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## 1992 CONFERENCE : "GOIN' TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS CITY HERE I COME!"

The Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists 60th Annual Conference will take place this year from April 8th thru the 11th, 1992 (Wednesday thru Saturday) at the Doubletree Hotel at Corporate Woods in Overland Park, Kansas. Conference Chairperson Diane Schulte and colleagues have put together an exciting and well-rounded program that will include a variety of technical and professional topics. Students and working professionals will have an opportunity to attend lectures on computerized radiology, interventional and vascular special procedures, recent developments in advanced registry and continuing education proposals, as well as special mammography, ultrasound, and educator programs slated for Saturday morning. Lectures and activities designed specifically for student technologists are scheduled throughout the Conference. For further information write:

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## MANPOWER ISSUE RECEIVES NATIONAL ATTENTION

Manpower shortages in the medical imaging profession made front page news in the Wall Street Journal and prominent coverage in the New York Times. Both publications ran articles in their August 27, 1991 issues. Brief descriptions of the various types of imaging specialists were defined (ultrasound, radiation therapy, general diagnostic, MRI, etc.); training requirements and general salary rates were also mentioned. Most importantly, the reports focused on the medical imaging boom and that the subsequent manpower shortage is a serious concern to health care industry executives throughout the United States. Also, the Times article stated that the U. S. Labor Department predicts at least 70,000 more jobs for radiologic technologists will be created by the end of the 1990's. Radiologic technology programs and the current lack of enrollment in such programs was also briefly discussed.

The Editors wish to thank Michael D. Ward, Chief Technologist and Director of Technical Education of the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology for providing these articles.

## FOURTH DISTRICT SPONSORS EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

The Fourth District of the M.S.R.T., in association with TEMPS Inc., sponsored an educational seminar on Saturday, February 1, 1992. The seminar was designed to appeal to both students and technologists. Topics of interest included career

opportunities in sonography, the importance of quality mammography, preparing for essay and exhibit competition, and a JRCERT update. All lectures were approved for American Society of Radiologic Technologists Evidence of Continuing Education (E.C.E.) points. The seminar took place at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology in St. Louis, Missouri.

## FROM THE BOARD ROOM

"From the Board Room" is a regularly featured article. Information for this section is provided by the members of the current Board of Directors, Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists. Articles may contain personality profiles, explanation of duties and responsibilities, and updates on issues that most affect their Office.

From Coleen Wynn, R.T. (R), 3rd District Representative:

District activities have sharply focused on the legislative movement within our profession. The January district meeting was held at the Bothwell Regional Medical Center in Sedalia, Missouri and was dedicated to the 1992 licensure / certification proposal. Legislative Activities Chairman Michael Kleinhoffer was the guest speaker. Efforts are also being made to develop a telephone network for legislative / informational purposes. I encourage all radiologic technologists to keep abreast of legislative developments as they affect our profession.

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From Shawn Snider, R.T. (R), RDMS, 5th District Representative:

The November district meeting was held at the St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield, Missouri. The educational topic was stereotactic breast biopsy. The January district meeting was held at the Oak Hill Hospital in Joplin, Missouri. Dr. Dwayne Myers presented a lecture entitled "Life in Radiation Therapy". Also, raffle ticket sales that evening generated over \$ 500.00 for legislative and scholarship purposes. District officer nominations were also held at the January meeting.

## STUDENT FORUM

"Student Forum" is a regularly featured article. Students who wish to express their opinions concerning the issues that relate to their radiography training have a printed forum to do so. Letters to the Editors may be submitted anonymously.

No student-composed articles were submitted for this issue.

Student Affairs Committee Chairman Henry Y. Cashion again has done a tremendous job this year in addressing issues that most affect the future of our profession- our students. His organizational skills and his enthusiasm for encouraging students and educators to participate in the M.S.R.T. continue to provide a meaningful and positive image of our organization.

A significant number of activities at this years' Conference are designed specifically to capture student interest. Be sure to consult your Conference program for details concerning the student agenda.

## FROM THE MAIL ROOM

"From the Mail Room" is a regularly featured article. This section provides space for technologists to announce births, marriages, career promotions, educational achievements, thank you's, anecdotes, etc.

