

# RN NEWS

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## SECOND CERTIFICATION EXAM GIVEN FOR RADIOLOGY NURSING

SUBMITTED BY PATTY MERRICK RN, BSN, CRN  
CHAIRPERSON, RADIOLOGY NURSE CERTIFICATION BOARD

On August 15, 1998 Radiology Nurses were offered the second opportunity to take the exam which would give them the privilege of adding the letters CRN after their names. Here is the list of 42 Radiology Nurses who were successful in their endeavor:

Donna Anderson  
Amy Ayash  
Barbara Barnhart  
Debra Bryant  
Roberta Campbell  
Karen Carison  
Beverly Case  
Linda Cavanagh  
Susan Cinquemani  
Louise Cloonan  
Cecilia Cobb  
Ann Colvig  
Terry Ann Digiulio  
Christine Finn  
Arllys Franklin  
Virginia Gaston  
Kathleen Gross  
Sharon Hoge  
Regina Kennelly  
Janice Knob  
Jean Larivee  
Staci Lindsey  
Dona Line

Patricia McHugh  
Joseph Miller  
Linda Morgan  
Kathleen Murphy  
Zaharra Myers  
Susan Needles  
Maureen O'Brien  
Helen O'Daly  
Kathryn Pickowitz  
Barbara Powers  
Valerie Rioux  
Ellen Rossiter  
Colleen Sasso  
Maurita Schieding  
Carolyn Schuyler  
Nancy Siclare  
Cindy Sommer  
Ann Steffes  
Patricia Thakkar

There was an 81% pass rate. The RNCB would like to welcome you into the "CRN" club. There are now 150 "CRNs".

We'd like to encourage everyone to study and take the exam. Come join the group of certified radiology nurses. We'd love to have you!

## ARNA OFFICE HAS NEW ADDRESS!

*Please note the new address for the purpose of conducting business with ARNA:*

820 Jorie Blvd.  
Oak Brook, IL 60523

*The numbers for telephone, fax and e-mail remain the same.*

submitted by Betty Rohr  
Executive Secretary



## SEE OUR LATEST FEATURE -

## RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE

THROW OUT A LINE IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM OR QUESTION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS TO AN OPEN FORUM. IT WILL BE PRINTED IN RN News AND YOU HAVE YOUR ARNA COLLEAGUES AS A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE! email (OK, use snail mail if you wish) your issues, questions, problems or concerns to Helen O'Daly, Editor, RN News. See address on page 3

## SILENT AUCTION, 1998

The ARNA Scholarship Committee would like to remind everyone that the Silent Auction will again be a part of this year's ARNA educational program to be held this year at McCormick Place in November. We would again like all chapters to consider donating an item or basket from their region to support our efforts. The funds raised at this auction are used to finance the two ARNA scholarships. Also we would like to encourage ARNA members and other individuals to donate items or gift certificates for the auction.

All donations may be sent by November 15 to the ARNA office at 820 Jorie Blvd., Oak Brook, IL 60523, or you may deliver it to me on the first morning of the ARNA program. Please contact Janet Johnson at (815) 469-6646, 20332 S. Graceland Lane, Frankfort, Illinois 60423 and let me know as soon as possible what you intend to donate, and its value, so it can be included in the list of auction items.

Thank you for your donations and for your participation in bidding at the auction.

