opened the first House of Delegates by giving a review of the year. He reviewed some of his presidential initiatives which included increasing professional pride, developing the management roadmap, and increasing the public awareness of our profession. The room was ecstatic to hear that the ASRT partnered with Emory Health to start a PR campaign to let the public know what we at R.T.'s do and the importance of our job.

Danny sent chills through the crowd when he showed us a clip of a video Emory Health had developed that emphasized our role in the health care field. I personally cannot wait to be able to show you this video, once they release it to us. Danny recapped how the ASRT Foundation awarded over \$261,600 scholarships and \$93,855 grants totaling \$355,455 in awards for the year. He also gave out awards to the most active chapters with the Registered Radiologist Assistant Chapter coming in first place followed by the Radiography Chapter in 2nd Place. The Education Chapter tied with the Mammography Chapter. Danny awarded the 2023 Individual Advocacy Award to James Reeves from Georgia and the 2023 Affiliate Advocacy Award to the New York State Affiliate.

The ASRT Update:

The ASRT reported that total membership was 157,000 members. They also reported that we welcomed Dr. Melissa Pergola assumed her duties as ASRT CEO in January. She replaced Sal Martino who retired. The ASRT Board reviewed all the resources available to

members including the CEU Library which now allows you to filter for and CQR needs. They also announced updates to the Student Exam Assessment Library (SEAL) which will soon include exams for Computed Tomography. The ASRT reviewed the Advanced Practice Radiation Therapist, exciting news for all our therapists! Brandon Smith our current ASRT President, went over his initiatives. He looks to build on Danny Gonzalez's initiatives. He is planning a Walk/Run Event in the ASRT's home of Albuquerque, NM. Brandon's main initiative was to work on "Branding Our Excellence as Imaging Professionals". He wants to update the ASRT website to include a page on Professionalism for RTs.

Concluding the ASRT Update, was a review on the ASRT Shielding Taskforce headed by CT's own Daniel DeMaio and Dr. Kristi Moore. The discussion centered around the various videos and information sheets available for all members. They encouraged us to download the videos and print the information sheets out for our home facilities.

ARRT Update:

The ARRT update was given by Travis Prowant. Travis reported that the ARRT now certifies 15 different disciplines, and over 350,000 technologists. Travis announced that in January the new exam requirements for Radiography, Nuclear Medicine, and Registered Radiologist Assistants went into effect. Travis discussed Continuing Qualification Requirements (CQR) and how any technologists certified after 2011 are required to take it. He stressed how many technologists don't require any additional required CE's from the assessment and if technologists did require CE's, it was very little and centered in one area of topic. Travis re-emphasized how CQR was not meant to take credentials away from any tech but to, "Help prepare medical professionals to meet changing

The Radiation Therapy/Medical Dosimetry chapter meeting:

The Radiation Therapy/Medical Dosimetry chapter was very interactive with many people and levels of expertise were able to share information. We had representatives from the ASRT, JRCERT and ARRT. We discussed some of the challenges we are being faced with in the field of radiation therapy and medical dosimetry. Here is a summary:

ASRT/ARRT Radiation Therapy Practice Survey: We are developing a radiation therapy practice survey. This survey is based off a survey from 2016 assessing the current practice and potential advanced practice. We are fortunate that the ASRT is assisting us with the development of this survey and are fully supportive. This survey idea began early this year with discussion from the radiation therapy delegates and the grassroots committee on advanced practice for Radiation Therapists (APRT). Many therapists are working in advanced practice roles including working under physicians and assisting them in in patient evaluations. While we were at the meeting, we learned that this survey will be part of a larger initiative from the ARRT with the radiologic science survey.

ASRT Radiation Therapy and Dosimetry Delegates: Nominations are now open radiation therapy and dosimetry delegates. If you want to nominate someone or yourself please go to this [Nominations for ASRT chapter delegates and officers](#) are now open. Follow the links below to nominate yourself or another ASRT member for the 2024 election. Nominations close on Oct. 2, 2023. Please review the [qualifications](#) for each position prior to submitting a nomination.

