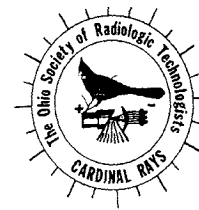




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Hello Everyone! I hope you are staying warm in this extreme winter weather we've been experiencing here in Ohio. On the bright side and before you know it, it will be Spring- April and we will be having a great time in warm, sunny (hopefully), Cincinnati! The annual meeting is being held at the Holiday Inn – Eastgate from April 9th – April 13th. Angie Arnold and Tracy Herrmann (2014 co-chairs) have a great team on the annual meeting committee who are working very hard to make this a wonderful, educational, and fun meeting. As of last January, the OSRT has a total of 1,359 members. Wouldn't it be great if we could get everyone of member to attend the meeting? Remember to spread the word if you are attending! The annual meeting online registration is open and the deadline for the standard registration rate is March 19. There are many wonderful educational topics and it's possible for you to obtain 24 CE's in just one weekend!

In addition to our main meeting, we have representatives from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) presenting an Accreditation Workshop on Wednesday, April 9th. You can earn 7.5 CE credits for attending this workshop and it is a great resource for you to refer back to when your accredita-

tion/self study time is due. We are also pleased to host educators from the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiological Sciences, presenting a workshop on Thursday, April 10th and they are offering 6 CE credits. Their educational program includes many interesting topics that educators currently are dealing with in programs everywhere, these include; Emergency Preparedness, iPads in Instruction, the Course Syllabus, Plagiarism and Cheating, and Non-Traditional Student Retention.

The remainder of the weekend-Friday, Saturday and Sunday are packed with great presentations that cover many interesting topics. If you review the meeting brochure you will see that, every day offers different educational and fun experiences. Networking with other imaging professionals, meeting up with old friends and making new friends, are an integral part of our annual meeting. This year the Educator's Open Forum is proud to present Jay Hicks from the JRCERT on Thursday evening. Following the presentation is the "Roentgen Rumble" this new addition last year was a hit. The Quiz Bowl is on Friday, if you have students at your workplace, why not come and see how they fare at the competition? Or see how much you remember from your training! Again this year we would like to invite you to attend the OSRT Business Session Luncheon. This luncheon gives you the opportunity to stay

involved with your profession and help make decisions that will impact the organization. We welcome you to attend this event and participate!

I also want to remind everyone that voting opened February 15th for the president-elect, RT of the Year, the board of directors, an honorary award for our long-serving legislative consultant, and an OSRT Bylaws revision. If you haven't yet voted, please go through your mail and cast a vote, we want everyone's voice to be heard.

On a final note I would like to thank each of you for being a part of the wonderful Ohio Society. We cherish our members and appreciate all that you do for your profession. Please keep in mind if you have any questions or concerns you may want to share, please don't hesitate to contact me at, Galbrech@ccf.org

In closing, someone once said "Snowflakes are kisses from heaven". Whoever said that must love kisses this year, but really, isn't enough, enough?



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Foundation Corner

As Foundation Chairman I would like to invite you to volunteer for the OSRTER Foundation Board. The Board is currently seeking directors for the future positions. If this is something you would be interested in please contact me Jackie Turk at

jackieturk33@gmail.com

Also if you are interested in donating to the Foundation that would be great! We are currently determining the awards for the 2013 year. These funds help students and

technologists attain their education and continue on in their efforts.

The Foundation will also be sponsoring the annual basket raffle during the 2014 OSRT Annual Meeting. If you would like to donate a basket or item for the silent auction please just let me know and I will be happy to help! We will also be selling "fun" ribbons in the registration area and be sponsoring a 50/50 raffle to help raise funds for our continuing efforts.

OSRT VISION

OSRT will promote the excellence of professionals in medical imaging and radiologic science.

OSRT MISSION

Advocate for medical imaging and radiologic science professionals by advancing professional practice and educational standards, and providing leadership in health policy.



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Again thank you for your ongoing support of the Foundation!

Jackie Turk

OSRTERF Chairperson



A Note from the Editor

Submissions for the newsletter may be sent to me directly at

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Please keep in mind that articles presented are the solely the thoughts of the author and not necessarily the OSRT.

Leisa Arnold, Cardinal Rays Editor



Tech Talk by Lizzy Hemme, BRST, RT (R) (CT)

What is your name, job title and educational background? Jason Kenneth Lee, BSRT (R) CT RA (ARRT), RPA (CBRPA) and I am employed as a Radiologist Practitioner Assistant (RPA)/Radiologist Assistant (RA) at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC). I obtained my Associates in Applied Science of Radiography in 1998 from Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and practiced as a Radiologic Technologist and Computed Tomographer at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. I later obtained my Bachelors of Science in Biology in 2003 at High Point University in High Point, North Carolina. With the desire to extend my knowledge I completed my Bachelors of Science in Radiography and obtained my Radiologist Practitioner Assistant certification in 2005 at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

What does your job entail? I have been working as a RPA/RRA at CCHMC for over the past 4 years. My daily duties include the protocol of examinations for the main hospital and two satellite clinics, the performance of fluoroscopic procedures as well as assist in the training of radiology residents, fellows, and radiologist assistants. I am also involved in publishing articles and assisting in research projects.

