



## **HISTORICAL REPORT 2016–2017**

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**RADIOLOGY NURSES  
LEADERS IN PATIENT CARE**





## Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing (ARIN) Historical Report 2016 - 2017

### *Radiology Nurses: Leaders in Patient Care*

#### MEMBERSHIP

ARIN has experienced tremendous growth this year! By the end of the 2016, ARIN exceeded its 2,000-member goal with 2,099 members benefitting from the educational and networking opportunities available through this organization!

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#### ARIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The installation of the 2016-2017 ARIN Board of Directors occurred at the annual membership meeting on April 5, 2016, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada as noted:

President:	Evelyn P. Wempe, MBA, MSN, ARNP, ACNP-BC, AOCNP
President Elect:	Katherine Duncan, BA, RN, CRN
Immediate Past President:	Mary F. Sousa, BSN, RN
Treasurer:	Christine Keough, BSN, RN, CRN
Secretary:	Kristy L. Reese, BSN, RN
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Director of Membership:	Jim LaForge, MSN, BSN, RN, CRN

During the 2016-2017 term, the ARIN Board revised its Strategic Plan with a renewed commitment to its mission of providing radiology nurses with the knowledge and resources to transform radiology nursing practice and support patients in the ever-changing and expanding healthcare environment and specialty. In the words of this year's President, Evelyn Wempe, As *Leaders in Patient Care*, radiology and imaging nurses should strive to provide quality care, engage in open communication and collaboration, drive change, and promote advocacy to improve patient outcomes. With this theme in mind, ARIN continued its commitment of maintaining organizational value by providing educational and networking opportunities as well as an evidence-based body of knowledge. ARIN continues to foster relationships and mentor international radiology and imaging nurses; this commitment has resulted in an increase in article submissions, published articles, and international volunteers.

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#### ARIN PRESIDENT

Evelyn Wempe has provided exemplary leadership during her term. Her theme of ARIN being *Leaders in Patient Care* was supported in many ways throughout the year. She has brought increased awareness to the many nursing roles in the radiology and imaging environment including advanced practice nurses. She endorsed patient safety by helping to disseminate ARIN's Capnography Position Statement and by supporting the creation of education for the pediatric radiology nurse as well as MRI Safety during interventions. Throughout Evelyn's term, she has brought attention to the sub-specialty of Interventional Oncology. Her diligence has enabled ARIN to foster relationships with Synergy and Interventional Oncology 360. She has been instrumental in the development of an Interventional Oncology Task Force for ARIN. In addition to interaction with many national nursing organizations, as noted in this report, Evelyn enjoyed the opportunity to visit local healthcare institutions and radiology departments and connect with radiology nurses. In September, 2016, along with Immediate Past ARIN Historical Report, 2016-2017

President, Mary Sousa, and Executive Director, Bruce Boulter, Evelyn had the opportunity to visit with INOVA Healthcare in Virginia. Meetings such as this provide ARIN the chance to meet members in their work environments and learn of ways to support them as *Leaders in Patient Care!*

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## **ARIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Bruce Boulter continues to work diligently with all members of the Board of Directors, to focus on the ARIN Strategic Plan in the areas of Imaging Review Courses (IRCs) and Strategic Partnerships, specifically. With his assistance, educational opportunities have been enhanced through a marked increase in webinars and IRCs offered to ARIN members. This includes the first virtual review course held in October, 2016. With Bruce's expertise, a new partnership has been formed between Strayer University and ARIN. Strayer has agreed to offer discounts on tuition for ARIN members and their families. With campuses across the country, this University has offered classroom time to ARIN for IRC sessions, free of charge! In addition, after being with ARIN last year in Vancouver, the Mayo Clinic has now joined ARIN as a partner. We are excited to have them as part of the ARIN family.

