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ISSRT - OUR PURPOSE

The ISSRT, an affiliate of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), is the organization dedicated to the Radiologic Science professional, reflecting the concerns and spirit of thousands of Illinois technologists and students. The Illinois State Society of Radiologic Technologists is the professional organization that represents the radiologic sciences in the state of Illinois. The Society's purpose is to ensure that Illinois citizens receive quality patient care provided by competent Radiologic Science Professionals

Seasons Greetings,

As we look forward to the holiday season, I am looking back on 2020. Little did we know in February what was going to be changing our world. COVID-19 has changed our world like no other. Our fellow technologists have been working side- by side with all the other medical professionals saving lives and making a difference. To those technologists we say thank you and God bless you for all you give and share.



Our 2020 Annual Conference was canceled. We installed our new board members via a Go to Meeting. We were able to have the summer board meeting in Bloomington. During those two days we accomplished much for the better of the ISSRT. We made new friends and said goodbye to some “old” friends. We thank them for all their dedication that they have given to the ISSRT. Our fall board meeting was also held via Go to Meeting. The one big event that brought technologists together throughout the state was National Radiologic Technologist Week. And, what a week it was. The committee did an amazing job preparing a weeks’ worth of activities. We even received a proclamation from the Mayor of Chicago. As you can see

even with COVID-19 we made great strides in meeting the needs of the ISSRT? With a vaccine on the horizon we look forward to things getting back to some normalcy in 2021. The 2021 Annual Conference Committee is hard at work preparing a better than ever conference. And, it will be good to see each other again and just have fun.....

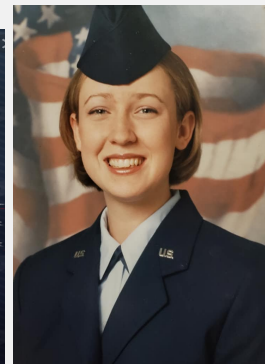


However, you celebrate the holidays please take time to enjoy the moment. Reach out to a friend that you haven't seen in a while. Sit down with your family and just appreciate the love of family. And, remember those that have no one to share the holidays with or financial funds to meet their needs.

From our family to yours Happy Holidays-Merry Christmas and Happy 2021 New Year! Pat

November- ISSRT saluted all the RTs that serve(d) in the Armed Forces.

Thank you for your service....



Pictured are: Kara Stotts and Candace Sloat

CHANGES TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS



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- Earlier this year, ARRT proposed changes to our policies for earning continuing education (CE) credit. We published the proposals for public comment in June 2020—and we received a great deal of feedback expressing support, neutrality, and opposition from the professional community for the proposed changes. As a result, our Board of Trustees decided:
- ARRT will stop accepting CE credits for preparing and delivering presentations effective Jan. 1, 2022
- ARRT will stop accepting CE credits for authorship with exception of peer-reviewed journal articles published in refereed journals effective Jan. 1, 2022
- The Board will review CE policies for writing and publishing peer-reviewed journal articles, then determine further action and the effective date for any changes.
- For more information on this change please see the following article.
<https://www.arrt.org/pages/r-t-update/eu-statement-on-changes-to-ce-requirements>

ARRT DEVELOPING ONLINE APPLICATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELIGIBILITY PATHWAY

In addition to expanding ARRT's online services with the creation of a Message Center, ARRT is also creating an online application for its primary eligibility pathway. As this effort gets closer to launching for Program Directors and students, ARRT will communicate with Program Directors about the launch and the transition from paper to online applications.



ISSRT 86th ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFO

Planning for the 2021 ISSRT Annual Conference is underway and it promises to have all the fun and educational opportunities you've come to expect. There will be dynamic speakers, a Wednesday night mixer, boat loads of CEs, and networking opportunities galore! And let's not forget the knock-down, drag-out students' ePoster, Scientific Paper, Scholar Bowl and Registry Review competitions. Do you love to see those students break-out into a cold sweat as much as I do? We will have more details in the upcoming newsletter so stay tuned!

ISSRT Scholarship Opportunities



ISSRT grants annual scholarships to student members who exert exemplary talent. <https://www.issrt.org/students/scholarships/> The deadline to apply is **January 31, 2021**. Scholarship applicants must be registered to attend the annual conference and must be in good standing with the ISSRT. Not a member? Join Today!



National Radiologic Technology Week Winners & Highlights

This year the ISSRT endeavored to create an exciting National Radiologic Technology Week (NRTW) celebration that was full of fun activities for all members. 2020 has been a tough year for all of us and we wanted to show our appreciation. Our field has been at the forefront of this pandemic and NRTW was a great opportunity to celebrate each other.

Information for the week's events was posted on the ISSRT website - www.issrt.org, as well as on the ISSRT Facebook and Instagram pages. We hope that you were able to join in and

participate in the activities. If not, hopefully you will join us next year!

NRTW began on Sunday, November 8 and ended on Saturday, November 14. We started the week off with a Welcome Letter from our ISSRT president, Patrick Murphy.

Monday November 9, was a call for all technologists and student technologists



to post Shout-Outs to each other. These Shout-Outs are available on the ISSRT Facebook page for viewing! Prizes were awarded

to the winners who received the most Likes/Loves. Gift cards went out to the winners: \$50-Jaylynn Schackelm and four \$25 gift cards to Jesse Barker,

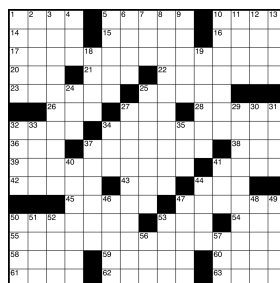
Rend Lake College, Anne Lawyer and Cheyenne Rachall.



