



What Is the American Society of Radiologic Technologists?

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists is the premier association for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.

ASRT represents more than 155,000 medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals nationwide.

Who Are Radiologic Technologists?

Radiologic technologists are the medical personnel who perform diagnostic imaging examinations and administer radiation therapy treatments. They are educated in anatomy, patient positioning, examination techniques, equipment protocols, radiation safety, radiation protection and basic patient care.

They may specialize in a specific discipline, such as bone densitometry, cardiac interventional radiography, vascular interventional radiography, computed tomography, mammography, magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine, quality management, sonography or general radiography. The radiologic technologists who specialize in radiation therapy, which is the delivery of high doses of radiation to treat cancer and other diseases, are radiation therapists and medical dosimetrists. Radiologist assistants are radiographers who have obtained additional education and certification that qualifies them to serve as radiologist extenders. They work under the supervision of a radiologist to provide advanced patient care, perform imaging examinations and communicate initial observations to the supervising radiologist.

How Are Radiologic Technologists Credentialed?

Registered radiologic technologists must earn an associate or more advanced degree from an accredited hospital-based program or academic institution and pass a national certification exam. To remain registered, they must also earn 24 continuing education credits every two years. The largest certification agency, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, has more than 360,000 registrants.

What Are the Profession's Legislative Priorities?

- ✓ Ensure only appropriately trained medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals are performing medical imaging and radiation therapy procedures.
- ✓ Guarantee supervision of radiologic technologists.
- ✓ Secure Medicare recognition of the radiologist assistant.



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