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## **ARIN NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING**

2016 ARIN Annual Convention: April 3-6, 2016, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

The Annual Convention was a highlight as ARIN celebrated its historic 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. A 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception was held, during Convention, to mark this special occasion. The Board presented the Joanna Po Lecture for the fourth, consecutive year, and ARIN teamed up with the Association of Vascular and Interventional Radiographers (AVIR) for a joint education day and soiree at the beginning of the conference. This has become an annual opportunity for interaction and collaboration in the radiology environment. ARIN piloted a Lunch and Learn opportunity during this year's convention; vendors provided education in an informal setting during the lunch hour. Once again, items were donated by the membership and chapters for a Silent Auction. The funds generated sponsored scholarships, presented annually, by ARIN.

The inaugural Joanna Po Award was presented to Greg Laukhuf during the annual Membership Meeting on April 5, 2016. This award is given to the presenter of the Joanna Po Lecture; this nurse exhibits flexibility and change pertaining to the evolution and transformation of their role as a radiology nurse. The award is in the amount of \$350 in recognition of the 35 charter members and established in the historic 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of ARIN. Joanna Po offers this award, annually, to the Joanna Po Lecture presenter.

ARIN, in conjunction with the Society of Interventional Radiologists (SIR), conducted its inaugural joint session on capnography at the 2016 Annual Convention in Vancouver, BC. In addition, posters were presented in the SIR poster gallery. The conference was attended live, through live-streaming, and was available for viewing as a podcast.

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## **ARIN IMAGING NURSE REVIEW COURSE**

ARIN continues to have tremendous success developing expertise in the radiology and imaging nursing practice through nurse certification. As always, an ARIN Imaging Nurse Review Course was conducted at the 2016 Annual Convention, April 1-2, 2016, in Vancouver, BC. While offered at the Annual Convention for the convenience of ARIN members, this course can be hosted by a chapter or hospital. Master Faculty, for these courses, includes: Kathy Scheffer, RN, MN, CRN, SCRNI; Ellen Arslan, RNC, CRN, VA-BC; Kristina Hoerl, MSN, RN, CRN; and Pauline Lentowski, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CRN, RN. For more information, contact ARIN at [info@arinursing.org](mailto:info@arinursing.org).

In 2016-2017, the ARIN Imaging Nurse Review Course was offered at the following venues:

- Johns Hopkins Hospital – Baltimore, MD – April 16-17, 2016

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- New England Chapter-ARIN, Lowell General Hospital – Lowell, MA – April 30-May 1, 2016
- Baylor Scott and White All Saints Medical Center – Fort Worth, TX – August 6-7, 2016
- Virginia Commonwealth University Hospital – Richmond, VA – August 6-7, 2016
- Aurora Health Care – Milwaukee, WI – September 10-11, 2016
- Mease Dunedin Hospital – Dunedin, FL – September 17-18, 2016
- St. Cloud Hospital – St. Cloud, MN – September 26-27, 2016

ARIN premiered a virtual Imaging Nurse Review Course during 2016. The course was available over two weekends, October 8-9, 2016, and October 22-23, 2016. This format offered convenience and flexibility for attendees unable to participate in the classroom setting. In late 2016, the IRC course began revision to include the latest and greatest topics affecting the radiology and imaging practice. The IRC curriculum also offered continuing education credits for nurses and credits for radiology technologists through the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).

In addition to the IRC courses, ARIN offered self-paced, online podcasts that can be purchased and accessed through the ARIN website. Podcasts can be purchased as a package or purchased individually; they are an excellent way to earn CEs for maintaining certification and remaining current on topics relevant to radiology and radiology nursing.

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## ARIN MEMBER RECOGNITION

2016/2017 ARIN Awards and Scholarships:

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| • Radiology Nurse of the Year Award:  | Kristina Hoerl                              |
| • Godwin Scholarship:                 | Patricia McCarthy                           |
| • Dorothy Budnek Scholarship:         | Rosemary Harbuck                            |
| • Helen Malenock Award:               | Jane Andrews                                |
| • CRN Exam Scholarship:               | Not Awarded                                 |
| • 2016 Poster Award-1st Place:        | Nancy Dorinsky & Jonathan Rosko             |
| • Chapter of the Year:                | Not Awarded                                 |
| • 2016 Linda Strangio Editor's Award: | Tener Goodwin Veenema & Clifton P. Thornton |

