

Hey everyone!

I want to extend my thanks for your participation in making the OSRT Midyear Seminar a great success! We offered seven great CE presentations, and had the opportunity to use the excellent facilities at the Meridian Technology Center! Stay tuned as we get amped up for this year's Annual Seminar, to be held at the Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott, April 1-3, 2010. We are well underway with planning the event and it is sure to be a great one!

As I am sure you were aware, November 8-14 was this year's National Radiologic Technology week. This November 8th celebrated 114 years since the discovery of x-rays by Wilhelm Roentgen. In that time, great advancements in technology have given us the ability to aid in healthcare in ways we never thought possible. The ASRT's slogan for R.T. Week, "Improving Healthcare One Image at a Time", is a very timely message in this age of digital technology. Please be mindful of our duty as technologists to utilize ALARA and other safety practices to protect our patients while improving their healthcare, one image at a time.

I would like to mention again the OSRT's Facebook page. If you utilize Facebook, look us up and join the group to stay updated with the latest news from the OSRT, in addition to networking with other technologists throughout the state!

In our continuing efforts to bring new and innovative ideas into the OSRT from future technologists, the Board has elected two new student interns for 2009-2010. Billy Little, from Rose State College, and Chance Davis, from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center - Tulsa program, have joined our ranks. We welcome them and look forward to working with them in the future! If you are a junior student in an R.T. program and you are interested in becoming actively involved in your state's professional society, look for more information on the internship program as we approach the Annual Seminar.

There is progress on House Bill 3652, which was introduced to the House by Representative John Barrow (D-GA). However, we need YOUR help! Please contact your local representative today to urge your support of the latest version of the CARE Bill. Passage of this bill into law performs several important functions, including reducing healthcare costs, maximizing patient safety, and increasing the quality of images produced. These ultimately benefit not only patients, but also you as imaging technologists as well. We will send more news as soon as it becomes available.

If you have any suggestions for the OSRT, feel free to contact me, or any other Board member, as our goal is to serve you, the imaging technologists of Oklahoma! Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families, and I look forward to seeing all of you in the spring!

Respectfully,

Bradford Gildon
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