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The Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) is a professional membership organization that serves as the voice for more than 8,000 licensed radiologic technologists in Massachusetts. We are a state affiliate of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) which has a national membership of more than 153, 000 technologists.



Our Mission

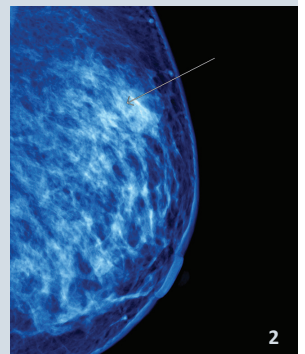
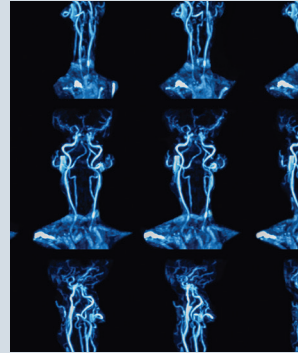
The Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to professional growth and development in the Radiologic Sciences. The Society is committed to the advancement of radiologic technology by promoting high ethical standards, improving the quality of patient care, maintaining the standards of education and providing quality continuing professional development opportunities or all medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.

The MSRT is committed to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in all programs and activities an complies with all state and federal non-discriminatory guidelines. This includes but is not limited to opportunities or benefits on the basis of age, sex, color, race, creed, national origin, religious persuasion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, political belief or disability.



Purpose

The purpose of the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists shall be to advance the science of radiologic technology ensuring that all citizens receive quality medical imaging and radiation therapy care by qualified and competent radiologic technologists.





MSRT Position Statement on Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Performance of Medical Imaging

The Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists, on behalf over the more than 7,500 medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals in the Commonwealth, opposes the expansion of the scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses to include “performance” or “administration” of medical imaging “tests” or “examinations” without evidence of:

- Completion of specialized education in the management of ionizing radiation
- Radiologic technologist or radiologist-supervised clinical training in medical imaging procedures.
- Quantifiable competency assessment through examination

Only registered and licensed radiologic technologists should perform procedures that use ionizing radiation and only experienced radiologists should interpret medical images.

Registered radiologic technologists have the education, experience and skills required to perform highly technical procedures such as conventional radiography and fluoroscopy, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine, vascular-intervention radiography or bone densitometry safely and effectively for Massachusetts patients.



Current Regulatory Issues

105 CMR 127.000 Licensing of Mammography Facilities
Have been revised by the Radiation Control Program (RCP) presented the PHC - public hearing Dec.1, 2016 - pending review of comments by DPH.

Advisory Commission on Radiologic Technologist Licensing (ACRT)

No evidence of action - continual delays in DPH and or Governor’s office to reestablish the ACRT as required by **MGL 111 Section 5L**.

105 CMR 125.000 Radiologic Technologist Licensing Regulations

Promulgated on February 24, 2017



Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Encroachment on Radiology

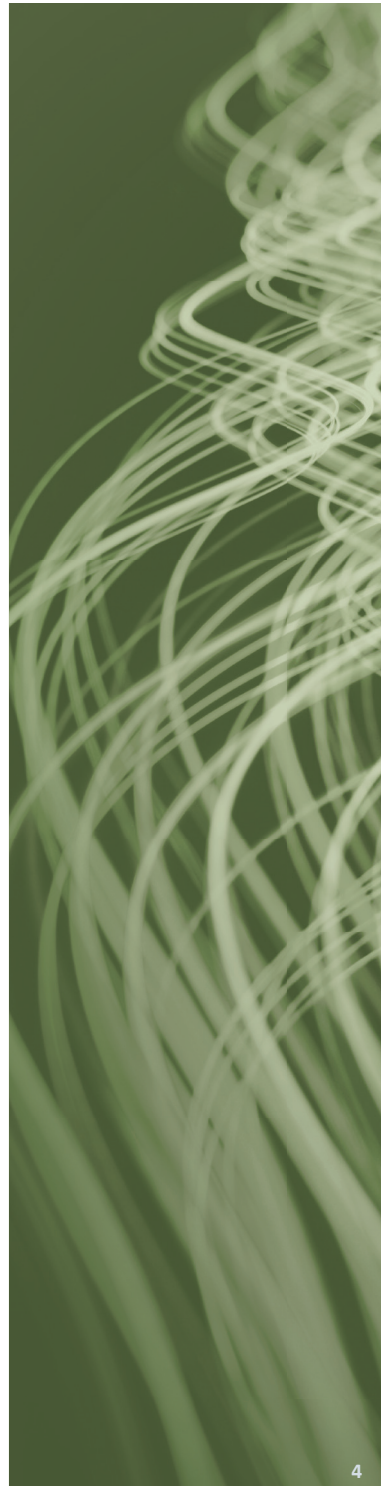
Nurse Practitioners (NP) and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)

