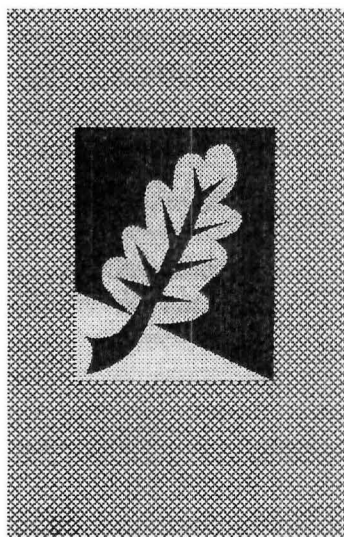


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## **RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE**

*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.

## **arna website is up and running!**

submitted by Dixon Johnson RN, CRN  
(dixonj@home.com)

At long last, the ARNA website is open for business. Logon at <http://www.arna.net> Please take the time to review it and by all means send your feedback! It is a very good start and has excellent potential for growth and development. Online membership application is in the works as is online application for our scholarship and awards program. Plans are also in the works for an ARNA "store" with our logo products pictured and available for purchase.

Thank you all for your patience and thank you to those individuals who were kind enough to submit the information you see on the website. I look forward to hearing from you and tell your colleagues to check it out!

## **update on "legs for life"™**

submitted by Kate Little  
On Saturday, September 18, 1999, "Legs for Life"™ took place across the country. This is a national screening program for PVD leg pain, a community health and public information program sponsored by SCVIR (the Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiologists) and is supported by ARNA.

### **editor's note:**

One of the screening centers was where I work, at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, NJ. *What a tremendous display of multidisciplinary teamwork!* Representatives from medicine, nursing, surgery, vascular and radiology departments, clerical personnel, public education and hospital volunteers worked together on what should have been their day off! 59 patients were screened with 11 diagnosed as positive as a result of the selflessness of these dedicated individuals. Hard work combined with being well fed made us all feel good about the day.

## **core curriculum available for purchase!**

As of September 3, 1999 the Core Curriculum of Radiology Nursing is for sale through the ARNA office. Cost for members is \$75 (plus postage and handling); non-members pay \$110 (plus P & H). *You will find an order form in this issue.*

**ARNA now accepts Mastercard, Visa and American Express.**

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phone: (630) 571-9072  
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- Serves as a resource for nurses caring for patients in diagnostic and therapeutic imaging environments.
- Serves as an excellent reference tool for the CRN Examination.
- Describes some of the most recent studies in Radiologic Nursing.
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### crn exam - passing candidates

submitted by Barbara Wozniak,  
ARNA Administrative Assistant

Following is a list of 74 Radiology Nurses who passed the RN exam given in August, 1999.

Aarnio, Wendy - Vermont  
Axen, Gerd - Nevada  
Bell, Elinor B. - New Mexico  
Berler, Christina - New York  
Blair, Victoria - Idaho  
Bonin, Ann - Connecticut  
Bronson, Linda L. - Florida  
Cacciola, Cynthia - New Jersey  
Caridi, Rhonda K. - Florida  
Cornell, Curtis L. - Virginia  
Cramer, Shelli J. - Ohio  
Creamer, Ann M. - Rhode Island  
Derucki, Carole - Michigan  
Dumaine, Doreen A. - Massachusetts  
Durilla, Leslye S. - Pennsylvania  
Emory, Judith - California  
Fleming, Jennifer - New Jersey  
Fogg, Kathryn C. - Kansas  
Foster, Lisa L. - Florida  
Fowler, Karen H. - Georgia  
Gallagher, Kathleen E. - Washington  
Galusha, Linda Mercer - Arizona  
Haithcock, Carolyn - North Carolina  
Harman, Cecilia M. - Maryland  
Hein, Glenna - Washington  
Holmes, Audrey L. - Georgia