[Nominate a member for chapter delegate](#)

[Nominate a member for officer](#)

If you have any questions, please contact ASRT staff at governance@asrt.org

Thank you for supporting the ASRT election!



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Student to
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



From: Marilyn 'Chippy' Morales

The ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance & House of Delegates meeting was held from June 22nd, 2023, to June 25th, 2023, in the Nugget Casino in Reno, Nevada. This marks the ASRT's 37th meeting to be hosted, originally founded in 1920 in the city of Chicago starting with just 13 members. The conference has been held each year since inception with selected participants belonging to the Student Leadership Development Program (SLPD), launched in 2011.

This year I was extended the opportunity to participate as one of two students to represent the state of Connecticut. The SLPD has a grand total of 83 participants in each of the 50 states, compared to the 54 SLPD students that participated in 2022. Being part of SLPD has given me an invaluable opportunity to learn more about ASRT, the Radiology field with a fresh perspective both in and outside of the hospital, as well as the clinical and student setting. At the conference in Reno hosted by ASRT, I was able to network with vendors, ASRT members and delegates, learn about Bylaws and volunteer work, identify mentors, and build lasting relationships with SLPD peers from other states. Meetings I attended that made a significant impact and resonated with me the most were the Professionalism and Career Planning, Education Chapter Meeting, and Fibular Hemmilla and Extramedullary Internal Limb Lengthening, and Second House of Delegates meeting.

During my time at this conference, I learned about new amendments that got passed, learned more about ASRT (both in and out of our Radiology profession), and was able to build my network of peers, mentors, and leaders in the field. It was an overall great experience and I look forward to continuing to advocate for others that become members of ASRT in the years to come. This conference provided me the opportunity to better understand ASRT and explore how to get more involved through

volunteer work. I am very much looking forward to next year's conference. I cannot thank those who extended me this opportunity enough, as well as those who put the conference together. My gratitude is ceaseless, and I am very hopeful that I will one day make a positive impact on the greater community as a young professional.

From: Jordan Toupay

When granted the opportunity to travel to the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) annual conference I was more excited than anything. After spending 5 days with total strangers, I left feeling empowered. Of course I have gained the knowledge of the "radiology congress" and how the profession decides on our practice standards and our codes of ethics, however; never did I ever think I would come home with a whole new meaning of being a radiologist technologist. Of course we care for our patients and support them through their diagnosis, treatment, injury, etc, but we also play a vital part in making our patients feel human and understand how important our impact can be on a patient. In my 5 days spent at countless lectures and meetings one speech stood out to me in particular from the current chair of the ASRT, Daniel Gonzalez, in which he spoke to the compassion and overall impact a radiologic technologist has on his/her patient. One sentence stood out to me the whole week: "as radiologic technologists, we illuminate the world". I never thought under my job description I could say I help illuminate the world, however as radiologic technologists we do just that. Our X-ray, CT, MRI, PET, nuclear medicine, and radiation therapy machines physically give off a light to indicate the area we are imaging or radiating but we also illuminate our patients world with our compassion and kindness. It is typically the radiologic technologist that spends the least amount of time with their patients but we can make the most impact. We are the eyes and light of medicine.



Application Requirements Include:

- Currently enrolled in an accredited medical imaging or radiation therapy program.
- Current ASRT student member.
- Proof of current ASRT affiliate membership ,excluding Military applicants.
- Completed application and essay.
- Signed letter of recommendation from your program director.

*No additional requirements for Connecticut!

Online Course Topics Include:

- Governance Overview
- Parliamentary Procedures and Advocacy
- Strategic Planning
- Legal Issues and Affiliate Compliance
- Association Management and Communication
- Leadership Principals

Selected Participants Receive:

- Airfare, housing and a stipend for meals and other travel expenses.
- An educational program designed just for students.
- An insider's look into the world's largest association for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.
- Expanded opportunities for professional growth.
- Three years of continuing SLDP opportunities.

Program Expectations:

- Must be engaged in all activities for the full three-year program.
- Must continue to meet eligibility requirements for ASRT voting membership.
- Must maintain affiliate membership throughout the three-year program.
- Must complete all required coursework including but not limited to: Leadership Academy Modules, Online Advocacy Academy Modules, and Professional Mentor Program.
- Must participate in ASRT Communities discussions.