Advisory Ruling 0201 (AR0201)

Board of Registration on Nursing (BORN) Conflict with RCP regulations

AR0201 states:

“CNPs who perform as First Assistants at cardiac catheterization may operate fluoroscopic systems when required for the production and display of serial x-ray images for the purpose of observing real - time motion of anatomical structures. CNPs may operate fluoroscopic systems in the capacity as first assistant in cardiac catheterization procedures. In addition, CNPs may operate fluoroscopic systems in clinical areas beyond the cardiac catheterization laboratory in order to produce and display serial x-ray images for the purpose of observing real-time motion of anatomical structures in order to safely perform diagnostic or therapeutic interventional procedures. Employer policies and procedures direct the education and training requirements of the CNP who operate fluoroscopic systems.”





Proposed Legislation

H.2451 & S.1257

An Act to contain health care costs and improve access to value based nurse practitioner care as recommended by the IOM and FTC

*"Notwithstanding provisions in this section to the contrary, the board shall promulgate regulations **independent of the board of registration in medicine** which govern the provision of **nurse practitioner** services and related care, including, but not limited to, the ordering and **interpreting of tests**, the ordering and evaluation of treatment and therapeutics and any registration as a practitioner, under chapter 94C"*

House Bill 2452 and Senate Bill 658

An Act to remove the restrictions on the licenses of CRNAs

*" Notwithstanding provisions in this section to the contrary, the board shall promulgate regulations **independent of the board of registration in medicine** which govern the provision of **nurse anesthetist** services and related care, including, but not limited to, the ordering and **interpreting of tests**, the ordering and evaluation of treatment and therapeutics and any registration as a practitioner, under chapter 94C."*



Proposed Legislation

2017 – 2018

House Bill 2451 Advanced Practice RN

Senate Bill 1257 Advanced Practice RN

House Bill 3829 Affordable Healthcare Options

House Bill 2452 CRNA

Senate Bill 1207 CRNA



House Bill 2437

An Act to promote team based health care.

Senate Bill 1181 Computed Tomography Task Force

Senate Bill 1180 Medical Dosimetrist Commission.

House Bill 3545 Credentialing of Sonographers and Vascular Technologists

House Bill 151 Medical Physicist Board



MSRT Reference Materials

Current Relevant Massachusetts Laws and Regulations

MGL 111 Section 5L Establishes requirement for Advisory Commission on RT Licensing.

MGL 111 Section 5N Identifies RCP as the state agency for establishing and enforcing regulations related to exposure to ionizing and non-ionizing radiation.

105 CMR 125.000 Licensing of Radiologic Technologists.

105 CMR. 120.400 X-rays in the Healing Arts, establishes requirements for use of x-ray equipment in the healing arts or veterinary medicine.

105 CMR 127.00 Licensing of Mammography Facilities.

105 CMR 130.900 NP's as first assistant in Cardiac Cath Labs.

105 CMR 120.405k Equipment/PA's Regulations.

243 CMR 2.08 PA's & Fluoroscopy.

AAPA/ASRT Fluoroscopy Educational Framework.



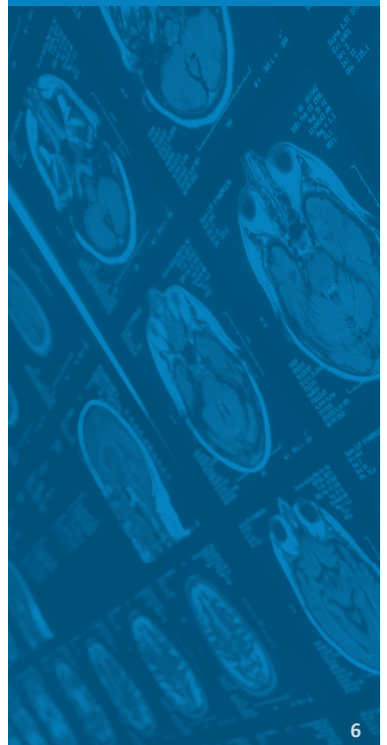
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