Ingignoli, Karen - New York  
Isham, Marilyn C. - New York  
Jackson, Debra A. - Minnesota  
Johnson, Sharon - Colorado  
Knapp, Donna L. - Massachusetts  
Korenstein, Marie - Florida  
Lanfear, Linda M. - New York  
Leclair, Donna - Rhode Island  
Letts, Renate E. - Florida  
Lynch, Susan I. - Indiana  
MacCormack, Frances - New Jersey  
Marcum, Kimberly - Ohio  
Martino, Renee A. - Pennsylvania  
McGavin, Anna M. - Texas  
Meikle, Linda - Ohio  
Morrison, Suzanne R. - Pennsylvania  
Nimmer, Vickie D. - Iowa  
Nissen, Michael - Georgia  
Norder, Donald F. - Pennsylvania  
Pond, Sandra C. - Connecticut  
Sabo, Karen E. - Florida  
Sacco, Robert J. - Florida  
Salcido, Alice A. - Washington  
Smith, Jason - New Jersey  
Smith, Johnna S. - Florida  
Sturdy, Peggy A. - Idaho  
Suppenbach, Julie A. - Montana  
Terwilliger, Brenda - Iowa  
Tredent, Christine M. - Ohio  
Utleigh, Christine - Ohio  
Waagen, Gail L. - North Dakota  
Webb, Sandy - Colorado  
Weston, Gail M. - Florida  
Williams, Jacqueline - Michigan

**congratulations  
crn's!**



### UPCOMING CRN EXAMINATIONS:

February 12, 2000  
(application deadline  
12/31/99)

August 19, 2000  
(application deadline  
6/30/2000)

To obtain an  
application or check  
on the testing  
schedule, contact the  
**Professional  
Testing  
Corporation**  
1350 Broadway -  
17th Floor  
New York, NY  
10018  
(212) 356-0660

### arna board of directors announces new award

The Board is pleased to announce the **Helen Malenock Award** which is available to active ARNA members who demonstrate a financial need. The award is one year's complimentary membership and the number of awards granted each year will be at the discretion of the Board.

This award was established in memory of Helen Malenock who was an active and dedicated member of the ARNA Board and contributed significantly to the profession of Radiology Nursing. Helen passed away on January 31, 1999.

### MR meeting announcement

The Eighth Scientific Meeting and Exhibition of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine will take place April 1 - 7, 2000 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. The meeting will combine traditional and new elements of interest to both basic scientists and clinicians. For further information and a registration application, please contact:

International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine  
2118 Milvia St, Suite 201, Berkeley, CA 94704, USA

Phone: +1 (510) 841-1899

Fax: +1 (510) 841-2340

e-mail: [info@ismrm.org](mailto:info@ismrm.org)

web site: <http://www.ismrm.org>

### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Fall is upon us with Daylight Savings Time, Trick or Treating, changing leaves and plans for the annual ARNA meeting in Chicago. It promises to be an opportunity to gain a wealth of knowledge and a forum for meeting nurses like yourself from all over the country. If you are attending (and even if you're not) don't forget about the "Silent Auction"! See the article below for details.

Special note: **Editorial assistant wanted!** The newsletter is growing and it takes a lot of work. If you can be available to check/abbreviate articles and get them back to me in a few days by fax or e-mail, please contact me. I have wonderful assistants, but all of us are being pulled in many different directions so I would like to "spread the wealth". Good spelling and grammar are very helpful, otherwise, *no experience necessary!*

### don't shhhh!! silent auction

submitted by Jennifer Brown

The Scholarship Committee is holding its fifth annual fund raising program and once again, it will be the successful "Silent Auction". As in the past, the "Silent Auction" will be held during ARNA's annual meeting in Chicago, this year, from November 28-30, 1999. Why should you participate? Because, your chapter will gain nationwide exposure and have a chance to really stand out. And, this is a wonderful opportunity for all our chapters to participate in the organization in a way that directly benefits the entire association. "Fax-in" forms for bidding are (continued on page 5)

### help wanted:

Radiology Nurse position is open at UCSF-Stanford Health Care, Stanford, California. This is a full time position with benefits. Hours: 7:30-4:00pm, Monday through Friday, no holidays or weekends. Duties include conscious sedation for patients undergoing interventional procedures in our CT and Interventional MRI department, staff education, and contrast administration for CT and MRI scanners. Please call Robbie Snyder at 650-723-8023 or fax resume to Robbie at 650-723-7205.