Why did this type of work interest you? While working as a young Radiologic Technologist, I enjoyed the interaction I had with patients. I wanted to perform at a level of care in which I was able to interact with the patients as well as take part in their medical needs by performing their examinations. Originally planning to pursue a Physician Assistant position I enrolled at High Point University to obtain my Biology degree and to also acquire my Physician Assistant prerequisite classes. During my junior year at High Point University I read about the Radiologist Practitioner Assistant program at Weber State University and felt that it was a great avenue to pursue my physician extender level position while being able to perform all of my clinical within the realm of Radiology.

How did you get your present job and what kind of experience and preparation helped you the most? After obtaining my RPA certification and RRA licensure, the current job market for the RPA/RRA was very limited due to the minimal knowledge of both positions in the Radiology community. In order to find a facility in which I could provide my clinical experience I emailed individual Radiologists to see if there facility had a need for my skills. I was delighted to hear that I was able to work in this capacity at CCHMC, which was such a great opportunity since I have always enjoyed working in pediatrics.

Could you describe one of your typical workdays for me? I arrive at work prior to the start of the morning fluoro schedule and protocol remaining examinations that were not performed the previous day. I make sure that the most accurate examination was ordered and that all the pertinent information is available. I typically average 45 hours during my work week.

What do you think the most important skills and abilities are for this position? The most important skills/knowledge to have is Radiology basics, what information each modality can offer, patient history, and how you may need to tailor the examination to achieve the diagnosis.

What parts of your job do you find most challenging? I enjoy working in pediatrics and each patient is different. While performing examinations, I think the most challenging part is keeping the patient comfortable as possible and at ease. We have such an excellent staff of technologists and child life specialists in our Radiology department, we are always striving to keep that goal with each examination; it's great teamwork!

What do find most enjoyable or rewarding? What I find most rewarding is the positive feedback I get from the parents and/or children that I interact within the fluoroscopic suite. I often see these patients more than once and the parents are relaxed or put at ease knowing the level of comfort I can give to their child.

Describe a satisfying or meaningful experience that you have had during your career. I perform routine examinations on patients with numerous health conditions. During my tenure at CCHMC, I have encountered some patients who come back for routine follow up examinations. It's quite amazing to see how these patients have progressed over the past several years.

What changes do you see occurring in this field (your specialty specifically) during the next few years? The Radiologist Physician Extender (RPE's), including Radiologist Practitioner Assistant's & Radiologist Assistant's, is currently facing its biggest challenge. While Ohio is a state that currently supports this profession, CMS does not recognize us as an advanced level practitioner. In order to obtain CMS recognition, we need to continue supporting the passage of the MARCA Bill.



Where would you like to see yourself in five years? I would like to continue performing examination in pediatrics while getting experience in complex examinations. I also would like to continue publishing case studies, research, and other journals in radiology affiliated magazines.

What do you wish you knew (but didn't) when you first contemplated this career? Our biggest challenge, the recognition of Radiologist Assistant/Radiologist Practitioner Assistant position by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

What suggestions do you have for an individual wishing to enter this field? If you're an individual that likes patient interaction, the very first thing I would recommend is to have patience, and then to enjoy what they are doing.

If you could start all over again, would you change your career path in any way? I have always enjoyed working within the field of Radiology. I enjoy the interaction I have with patients and their parents. My role as a RPA/RA at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is very satisfying.

Why did you join the OSRT? I have always been a part of a state affiliated radiology organization. As a technologist, I recognize it's a great way to promote the organization while helping to promote Health Policy laws and in advocating both the CARE Bill and MARCA Bills.

What have you done for the OSRT? Since joining the OSRT I have been affiliated with the Health Policy Committee, attending various Radiation Advisory Council and Radiation-Generating Equipment Committee meetings, attended RT in DC meetings, and numerous meetings with Ohio based Representative and Senators regarding both the CARE and MARCA Bill; I also currently serve on the board of directors.

What does OSRT do for our profession? The OSRT is such a great organization! It's a powerful and professional organization that promotes the radiology specialty and helps promote higher standards, such as education and legislative efforts.

Are you a member of any other professional clubs, associations or organizations? I have been a member of the American Society of Radiologic technologists (ASRT) since 1998, Society of Radiology Physician Extenders (SRPE) since 2005, Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) since 2009, Society of Pediatric Interventional Radiologists (SPIR) since 2011, and Society of Pediatric Radiology (SPR) since 2013.

What kinds of hobbies and activities to you enjoy in your spare time? When I'm not busy with work and its associated activities, I like spending time with my beautiful wife, 6 year old energetic son, and almost 3 month old adorable little girl.

RT in DC 2014

Jason Lee, Emma Palmer and Tiffany Roman will be participating on behalf of Ohio in ASRT's RT in DC event 2014. Dr. Julie Gill will also attend the *RT in DC* event not only as an Ohio RT, but also as President of ASRT.

Each year, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists hosts the nation's largest advocacy event for medical imaging technologists, radiologist assistants and radiation therapists. Participants in the event meet with Capitol Hill lawmakers about issues facing the radiologic technology profession. ASRT invites its members to attend this year's meeting and advocate for patients, the public and the profession. The year marks the 16th anniversary of R.T. in D.C.

R.T. in D.C. is a great opportunity for members of affiliate societies to network with colleagues from other states who are interested in advocacy. Attendees share stories about what is happening in their states, discuss how they handle legislative or regulatory issues, share condolences about defeats and celebrate victories.

Ohio medical imaging and therapeutic professionals are invited to join the virtual march from home on **Tuesday March 19th**. Ohio would like to thank you in advance for your support!