Are you good at event planning?

Help coordinate next year's Conference with the Conference Committee

Love competition?

Help us organize the 2024 College Bowl with the College Bowl Committee

Are you good with money?

Consider running for Treasurer

Do you enjoy fighting for the rights of Radiologic Technologists?

Join the Legislative Committee

Are you good at graphic design/website design?

Join the Website/Media Committee

Are you a therapist looking to get more involved?

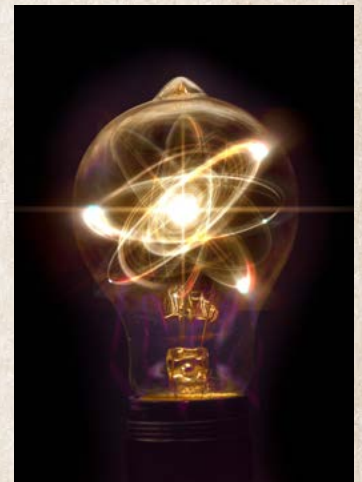
Join the Radiation Therapy Committee

Are you an educator looking to collaborate with other educators?

Join the Education Committee

Do you like taking notes and staying organized?

Consider running for Secretary



DO you have bright ideas and think you could be a contributing member of one of our committees or would you like to become a board member?

[Click here](#) to learn more about our committees and their initiatives or send us an email to join one of the committees!



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, 2024

*Congrats to Jordan Toupay
of Quinnipiac University,
2023 winner!*

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 September 1st, 2023



Apply Now

NEXT STEPS

Lee Page, RT(R)

I had the honor of bringing the SLDP Alumni of the Year Award back to the CSRT, marking the society's second consecutive year of achievement. This is truly a testament to the society's leadership's ability to mentor, engage, and mobilize new technologists! Receiving this award allowed me to give a speech to the current SLDP cohort, who are part of an incredible three-year program that teaches the ins and outs of an affiliate society's role in advocacy, leadership, and professional education. Attending the ASRT HOD meeting in person is a highlight of the program. It's an opportunity I highly recommend for future students.

One question that came up multiple times was, "How do I apply this knowledge to my own life? What are my next steps after the SLDP?" I can relate to this question because I had the same concerns after the HOD meeting my first year in the program. Here's my answer to my past self, summarized in the acronym 'STEP.'

S Show up. If you're unsure where to start, ask your professor for help and find out about the next affiliate general meeting. Get involved, even if you feel uncertain or unqualified. Showing enthusiasm and a willingness to learn will attract people who want to teach you. Embrace opportunities for growth and engagement.

T Talk about your experience. Share what you've learned in your learning modules and keep others informed about what's happening at the ASRT. Encourage students to get involved with their affiliate and apply for the SLDP.

E Educate others. It's crucial to educate others about medical imaging. Highlight that only licensed and credentialed technologists should perform medical imaging procedures, emphasizing the importance of utilizing shielding and being intentional with technical factors. Inform them about valuable resources like the ASRT's Shielding Taskforce and SEAL exams for students, which enhance knowledge and prioritize patient safety.

P Promote Affiliate Membership. Let people know that joining a local affiliate comes with awesome perks! It gives you a voice in grassroots advocacy, access to educational opportunities like CEUs and scholarships, and a chance to network with professionals who share your interests. And hey, at CSRT we typically have pizza!

In conclusion, the ASRT HOD meeting was an incredible experience, and the SLDP provides students with the opportunity to participate in it. The next 'STEP' for students is to show up, talk about their experiences, educate others, and promote affiliate membership. By actively participating, contributing, and promoting affiliation, we can create a stronger and more impactful professional community together.

RECENT EVENTS

New England Partners Webinar Series Lectures:

Dealing With Changes in Radiology 2023

May 2023

Abscess Drainage Procedures: Simple to Complex

June 2023

Caring for Breast Cancer Patients: Diversity, Navigation & Healthcare Professional As Patient

July 2023

The ED Ordered What?!? Applying Critical Thinking to Modify for Diagnosis, Anatomy and Pathology in CT

August 2023

Yard Goats Baseball: RT's in the Outfield

July 2023

CSRT 2023 COLLEGE BOWL

APRIL 2023

The CSRT hosted our annual College Bowl on Friday, April 14th on the campus of Middlesex Community College.