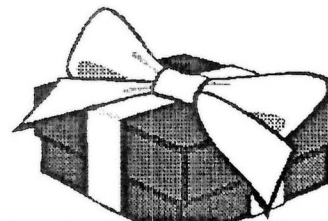
*submitted by Janet Johnson*

*ARNA Scholarship Committee Chairman*

**FAX OR PHONE YOUR BIDS TO THE ARNA EXECUTIVE OFFICES PHONE:**  
**(630) 571-9072**

**FAX: (630) 571-7837**

**CALL THE ARNA EXECUTIVE OFFICES THE THIRD WEEK IN NOVEMBER  
FOR THE LATEST LIST - DONATIONS ARE STILL COMING IN!**



### LIST OF ITEMS TO BID ON

ITEM:	DONOR:	ESTIMATED VALUE:
GIFT BASKET - CANDY BY STEVERS, ASSORTED JELLIES, BLUEBERRY COOKBOOK	EMPIRE STATE CHAPTER	\$50
2 BOTTLES OF HERMANN J. WIENER WINES	PAT BARRY DOOHAN	\$30
BASKET IN HONOR OF HELEN MALENOCK - CONSISTS OF A CAMERA, ALBUM AND FILMS	ILLINOIS CHAPTER	\$175
A CHINA PIECE BY LENOX	NEW JERSEY CHAPTER	\$50
MARK MCGUIRE MEMORABILIA (RECORD HOME RUN HITTER FOR 1998 BASEBALL SEASON) CONSISTS OF A SHIRT AND PLAQUE WITH HIS STATISTICS	GATEWAY AREA CHAPTER (MISSOURI)	\$60
HAND MADE MULTICOLORED CHILD'S SWEATER SIZE 4	LINDA STRANGIO	\$30
HAND MADE SOFT AFGHAN, LIGHT BLUE AND WHITE, 50 BY 60 INCHES	LINDA STRANGIO	\$60
2 HARLEY-DAVIDSON ITEMS	WINDY CITY CHAPTER	CALL
ADMISSION FOR 4 TO SECOND CITY IMPROVISATION THEATER	SECOND CITY THEATER, CHICAGO	CALL
4 TICKETS FOR SHEDD AQUARIUM	SHEDD AQUARIUM, CHICAGO	\$52
4 TICKETS -ZANIES COMEDY CLUB	ZANIES COMEDY CLUB, CHICAGO	\$60

**FROM THE  
EDITOR'S DESK**

**Certification Exam.** It has a scary ring to it, doesn't it? What on earth would make adults subject themselves to such a grueling experience on a beautiful summer day, especially when there were no formal review classes or a Core Curriculum to study from? The answer, quite simply, is pride. The pride is in oneself and in the hope that you can contribute something to the promotion of the kind of nursing that you enjoy so much. The greatest thing about this exam is that it covered what we do every day as Radiology Nurses. How can I convince you that YOU can pass this exam? I will share with you that I was in the middle of moving, so there was little time for studying. I studied from Kandarpa's Handbook of Interventional Radiology and I also relied on the course "Short Stay Radiologic Procedures" written by Linda Strangio. And that's it. I ran out of time and I had registered for the exam so I was determined to take it. One of the things I enjoy when travelling into New York City is the ride on the ferry from Weehauken to West 38th Street so I made a bargain with myself that in exchange for going to take the exam, I would be having an enjoyable ride to and from on the ferry! That took some of the sting out of the experience. What a beautiful day it was with the sun shining brightly on the Hudson River. It put me in the proper frame of mind to sit for this four hour exam. The fact that I passed it makes that day even more special in my memory. Whenever I think of that day, as now when I am sharing it with you, I relive that feeling of joy that I allowed myself in making August 15, 1998 not only a day of personal commitment but also a time to enjoy myself and *de-stress!*

*Helen O'Daly RN, BSN, CRN  
Editor, RN News*



**A NOTE FROM  
PATTY MERRICK**

As my term as Chairperson of the RNCB (Radiology Nurse Certification Board) comes to an end, I'd like to thank each and every person who contributed to the formation of our exam, or who took it. Thank you for helping me meet my goal and

**ATTENTION!  
MISSING IN ACTION**

**THREE CHAPTERS OF ARNA:**

**GREAT PLAINS**

**S. E. WISCONSIN**

**MO-KAN**

Any members of the above listed chapters who are interested in keeping your chapter active under ARNA requirements and guidelines, please contact (AS SOON AS POSSIBLE):

**CHAPTERS CHAIRPERSON**

Alma Kovarik RN  
1449 Vermilion Road  
Vermilion, Ohio 44089  
or call  
(440) 967-9048

**YOUR ORGANIZATION IS IN DANGER OF  
SURRENDERING ITS CHAPTER STATUS  
UNDER ARNA!**

(Patty Merrick - cont'd)  
take us "over the rainbow", as I told you I'd like to do when I was President. Please, continue to Publish, Submit, Speak, fight to allow our patients to receive specialized Radiology Nurse care. On a personal note you'll still see my name every so often but the time has come for my continued professional growth has come. I am back in a program to, hopefully, complete my Masters at last. Thank you for all the support you have always given me. As always,  
Patty Merrick

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BETTER INFORMED**

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## From GRASSROOTS to CAPITOL HILL



*National Federation for Specialty  
Nursing Organizations (NFSNO) invites you  
to attend the*

### 1999 Nurse in Washington Internship

**March 7-10, 1999**

**Madison Hotel • Washington, DC**

In this four-day intensive internship, endorsed by ANA, you'll learn about the legislative process, the political and economic forces driving health care policy and delivery, and how to become politically active. You'll even spend a day on Capitol Hill visiting senators and representatives!

Two scholarships are available for members of NFSNO member organizations: one from W.B. Saunders Company and the editors of *Policy and Politics for Nurses*, and one from the Federation. Apply now!

Early registration fees are \$595 for members of NFSNO member organizations, \$645 for SNA/ANA members, and \$695 for nonmembers. Special student rates for entry level programs are available at: \$400 for NSNA members and \$500 for non-NSNA members. Space is limited, so register early.