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## ARIN PUBLICATIONS

### ***Core Curriculum for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition***

Kathleen Gross, BS, MSN, RN-BC, CRN, is the *Core* editor for the expanded third edition which includes information on cultural competency, forensic radiology nursing, hybrid procedures, infection prevention, radiology disaster preparedness, radial artery access, patient safety, and trauma patients in imaging. There is a section devoted to medications commonly used in radiology/imaging and chapters dedicated to imaging and interventions of breast and musculoskeletal diseases. The *Core* can be purchased in hardcopy or as an e-book. This is considered a “must have resource” when preparing for the CRN® exam. The authors of the *Core Curriculum* include nurses, radiologists, technologists, a physicist, a pharmacist, and an attorney from both academic and community medical facilities. The *Core* is being used by nurses around the world and continues to be an excellent resource for all healthcare professionals. This publication is available for purchase through the ARIN website. A 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *Core Curriculum* is planned for 2018.

### ***Journal of Radiology Nursing***

Kathleen Gross is the editor of the *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)* and continues to produce an outstanding publication for radiologic and imaging nurses. Over the past year, the *JRN* updated its look and continued to offer free directed readings as an educational benefit for ARIN members. These can be accessed via the ARIN website. Members are encouraged to visit the *Journal's* homepage, [www.radiologynursing.org](http://www.radiologynursing.org) or to Google “*Journal of Radiology Nursing*” on your smart phone or tablet. The *JRN* welcomed four new Editorial Board Members and ARIN Historical Report, 2016-2017

one new Nurse Planner into service! In addition, ARIN is pleased to have Kathleen Gross, as editor, through 2018!

### ***Orientation Manual for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition***

Katherine Duncan is the editor for this manual that offers a formal introduction into radiology and radiologic and imaging nursing. This resource assists the nurse with mastering the terminology, knowledge, and skills required to provide competent patient care and become an integral team member in a fast-paced and innovative practice environment. This publication is available for purchase through the ARIN website.

### ***Radiology Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice (2013)***

This is a joint publication of ANA and ARIN available for purchase at the conference as well as on the ARIN website. This document outlines the definitions, competencies, roles and responsibilities of the Radiologic and Imaging Nurse as well as the Advanced Practice Nurse.

### ***Vision Newsletter***

Greg Laukhuf became *Vision* editor in April, 2016. The newsletter is utilized by ARIN to relay important information related to governmental affairs, research dissemination, meetings, chapter news, and association initiatives. Names of new members as well as a listing of new and renewing CRN® imaging nurses appear in each edition. *Vision* is published six times a year and is available through the ARIN website. *Vision* provides a voice for ARIN and its membership.

### ***35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book***

Greg Laukhuf has authored the ARIN 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book which chronicles the history of ARIN and its impact on radiology and imaging nursing over the past 35 years. The book will be presented to participants of the 2017 ARIN Convention in Washington, DC, and will be available for sale through the ARIN website.

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## **ARIN BYLAWS AND ARIN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

ARIN members approved an ARIN Bylaws change that took effect December, 2016. The change provided tiered-membership and pricing for active, associate, lifetime/emeritus, retired, and student memberships. The Board of Directors continues to streamline and improve the policies and procedures and welcomes membership feedback. Throughout the 2016-2017 year, an Emergency Expenditure Policy was approved; the Report to the Board Form and Newsletter Editor's Agreement were revised. In addition, the President, Editorial Board Member, ARIN PS/CPG Dissemination, Revision, Style and Format, Clinical Practice Research Committee, and Nurse Planner policies were updated. ARIN Bylaws and ARIN Policies and Procedures can be viewed online at [www.arinursing.org](http://www.arinursing.org).