James Watson, R.T.(R) of the University of Missouri Health Sciences Center submits this letter to the Editors:

The M.S.R.T. Board of Directors does, and always will, represent the best of the best, the epitome of the profession of radiologic technology in the State of Missouri. However, I believe to convince others of your professionalism, it is very important to look the part. When you as a group meet, or in any other way present yourselves to the public, you must look like professionals if you expect to be treated as professionals! When you meet a new group of people, the only thing they have to base their impression of you on, as a group, is the appearance of you - the leaders of your group.

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Cindy Daniels, B.S., R.T. of the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology submits this letter to the Editors:

As Chairperson of the Fourth District February 1992 Educational Seminar, I would like to take this opportunity to thank TEMPS Inc. for sponsoring this event. TEMPS Inc. provided registration materials and refreshments for this day long event. Their continued support of Fourth District events is truly appreciated.

## TECHNOLOGIST PROFILE

"Technologist Profile" is a regularly featured article. This section focuses on technologists who represent our profession with special leadership skills, scientific or academic contributions, or personal qualities that deserve recognition. A female and a male technologist will be featured in each issue. Recommendations for individuals to be featured in this section may be sent to the Editors, care of "The Radiographer."

### **Shawn Snider, R.T. (R), RDMS**

Shawn Snider currently resides and works in Carthage, Missouri - a community located in the southwestern part of the state. In 1984 he graduated from the L. E. Cox School of Radiologic Technology, and continued to pursue a career in medical sonography. He received his RDMS in abdominal and OB / Gyn sonography in 1985. In 1989 he earned RDCS certification in adult echocardiography, and also holds a BA in Healthcare Administration. As Director of Radiology at the McCune - Brooks Hospital, Shawn oversees all aspects of medical imaging services for that facility.

Shawn has maintained a most active role in the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists on the district and state level. In 1990 and 1991, Shawn held the office of 5th District Representative, and has proven to be a key member of the Legislative Activities Committee. He has been instrumental in the development of the 1990, 1991, and 1992 legislative proposals. As a representative of the M.S.R.T. during the critical negotiation phases of the legislative drafting process, Shawn's keen insight and political savvy worked most favorably to our advantage. His personal and professional commitment to this cause has won him the much deserved respect and thanks of the M.S.R.T. as well as that of many Missouri legislators, State officials, and allied healthcare professionals.

Shawns' ability to balance his personal life with career responsibilities, professional society and continuing education activities serve as a model for the members of our profession. ( A photograph was not submitted with Mr. Sniders' biographical information.)

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## Tammy R. Ochletree, R.T.(R), (CV)

Tammy Ochletree is a relative newcomer to the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists. In 1982 Tammy graduated from the Program in Radiologic Technology at the Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. In 1984 she completed her studies in special procedures radiologic technology ( vascular / interventional, neurological, cardiac, CT) at the University of Virginia Hospitals in Charlottesville, Virginia - where she remained on staff until early 1987.

Since that time, Tammy has played a crucial role in the special procedures department at St. Luke's Hospital of Kansas City, Missouri. She currently serves as Area Coordinator of Special Procedures Radiology and was appointed Clinical Director of Special Procedures of the newly developed Advanced Imaging Technology School in August of 1990 (for further information about this one year program in special procedures, write to Diane Schulte c/o St. Luke's Hospital). Her responsibilities in this dual -role capacity are quite varied. Not only does she manage the day - to- day departmental operations and technical staff , but also coordinates the clinical and didactic courses for students of special procedures radiologic technology.

Tammy has also found the time to prepare for and successfully pass the A.R.R.T. Interventional and Cardiovascular Board Examination this summer. She and colleague Sheryl Fetterolf were instrumental in helping develop a detailed study guide for fellow technologists preparing for this examination. Tammy is also pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Management.

As an active member of the M.S.R.T., Tammy was elected President of the 1st District in 1990, has served in a vital role for legislative activities since 1990, and most recently has contributed time and energy in helping to organize this years' Annual Conference.

The Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists is fortunate to have such a dedicated educator and working professional among its active ranks and has great expectations for Tammy in the years to come.



