

The Central Ray

NATIONAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY WEEK EDITION

National Radiologic Technology Week!

National Radiologic Technology Week (NRTW) will be celebrated this year on November 08-14, 2009. NRTW was designed to celebrate the contributions of radiologic technologists and to increase awareness of our profession in the healthcare industry.

NRTW takes place nationwide in clinics, hospitals, and educational institutions during the month of November to coincide with the discovery of x-rays by Wilhelm Roentgen on November 8, 1895.

This year's theme is titled "R.T.s: Improving Health Care One Image at a Time." This theme is designed to stress the importance of each image taken by a radiologic technologist. As future technologists, we can begin making an impact by "improving health care one image at a time."

We can start by becoming stronger patient advocates. The C.A.R.E. Bill Legislation, H.R. 3652 was recently introduced in the House of Representatives.

H.R. 3652, the "Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and



This year's theme for National Radiologic Technologist Week— "Improving Healthcare one Image at a time."

Excellence (CARE) in Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy" bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. John Barrow (D-12-GA) on Sept. 25, 2009. Once passed, the CARE bill will reduce health care costs, maximize patient safety and improve exam quality for patients by ensuring that all radiologic technologist and radiation therapists are educated and credentialed in radiology. Poor quality images lead to additional testing, delays in treatment and cost the U.S. Health care system millions of dollars each year.

It is important to build support of bill H.R. 3652 quickly. Write to your Representative

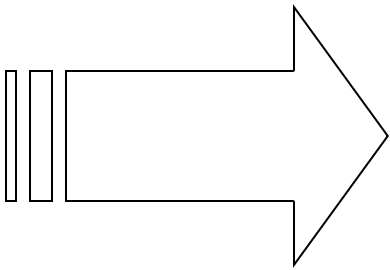
TODAY! Tell them to contact Mr. Hill Thomas in Representative Barrow's office and ask them to sign on as a cosponsor. Sample letters are available, please contact me at DavidnSF@yahoo.com or visit the California Society of Mentors and Students on Facebook for the sample letter. I encourage everyone in your family as well as your student colleagues to write to their representatives and inform them of this important bill.

As NRTW approaches, most hospitals, clinics, and schools will likely have events to celebrate the contributions radiologic technologists make and the important work they perform.

Begin by encouraging the technologists and your fellow students to be a part of a professional society, such as your state society of ASRT. By working together, we can build a stronger community of working professionals and increase our contribution to the healthcare team.

I encourage you to celebrate National Radiologic Technology Week at your facility. Ask your clinical instructor and/or department manager what you can do to encourage everyone in your department to celebrate the contributions of radiologic technologists and to increase awareness of their contributions to the healthcare industry.

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Feel free to access past issues of the Central Ray on the Facebook support group. Links to past issues are located on the CSMSRT Support Group page! The Central Ray is a quarterly publication for the CSMSRT Members. Members are encouraged to forward copies to their colleagues, friends, and co-workers. Have you missed reading any of these editions?

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Dear Central Ray....

Dear Central Ray: I will be graduating next May-2010. The economy is at a standstill and there are virtually no jobs at all. I've heard that graduates who graduated this past May are still looking for work. Any suggestions on what I can do to stand out in front to make sure that hiring managers notice me? I am really eager to work!

**Sincerely,
I want work !**

Dear I Want Work– Congratulations on being so close to finishing your program. I can understand your anxiety with the economy and the issue of wanting employment after you are finished with the program.

However, try to relax, you are still months away from that special date. It is pre-mature to react to something so far away. That being said, you could strengthen your resume once you are done with the program and you have passed your ARRT. For example, do you belong to a state professional society? If not, why ? Recruiters and hiring managers want to know you are serious and passionate about your profession and this is one way of showing them you are serious. Be proactive at your current clinical site, work hard and show them that you care! Work is out there, you just need to look! It may not be in your preferred area and you may need to move to find work, but you will find something !

Good Luck!