For more information, contact NFSNO:  
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<http://www.promina.org>

## GETTING READY FOR RSNA: SOME INS AND OUTS TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER IN CHICAGO!

submitted by Kate Little

For the first time the ARNA meeting will be held at McCormick Place and not at a downtown hotel. Since many of those attending may be unfamiliar with the facilities at McCormick Place, here are some tips:

- \* You can take a bus from many local hotels to McCormick Place. The bus schedule is extensive, but slow in the morning. Go to the SOUTH BUILDING.
- \* The ARNA meeting will be held in the South Building: Room 101A & B
- \* There is on-site registration in Room S100. If the lines are long in the morning, ARNA members who need to register can come ahead into the meeting and then return to the registration area later when lines are shorter. The Registration area is open until 6 pm.
- \* Upon registration you will receive a useful pocket program with maps of McCormick Place and information about where restrooms are located, where to get food and drink, etc.
- \* The coat check area is Room S102 (close to our meeting room).
- \* The general information desk for RSNA is one level up from our meeting room, once you exit through the commercial exhibits.
- \* The ARNA booth is in the Associated Sciences section of the commercial exhibits

### chapter news

#### Carolinas Chapter:

Officers for 1999:

President -Melissa Holbrook MSN, ANP-c  
President-elect- Delma Armstrong RN, BSN  
Secretary- Patricia Buesser RN, BSN  
Treasurer- Judy Hosey RN  
Board members- Dawn Hoffman RN, Debbie Lessard RN, Betty Clines RN

#### New Jersey Chapter:

At the annual Fall Educational Program, Treasurer Linda Strangio notes with pride that of the 150 CRN's nationwide, 12 of them were present at the largest turnout ever enjoyed by the New Jersey Chapter. The record attendance was 64 attendees! New Officers:

President -Helen O'Daly RN, BSN, CRN  
President-elect - Ann O'Hara RN, BS, CRN  
Secretary - Marge Parise RN  
Treasurer - Linda Strangio RN, MA, CRN  
Board members - Mary Jane McLaughlin RN, CRN; Joyce Clemens RN; Helen Sutton RN, MA



## **RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE**

### **PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES**

#### **Need help with Policies/Procedures**

If you can be of assistance in providing information to Hackensack (New Jersey) University Medical Center to serve as a guide in the development of Policies/Procedures for Radiology Nursing, please contact either:

Susan Olkusz, RN or Nurse Manager Sue Austin at:

Hackensack University Medical Center, 30 Prospect Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601, or fax to: (201) 457-3331

If you have a Table of Contents in your manual which you can share, that would be helpful in defining which areas should receive more attention.

#### **Contrast Extravasation**

Ann O'Grady RN is the only Radiology Nurse in a Community Hospital on Long Island and is seeking validation for the treatment of contrast extravasation which she learned at a conference as follows: ice packs immediately and up to 3 days if necessary; also, a surgical consult for >30 cc of high osmolar contrast or >100 cc of low osmolar contrast. Ann wants to know how other Radiology Nurses are treating contrast extravasations.

Ann O'Grady, c/o North Shore University Hospital at Glen Cove, 101 St. Andrews Lane, Glen Cove, NY 11542-2263

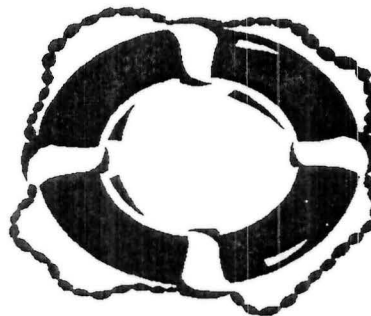
Work Phone: (516) 674-7300 ext. 7489

#### **Interventional - Standards**

If any readers can identify practice standards used at their workplace, RN,BSN,CCRN would like information pertinent to the following

- \* clean vs. sterile designation
- \* Persantine Cardiac Stress Testing
- \* Dobutamine Cardiac Stress Testing
- \* Captopril Renal Scans
- \* Hida scans with CCK
- \* CT guided biopsies
- \* implantable device tracking
- \* staffing ratios for RNs

Send info to [tberryrn@aol.com](mailto:tberryrn@aol.com)



Thelma Berry  
subjects:

#### **Pediatric Sedation**

Hershey Medical Center is updating their practice of pediatric sedation for MRI, CT and other interventional cases. The target population is generally high risk and ranges in age from one hour to eighteen years old. Areas of interest:

- \* what pediatric studies are you doing?
- \* what pharmacologic agents and doses are common?
- \* are you obtaining informed consent prior to the study?

Please send you responses to Nick Somple, Clinical Head Nurse, Radiology Administration, Hershey Medical Center,

500 University Drive, Hershey, PA,17033. Phone (717) 531-3837 (voice mail)

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