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## **ARIN CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES & POSITION STATEMENTS**

The following ARIN Clinical Practice Guidelines & Position Statements can be accessed on-line at [www.arinursing.org](http://www.arinursing.org):

- Position Statement: Capnography
- Position Statement: Nursing Leadership and Performance Evaluation
- Position Statement: Nursing Leadership and Performance Evaluation
- Position Statement: Patient Safety in the Imaging Setting
- Position Statement: Bariatric Patient Safety in the Imaging Environment
- Position Statement: Role of the Imaging Nurse in Patients Undergoing Sedated Procedures
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Handoff Communication Concerning Patients Undergoing a Radiologic Procedure

- Clinical Practice Guideline: Handoff Communication Concerning Patients Undergoing a Radiological Procedure with General Anesthesia (in cooperation with ASPAN)
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Personnel Dealing with Chemotherapy and Cytotoxic Medications
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Contrast Medium Administration to Pregnant or Potentially Pregnant Patients
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Contrast Medium Administration to Breast Feeding Mothers
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Universal Protocol for Procedures in Radiology
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Moderate Sedation and Analgesia
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Extravasation of Contrast Media
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Metformin Therapy and Lactic Acidosis Risk
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Contrast Associated Nephrotoxicity
- Clinical Practice Guideline: Gastrointestinal Contrast Media

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## RADIOLOGY NURSES DAY

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** is the official Radiology Nurse's Day. This is a day to recognize those working in the specialty practice of radiologic and imaging nursing who advance the standard of care in the imaging environment. Once again, a poster was available, free to membership, for download, print, and display. The link for the poster was available, online, at [www.arinursing.org](http://www.arinursing.org).

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## ARIN FORUMS

ARIN FORUMs allow for member interaction, collaboration, and sharing of best practice with other nursing professionals. Your ARIN member user name and password grants you immediate access to the FORUM page! To get started, look for the green balloon icon (bottom right corner of the ARIN Logo) at the top of the website's home page. FORUM topics include Assessment & Screening, Equipment & Supplies, Medications & Contrast, Policies & Procedures, Staffing & Training, and Procedures & Scans. For more information, refer to the website or contact [info@arinursing.org](mailto:info@arinursing.org) for more information.

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## ARIN CHAPTERS

Our chapters continue to make significant contributions to radiologic and imaging nursing by hosting educational events, webinars, and networking opportunities. Chapters are encouraged to contribute to the *Vision* newsletter to highlight their activities and accomplishments. A chapter location map can be found under the Chapter tab on the ARIN website. An asterisk by the chapter name denotes those with an active website and electronic link to the national organization. Local chapters include:

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| • <b>Blue Ridge</b> (Virginia)                                  | • <b>Maine</b>  |
| • <b>Carolinas*</b> (North Carolina)                            | • <b>New England*</b> (Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont) |
| • <b>Empire State</b> (New York)                                | • <b>North Texas Lone Star</b>  |
| • <b>Golden Gate*</b> (California)                              | • <b>Northwest*</b> (Washington, Idaho & Oregon)  |
| • <b>Grand Canyon State*</b> (Arizona)                          | • <b>Ohio Radiological</b>  |
| • <b>Great Lakes*</b> (Indiana, Illinois, Michigan & Wisconsin) | • <b>Southern California</b>  |
| • <b>Greater Tampa Bay</b> (Florida)                            |   |
| • <b>Long Island*</b>   |   |

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## ARIN COMMITTEES

- **Chapters Committee:** The Chapters Committee worked to strengthen the materials and assistance available for ARIN members to develop local chapters. ARIN continues to provide chapters with a

unique opportunity for individual website development including a link to the ARIN website; currently, seven chapters have taken advantage of this benefit. In addition, Town Hall Meetings offered chapter leadership education and training, the opportunity to build strong relationships, and advance local and national initiatives.