## M.S.R.T. SEEKS MALLINCKRODT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE NOMINEES

### General criteria:

- 1) The final selection will be made by the Awards Selection Committee from candidates provided by the Board of Directors.
- 2) Candidates shall have a minimum of five (5) years of consecutive and current membership in the M.S.R.T.
- 3) Candidates shall be: a) a registered technologist b) supporting member c) other - such as a physician or other interested participant d) non - RTs who have made unusual or exceptional contributions
- 4) All candidates shall have outstanding contributions to the M.S.R.T. above and beyond those normally required by the M.S.R.T. (example - recruiting several new members for several years).
- 5) Technologist candidates for this award may have been previously honored with Life Membership or invited lectureship; they may have served as officers / committee chairman. Candidates may be considered who have not been previously honored.

### General information:

- 6) a) " Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists" shall be spelled out on the plaque presented to award winner b) the name of the winner will be presented by the committee to a representative of Mallinckrodt Diagnostics at least four (4) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting c) candidate nominations shall be open to all M.S.R.T. members and must be forwarded to the Board of Directors meeting of the year in which they are to be considered, mailed to P.O. Box 14333, St. Louis, Missouri 63118 d) the "Master Plaque" will be housed by the Historian and brought to each Annual Meeting for display.

## L.A.C. BRACES FOR 1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The late fall and early winter months have been buzzing with activity as the Legislative Activities Committee began their third consecutive year of strategies and negotiations in helping to develop a substantial and acceptable legislative package in order to secure licensure / certification for radiologic technologists in the state of Missouri.

As in the past, the process has been much the same. November and December of 1991, as well as January of 1992 provided the time-frame in which representatives of the M.S.R.T., Missouri Department of Health, Division of Legislative Research, and various Physician, Hospital, and Allied Health organizations assembled for several meetings at the State Capital Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. Under the guidance of State Representative Carole Roper-Park (52nd District - Sugar Creek, Missouri) and after many hours of deliberation, the final draft was completed in mid - January.

This legislative package was presented to the M.S.R.T. Board of Directors at the January 25, 1992 meeting which was held in Overland Park, Kansas. Having reviewed its contents, the Board has agreed to support this legislation in general, but will also forward to State Representative Roper-Park a formal recommendation for some changes to the existing draft.

As this issue goes to print, this legislative proposal has been filed and has been assigned a number. The following is a brief synopsis of the current bill.

## HOUSE BILL 1592

House Bill 1592 concerns the training of individuals who administer ionizing radiation for diagnostic and / or therapeutic purposes to human beings.

The Missouri Department of Health will issue regulations establishing minimum training standards. The regulations will establish training standards for the various categories of radiologic technologists and will take into account appropriate professional or trade certification or accreditation.

These regulations will not apply to physicians, chiropractors, dentists, and podiatrists.

An Advisory Board will be established for 18 months in order to advise the Department of Health regarding the implementation of this bill.

The Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, the Dental Board, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and the Board of Podiatry will each establish by regulation a system of certification for individuals administering ionizing radiation outside of a hospital setting under the supervision of a physician, dentist, chiropractor, or podiatrist, respectively. The regulations developed by the respective boards will be at least as stringent as those established by the Department of Health.

Individuals meeting certain established criteria are eligible for certification under a "grandfathering" clause.

A practitioner who knowingly allows an uncertified person to act as a radiologic technologist or interprets the work product of an uncertified person will be subject to licensure disciplinary action.

The Division of Professional Registration and Department of Economic Development will maintain a central registry of those individuals certified as radiologic technologists by the various licensure boards.

Hospitals may only employ certified radiologic technologists.

The Legislative Activities Committee strongly urges you to write or telephone your State Representative or Senator for a complete copy of House Bill 1592, and as importantly, request that they support this legislative package. State Representative Roper-Park has also asked our organization to encourage legislators to serve with her as co-sponsors to this bill.

As concerned professionals we have an obligation to our patients, our colleagues, and to all citizens of Missouri to provide the highest quality of health care and safety.

As this issue goes to print, House Bill 1592 has been referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Professional Registration. This committee, which will hear H.B. 1592 in the very near future, is being chaired by State Representative Joseph Treadway. The M.S.R.T. has been encouraged to contact State Representative Treadway and to voice our support .

Individuals wishing further information or to serve in any capacity as a member of the Legislative Activities Committee should contact:

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