November 10 was Trivia Tuesday! Wilhelm Roentgen and the discovery of x-ray related questions were posted on the website for intriguing minds to answer. 3 randomly selected entry winners each received a \$25 gift card. Congrats to -Danielle Loague, Chaise Hulcher, and Makayla Meaker.

Wednesday, November 10, offered a great CE opportunity! A Link to Patient Shielding in 2020 was posted and members were able to watch the recorded Zoom presentation and pass an eight-question post-test to receive one Category A credit approved by the ASRT. With all the recent controversy surrounding the changes to gonadal shielding, this was a must-see event! . The information that was provided was very enlightening and educational.

On Thursday, November 11, we posted a Radiology themed crossword puzzle. 3 entries were randomly selected and provided a \$25 Visa gift card to winners:



Patti Holvey,
Jennifer Beese,
and Taylor
Lindsey.

Friday, November 12, we asked everyone to post pics showing how they celebrated NRTW on the ISSRT Facebook and Instagram pages. The winning pic went to Sarah Miller and she received a \$50 Visa gift card.

NRTW week closed on Saturday, November 14, with a Letter of Gratitude from ISSRT President Patrick Murphy.

We hope that you enjoyed the week's activities. The role that each of you play in our state's healthcare is now more important than ever. We support you and applaud you. The



ISSRT's National Radiologic Technology Week was dedicated to you.

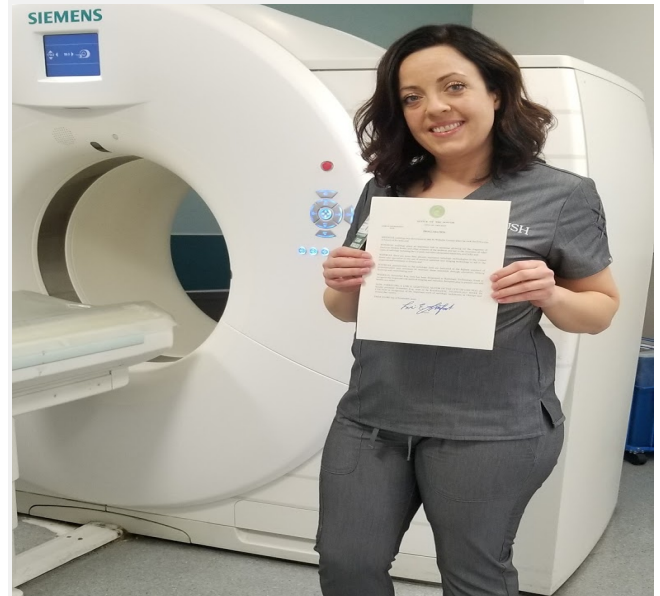


The ISSRT would like to thank Janelle Murphy, Andy Harmon and Ed Ostrowski for their hard work and efforts to make these NRTW events happen.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot Radiology Technology Week Proclamation

Greetings from Chicago, My name is Liz Gresey. I'm a Chicago resident, XR/CT tech and Clinical Instructor at Rush University Medical Center. I also serve my affiliate society as the ISSRT's Northern Region Advisor.

From the start of the Covid19 outbreak, I noticed the attention brought to healthcare teams fighting the virus was exclusively aimed at 'doctors and nurses.' The media never recognized other frontline workers- of which there are many!



Every patient admitted to the hospital with respiratory issues will receive at least one chest x-ray. While working in the emergency room or ICU, I would don and doff PPE dozens of times during a shift to obtain x-rays or CTs needed to diagnose patients.

Radiographers are the frontline-providing direct patient care and comfort, often while the sick are not allowed to have any visitors. I wanted to shine a light on our profession, as I feel we are a forgotten part of the healthcare team. We need to give credit where credit is due.

I drafted my Proclamation and sent it out to Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, which she granted several weeks later. This Proclamation is a salute to all Rad Techs near and far. Your dedication, hard work and professionalism is recognized and appreciated. Thank you.



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LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, radiology was discovered in 1895 by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen when he took the first x-ray in history of his wife; and

WHEREAS, radiology plays an important role in medicine allowing for the diagnosis of fractures, broken bones, and other ailments of the skeleton and led to the invention of other types of radiology including the CT scan, real-time ultrasound machines, and MRI; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 300,000 registered radiologic technologists in the United States who specialize in the use of medical radiation and imaging technology to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease; and

WHEREAS, professionals in the radiologic field are dedicated to the highest standard of professionalism and continues to maintain these standards through education, lifelong learning, and credentialing; and

WHEREAS, November 8-14, 2020 has been designated as Radiologic Technology Week to recognize the important role medical imaging and radiation therapists play in patient care and health care safety:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2020 to be RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY WEEK IN CHICAGO in recognition of the important work of radiologic technologists in Chicago and around the country.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2020.


Mayor

The ISSRT wishes you and your family a very happy and safe Holiday Season. Let's all hope for a great new year with a lot less toilet paper shortages



A special congratulations to:

Pat Murphy and Mary Hood!
Both completed the ASRT
On-Line Advocacy Academy!

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES

This newsletter has the intention of publishing several editions each year.

.Submissions are welcome and can be submitted to the newsletter committee for review at ISSRT.MEDIA@gmail.com. Please note not all submissions may be used

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Preconference	FEBRUARY 27, 2021	MARCH 15, 2021
ISSRT Conference	APRIL 16, 2021	MAY 3, 2021
Back to school	AUGUST 28, 2021	SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
NRTW	NOVEMBER 20, 2021	DECEMBER 6, 2021

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