- **Clinical Practice/Research Committee:** The Clinical Practice Research Committee is focused on the development and promotion of a robust practice and research arm of ARIN through maintenance and standardization of current policies and practice guidelines and dissemination of evidence-based practice through ARIN resources. Chair, Brenda Boone, provided leadership for this committee. During 2016, the committee was responsible for updating several ARIN policies to streamline the writing and presentation of position statements and clinical practice guidelines. Watch for a Position Statement related to staffing during procedural sedation for 2017!
- **Leadership Development Committee:** The Leadership Development Committee focused its efforts on finalizing the ballot, determining recipients for awards and scholarships as well as fostering new leaders within the ARIN membership. For those with a personal goal of assuming an ARIN leadership role, the Director of Leadership mentors and assists members with this endeavor. The Leadership Development Committee solicited members to run for President-Elect, Secretary, Director of Membership, and the Leadership Development Committee. Voting was done electronically. The new officers will be installed at the 2016 Membership Meeting and include:
  1. President-Elect - Cheryl Jaglowski-Ho, BSN, CRN
  2. Secretary - Cathy Brown, BScN, RN, CRN
  3. Director of Membership - Sylvia Miller, MSN, BSN, RN
  4. Leadership Development Committee – Sue Thu, RN
- **Program Planning Committee:** This committee has worked diligently to make this conference beneficial and relevant for its membership. The most time-intensive ARIN committee, the members are appointed to a two-year term. The committee meets for monthly conference calls and developed the 2017 Annual Convention in Washington, DC. This committee values opportunities to collaborate with AVIR and SIR to offer joint opportunities for learning. ARIN continues with its commitment to “being green” offering handouts as well as this report, membership minutes, and the Convention booklet, online. Please access these resources through the ARIN website at [arinursing.org](http://arinursing.org).
- **Public Policy Committee:** To stay current with the nursing community, ARIN developed the Public Policy Committee. Members attend monthly telephone meetings, review issues and letters regarding the issues, and advocate for issues that support nursing and healthcare. Health care reform, federal funding, and federal legislation are among the issues addressed. The Healthy Nurse is a relevant initiative endorsed by ARIN through the Public Policy Committee. Look for information related to this topic on the ARIN website.
- **Social Media Committee:** This committee’s goal is to support the growth and development of ARIN through the Social Media arena, enhance ARIN’s visibility globally, and market ARIN as the “go to” organization for radiology nursing. The ARIN Facebook page is an important outlet for interaction; establishment of a Calendar Event was added to promote this year’s convention in Washington, DC. In addition, ARIN utilized Twitter for updates and information during Convention in Vancouver and throughout the calendar year. Watch for bidding updates for the Silent Auction during the 2017 Convention!
- **Sponsorship Committee Report:** This committee has a goal of developing relationships with companies that can assist ARIN with sponsorship of educational opportunities including conferences and webinars. ARIN has developed strong relationships with CareFusion, Interventional Oncology 360, Mavig, MedKidz, Medtronic, Nursing Services Organization, and Skyline. Additionally, Chamberlain University Walden University, and Strayer University offer membership unique discounts for continued education. Links to many of these ARIN partners can be found at [www.arinursing.org](http://www.arinursing.org).
- **Webinar Committee:** The Webinar Committee is responsible for providing radiology nursing educational opportunities online. They continue to plan and develop topics for quality webinars which are

provided, at a discount, to ARIN members. Cathy Brown is chair of this committee. During 2016, ARIN was pleased to offer the following new webinars, free of charge.

1. Contrast Induced Nephropathy: Recognition and Prevention
  2. Creating a Culture of Evidence-Based Nursing in the Radiology/Imaging Setting
  3. Critical Appraisal and Evidence-Based Nursing Research: A Practical Approach
  4. Human Trafficking and Healthcare Providers
  5. Improving the Experience for Sexual and Gender Diverse (LGBTQ) People
  6. Infection Control in the IR Environment: Preventing Central Line Infections
  7. Interventional Oncology: What it is, where it is, and where it's going
  8. Lung Cancer Screening with Low Dose CT
  9. Overview of Pediatric Sedation – Parts I and II
  10. Pet/CT Guided Intervention in Oncologic Patients: A Nursing Perspective
  11. Rheolytic Thrombolysis: Radiologic Nursing Care
  12. Therapeutic Treatments Options for Oncologic Patients Utilizing Radiopharmaceuticals
- **Website Committee:** Secretary, Kristy Reese, led this committee with a commitment to providing relevant and current information, on the ARIN website, related to educational opportunities and news and events for members. A new education platform, education page, new Leadership tab, and an updated Chapter's map helped to achieve these goals. Go to [www.arinursing.org](http://www.arinursing.org) for the latest resources and news for this nursing specialty.

