



Continuing Education for
Radiologic Technologists

New ARRS Education Program CERTainly Off to a Strong Start

The ARRS' reputation for providing quality educational and instructional opportunities has earned another distinction with the successful debut of its new program, Continuing Education for Radiologic Technologists (CERT). The program launched in January of this year and already has a loyal clientele.

CERT's goal is to serve as a repository for Category A learning activities based on articles from the *American Journal of Roentgenology (AJR)*. These articles have been enhanced with additional educational components specifically tailored for radiologic technologists.

"This is a great start," said CERT principal Eugene D. Frank of the more than 900 CERT registrants in the program so far. "And with that many users of the program at this point, we anticipate many referrals in the months ahead and increased participation."

To date, the primary focus of the CERT program has been CT and mammography, two areas of growing interest and importance among RTs. With a new CERT lesson available on the ARRS Web site each month, which allows RTs 24/7 access to learn on their individual schedules, the program provides a unique learning experience for a segment of the radiology profession that has assumed a more influential role in patient care.

"Since the technologists in these two modalities work closely with the radiologists, completing these lessons allows them access to the most up-to-date information," Frank noted.

"After preparing 15 lessons thus far, it is clear that the *AJR* contains excellent material for RTs' continuing education needs."

Positive Response from Radiologists and RTs

More importantly, the Society has received a tremendous amount of positive feedback about the new program for which it is designed.

"The CERT program is vital for not only the ARRS, but for the entire radiology profession, because it bridges the divide between radiologists and technologists," said Bernard F. King, chairman of the ARRS Membership Committee. "Our technology and knowledge is constantly changing and it is critical for both radiologists and technologists to be learning together."

"The CERT program allows us that opportunity under the ARRS' exceptional educational umbrella," he added. "I urge each member, practice, and facility to discuss this unique opportunity with their technologists and encourage them to take advantage of the program."

And RTs who have already taken part in the new program have been pleased with the wealth of information and the learning experience.

"The first thing that attracted me to the program was the price and the second is the amount of mammography topics that are covered," noted Ruthann Airy. "These will definitely enhance my career, now and well into the future."

Airy said that in addition to being educational, the CERT tests are "fun to take and I felt I learned a lot more than when I do quizzes from other organizations."

"These are perfect," she added.

Of course, many of those who have already discovered the benefits of the CERT program are sharing it with their friends and colleagues.

"I have already recommended the program to many of my coworkers," Airy noted. "We have no local, reasonably priced CEUs so this is wonderful." ■



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- Women's Imaging: Computer-Aided Detection (CAD) Comparisons
- Women's Imaging: Diagnosis of Angiosarcomas and Stellate Mammographic Patterns in Mammography

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