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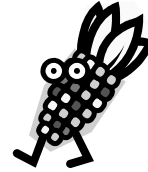


Heather's Hot Topics

This summer has been an active one for Radiologic Technologists in Ohio. The OSRT has been very busy acting on your behalf regarding legislative issues which could have impacted the profession in the State of Ohio dramatically. A request from the Ohio Board of Pharmacy to remove the wording "injects contrast material" from the definition of Radiographer was submitted and subsequently posted for public comment. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) received several hundred responses from technologists, professional organizations, health care facilities, radiologist, nurses, and the Ohio Hospital Association. I would like to take this time to thank all of you who took initiative and wrote letters or emails to the ODH! The attorneys at the ODH ultimately found that the wording used was appropriate and the task was within our scope of practice and should not be removed from the statute. It is absolutely imperative that we work to preserve the profession in which we practice. One way to do this is to be included in the BRadiation list serve, a service of the ODH which informs participants of changes, meetings, and updates relative to your profession. If you are not currently included on the BRadiation list-serve, I encourage you to sign up now. You can be added to the list-serve by simply sending an email request to:
BRadiation@odh.ohio.gov

If this issue with the Ohio Board of Pharmacy is news to you, please know that several "Jango mails" were sent to all members and students of the OSRT as the issue was developing last month. If you are not receiving Jango mails (bulk e-mails) from the OSRT, please contact our executive secretary, Sheryl Bacon, at osrt@osrt.org Please also check your spam or junk filter first, as some filters send Jango mail types of correspondence directly to those areas and not to your inbox.. Remember to also check the OSRT website for the most recent news at osrt.org This upcoming year will be our first-ever online election this year. In our efforts to "go green" and reduce paper and postage expenses, the 2012 Board of Directors election will be held online. Please consider running for a position on the Board as we love to have new people come aboard! The details will be posted on the website soon and a Jango mail will be sent alerting you of the election.

My closing thoughts to you in this issue of Cardinal Rays are to be very aware of the issues that surround our profession and to get involved. Involvement with the OSRT, the ASRT, the Care Bill initiative all place you in the position of making the changes that affect the profession in which you practice. Take Charge of your future!
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CARE Bill Update

At the time of print the CARE Bill now has 45 representatives signed onto the bill on the House side of congress! Thanks to all of you that have contacted your representative for their support! If you have not contacted Congress there is still time, currently on the Representative side of the House the bill number is **2104**. The Bill has not been introduced on the Senate side but please still email them in an effort to get it introduced. You may email your representative by accessing the ASRT's legislative page at <http://capwiz.com/asrt/home/> (copy and paste) You may also contact me directly for your representative's personal email address at llarnold@seormc.org Thanks again for taking the time to CARE!
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Meet the Board

My name is Melissa Machingo and I have been a radiographer for a year and a half. I previously volunteered for local hospitals before deciding on a career in health care. What drove me to follow a career in healthcare was I loved the patient interaction! I had wonderful professors at Kent State University Salem Campus who really made you respect and treasure every patient interaction. I recall one instructor always telling me treat your patients as if they were your own family member; those words really stuck with me though all my training. During my clinical hours at ValleyCare Health Systems, I would volunteer to go down to the morgue on coroner cases and there began my passion for forensics. I became so involved with the field that I would willingly attend forensic radiography conferences and volunteer my weekends to the morgue. I am currently a volunteer death investigator for the Trumbull County Coroner's Office. Dr. Humphrey D. Germaniuk has been a wonderful mentor to me in the field of forensics and as a death investigator. He has showed me that I can combine my two passions radiography and forensics to work in conjunction with one another

In the past two years I have become more involved with the OSRT & ASRT. I begin as a student intern in 2009-2010 and serve as a director. Being a director has allowed me the opportunity to achieve more goals in my life and constantly reach higher- the sky is the limit! I have met some

wonderful and motivational people in the OSRT as a student intern and love the chance to return that to future members. Serving on the OSRT Board will allow me to be a mentor to the future members and directors. The membership I've personally experienced with the OSRT has allowed me to develop professionally and create a wider network of friends and fellow imaging professionals across the state. Most of these members have many years of experience and dedication to the OSRT and I am honored that I was elected to serve the membership.

My family has supported me the past six years while I have accomplished two associates' degrees, two bachelors' degrees, and attended the Medicolegal Death Investigators Training Course at St. Louis University College of Medicine in St. Louis, MI. My family is very proud of my recent election to the board of directors for the OSRT and my future plans. My family includes my mother who is a cosmetologist, my father who is a CCA furnace operator at Thomas Steel, and my daughter who is six and just graduated kindergarten. My daughter and I recently got our first puppy this Christmas whose name is Abby; she is a rat terrier/yorkie mix. My favorite interests and hobbies are traveling, reading, cooking, hunting, firearms practice and target shooting.

For those of you that have an interest in this field, Dr. Germaniuk will be speaking at the 2012 annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on forensic radiography; I will also accompany him and be there for the lecture. I hope to see you there!



Foundation Corner

Just a reminder that you can make a donation online to the Educational Foundation at <http://osrt.org/osrtfoundation/92-osrt-foundation/174-aboutfoundation>

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

The OSRT is committed to becoming more and more environmentally responsible. One way to accomplish this is to decrease the amount of paper that we use within the society. Beginning **September 2011**, membership renewal notification will be done via postcard. Members will then go to our website www.osrt.org to complete and submit the renewal form online. Members can use the convenient PayPal option for payment. Entering information online will also result in faster turn-around time of membership data processing. In 2012, we will be voting "**ONLINE**" as well as registration for the annual meeting. This is an effort to "go green" and be conscious of our environment for future generations.



Please feel free to contact me with submissions for *Cardinal Rays*. Keep in mind articles printed are reflective of the author(s).
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