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## ARIN TASK FORCES

- **Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Task Force:** This task force formed in the Fall of 2016 to explore the developing and evolving role of the advanced practice nurse caring for patients in the radiology and imaging environment.
- **Capnography Task Force:** This task force formed with the purpose of developing an ARIN position statement on Capnography. Following this achievement, the team published two white papers in the *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)* in September, 2016. The articles were entitled, "Capnography for the Radiology and Imaging Nurse: A Primer" and "Capnography Monitoring during Procedural Sedation in the Radiology and Imaging Setting: An Integrative Review." Watch for a simulation session on Capnography to be held during the 2017 Annual Convention; this offering is in conjunction with an educational grant received from Medtronics!
- **Interventional Oncology Task Force:** This task force formed to develop an Interventional Oncology (IO) Orientation Program. The task force began work early in 2017 to develop education for radiology and imaging nurses caring for patients undergoing oncologic, imaging studies and/or procedures.
- **New Graduate Radiology Nurse Orientation Task Force:** This task force formed to develop an Orientation Manual for New Graduate Nurses orienting in radiology. This presents a great opportunity to collaborate with nursing schools throughout the country.
- **Pediatric Task Force.** This task force was led by Sylvia Miller. In October, 2016, two webinars on pediatric sedation and capnography were offered; these webinars have been archived and are available for viewing. The Pediatric Review Course 101 was approved for 8.5 CEUs and will premiere in 2017. For additional updates please refer to [www.arinursing.org](http://www.arinursing.org).
- **Staffing Matrix Task Force:** This task force was led by the combined expertise of Greg Laukhuf, *Vision* Editor, and Brenda Boone, Chair of the Clinical Practice Research Committee. The goal of the task force was development of a matrix to insure adequate staffing in the Interventional Radiology environment. Refer to the ARIN website for further updates and the endorsement of a position statement in 2017.

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## Radiological Nurses Certification Board (RNCB)

The RNCB provides nurses, working in the radiology and imaging environment, opportunities for certification and certification renewal, each year. The RNCB was granted national accreditation of the Certified Radiology



Nurse (CRN®) exam by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification - Incorporated in July of 2013. The CRN® exam is administered three times a year in April, May, and October. Nurses that receive CRN® certification are proudly listed in *Vision*, and Certified Registered Nurses Day is celebrated on March 19<sup>th</sup> each year. For more information on the CRN® exam or RNCB, please visit their website at <http://certifiedradiologynurse.org>.