We held a Job Fair with representatives from statewide healthcare agencies. It was 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!

A special congratulations to Naugatuck Valley Community College on taking home the trophy again!!



*Congrats to Naugatuck Valley Community College,
2023 winner!*

CSRT 81st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 15TH
ONLINE VIA ZOOM
6PM - 9PM*



*SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH
IN PERSON AT
THE KEENEY MEMORIAL
CULTURAL CENTER
200 MAIN ST,
WETHERSFIELD, CT 06109
9AM - 3PM*

*8.0 CEU's TOTAL
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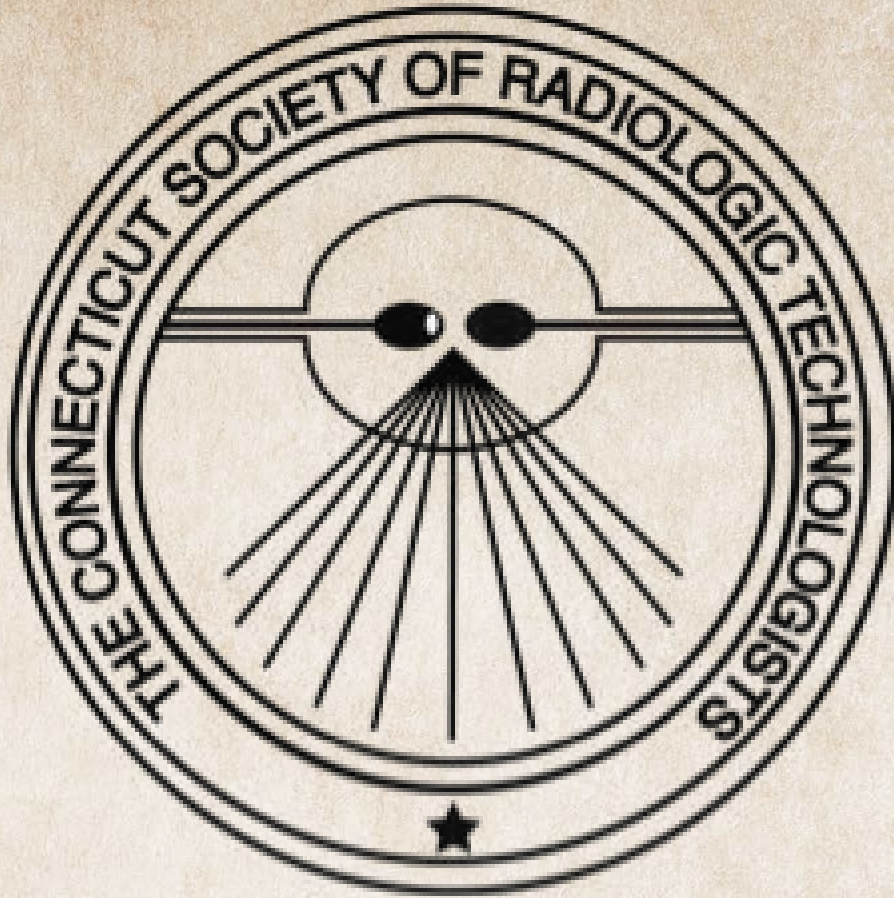
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DIANE HUTTON,
BA, RT(R), FMoSRT, ARRT
IMPORTANCE OF RADIOLOGY IN TRAUMA***

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\$25 - TECHNOLOGIST / LIFE
MEMBER*

*SATURDAY ONLY
\$55 - TECHNOLOGIST / LIFE
MEMBER
\$90 - NON-MEMBER*

*FRIDAY AND SATURDAY COMBO
\$15 - STUDENT / NON-CEU
\$75 TECHNOLOGIST / LIFE MEMBER
\$115 - NON-MEMBER*

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WWW.CSRT.US



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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