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## ARIN'S LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- **Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN):** In the Fall of 2016, AMSN conducted a survey among their membership regarding knowledge and care of the patient undergoing radiology and imaging studies/procedures. The knowledge deficit identified has prompted collaboration between ARIN and AMSN to develop education for both the non-radiology nurse and patients.
- **American Nurses Association (ANA):** ARIN has continued its membership in the American Nurses Association as an Organizational Affiliate (OA). The annual ANA meeting was held in November, 2016, in Washington, DC. Working in partnership, ANA and the member organizations share information and collaborate to discover solutions to common nursing issues. In addition, members inform the ANA regarding trends and concerns related to professional nursing practice. In June, 2016, President, Evelyn Wempe, presented ARIN's Capnography Position Statement at the Organizational Affiliates meeting held during the annual ANA Conference in Washington, DC.
- **Association of Vascular and Interventional Radiographers (AVIR):** In November, 2016, ARIN collaborated with the local Virginia Chapter of the Association of Vascular Interventional Radiographers (AVIR). The Chapter's annual conference was held in Williamsburg, VA. ARIN's Immediate Past President, Mary Sousa, was in attendance to support the program and nursing attendees. In addition, the ARIN Program Planning Committee works closely with AVIR to offer a collaborative joint educational day during the ARIN Annual Convention, each year.
- **Infusion Nursing Society (INS):** ARIN's Immediate Past President, Mary Sousa, had the opportunity to present at a local event, sponsored by the INS, in October, 2016. The collaboration between ARIN and INS led to a podcast interview on extravasation which took place in November, 2016. The topic discussed during the interview was specific to radiology nursing, training, competencies and patient care. ARIN is excited about the strong collaboration between ARIN and INS as both organizations are vital to the practice of vascular access and maintenance.
- **Interventional Oncology 360 (IO 360) Website:** Interventional Oncology 360 is a peer reviewed, online forum for healthcare professionals caring for oncology patients. ARIN's continued relationship with IO 360 serves as an additional educational resource for radiology and imaging nurses. The latest procedures, imaging studies, and treatments, for various types of cancers, are featured on the website. ARIN looks forward to further collaboration in 2017.
- **National Student Nurses Association (NSNA):** ARIN President-Elect, Katherine Duncan, attended and presented at the NSNA Mid-Year Career Planning Conference in November, 2016. This was an opportunity to present radiology nursing as a career specialty track for students entering the nursing profession.
- **Nursing Organizations Alliance (The Alliance):** Members of the ARIN Board of Directors attended Nursing Alliance meetings in 2016. The Nursing Alliance Leadership Academy (NALA) was held in August, 2016, and the Organizational Affiliates Fall Summit was held in November, 2016. Both meetings were attended by President, Evelyn Wempe, and President-Elect, Katherine Duncan. These meetings are instrumental in building relationships with key organizations that impact the radiology and imaging specialty and feature issues that impact nursing practice.
- **RAD-AID:** ARIN is privileged to partner with this organization that engages in volunteer work to improve radiology practices, globally. President-Elect, Katherine Duncan, attended their annual meeting in November, 2016. Mutual interests include educational assistance, skill-set training, and volunteer work opportunities for radiology and imaging nurses.

- **Society for MR Radiographers & Technologists (SMRT):** During 2016, ARIN collaborated with SMRT to offer educational modules related to MR safety when providing care to patients undergoing MR-guided interventions.
- **Synergy: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Interventional Oncology:** For two consecutive years, ARIN has endorsed and partnered with Synergy, a multidisciplinary conference with a focus on interventional oncology. Evelyn Wempe, ARIN President, was an attendee and presenter at the annual Synergy Conference held in November, 2016. The nursing symposium was multidisciplinary and included topics relevant to all members caring for patients in the radiology and imaging environment.

Additionally, ARIN has established professional, organizational relationships with the American College of Radiology Nurses, the American Society of Peri-Anesthesia Nurses (ASpan), the Association for Vascular Access (AVA), the Association of Perioperative Nurses (AORN), the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI), the Oncology Nurses Society, and the Society of Interventional Radiology.

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## MANAGEMENT SERVICES

ARIN members continue to benefit from the contract between the Board of Directors and Boulter Management Company, LLC (BMC). With an emphasis on customer service, BMC encourages its employees to improve member satisfaction and develop programs that serve both the members and the professions they represent. Boulter Management Company provides a fresh approach to association management by incorporating innovative technologies and services to improve member benefits and reduce expenses. In keeping with this commitment, Podio was utilized during the 2016-2017 year; this is a project management and collaboration software program used to track ARIN tasks and enhance projects that result in benefits to ARIN members. BMC has worked diligently with the Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing in support of its members, volunteers, and Board of Directors. For more information on staff responsibilities, see the “contacts” section of the ARIN website or use the email address: [info@arinursing.org](mailto:info@arinursing.org).

The ARIN Board and BMC thanks everyone for their support of the initiatives of ARIN. Remember - it’s never been a better time to be a radiology nurse, and it’s never been a better time to be an ARIN member!

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristy L. Reese, MSN, RN*  
ARIN Secretary, 2015-2017