### CHAPTER CHARTERS IN JEOPARDY

The chapter charters for the *Great Plains* and *SouthEast Wisconsin* chapters are under consideration for revocation at the January, 2000 meeting of the ARNA Board of Directors unless someone steps forward to assume leadership. Please contact the ARNA office by Jan. 1, 2000 at (630) 571-9072 if interested. If you think you might be interested but lack enough experience to be a chapter leader, support is available to get you over the rough spots.

-submitted by Kathleen A. Gross

**NOTICE:**  
**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING**  
**INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF**  
**RN NEWS IS**  
**JANUARY 10, 2000**

**SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO HELEN O'**  
**DALY, EDITOR (ADDRESSES BELOW)**

### 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



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## committee update

### Legislative Awareness Committee:

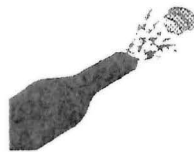
#### Capitol Update

submitted by Liz Livingston

On Oct. 7, the House approved a measure (275-151) that would allow patients to sue their health plan provider, without limit, for deaths or injuries perceived to be the result of poor care or denial of treatment. 68 House Republicans crossed party lines to support the measure which is considered to be a major blow to the insurance industry. The measure also addresses other complaints of patients in HMOs such as access to emergency care, access to certain specialists without approval from primary care physicians, and receiving routine care for clinical trials.

Representatives from the House, Senate and White House will meet to develop a final package of patient protections.

## chapter news



The **Carolinas Chapter** met October 2 in Chapel Hill, NC with 29 in attendance. There were lots of door prizes and fun as well as education and networking. Eight hours of continuing education credit were provided by St. Francis Health System of Greenville, SC. The business meeting followed the educational meeting and annual elections were held. The new President is Delma Armstrong. President-elect: Debbie Lessard of Greenville, SC. Secretary: Jeanne Mills of Raleigh, NC. Treasurer: Betty Clines of Greer, SC. Board members: one year - Juanita Fisher of Durham, NC; two year- (vacated by Debbie Lessard) Nellie Lewis of Durham, NC.

Congratulations, Delma!

The UNC Medical School's prestigious Nursing Excellence Award was won by **Delma Armstrong RN, BSN, CRN**, a staff nurse in the Radiology Department at the University of North Carolina Health Care System. It is notable that only a select few nurses are chosen each year for this award. Delma will receive a \$1000 grant for continuing education.

## professional organization meetings

### Society for Vascular Nursing (SVN)

Date: June 22-25, 2000

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Contact: David Hart

Phone: 888-536-4786 or 850-474-6963

### ama introduces web site

Oct. 29 -The American Medical Association has introduced its own web site, medem.com. The name is short for "medical empowerment" and the site will provide daily health and medical research news.

## chapter news

The **Texas Gulf Coast Chapter** of ARNA is announcing an educational opportunity:

**Date:** Jan 20, 2000

**Location:** VA Medical Center, Room 2C350.

**Time:** 6:00 PM, with refreshments.

### Uterine Artery Embolization, Questions and Answers

By Frank A. Morello Jr., M.D.

Asst. Professor of Radiology, M.D. Anderson Cancer Ctr.

RSVP: Marilyn Holland, ARNA President

Estellita Mansukhani-Education Program Coordinator

work # (713) 794-4114

e-mail: rmansu3130@aol.com

Fax: (713) 866-4386

This chapter is PROUD to congratulate **Anne McGavin RN**, an Interventional Radiology Nurse at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center on passing the recent CRN exam!

The **Minnesota Chapter** will present a seminar on "**Child Abuse - Detection and Protection**". Presenters will include Mayo physicians Dr. Mark Mannenbach from the ER, Dr. Jane Matsumoto from pediatric radiology, Olmsted County attorney Mr. Geoff Hjerleid, Ms. Elle Umpierri from Rochester law enforcement, Ms. Ann Rivas from Olmsted County child protection and a foster parent. Nursing CEU's will be given and Radiologic Technologist CEU's have been applied for. Registration is limited. The fee is \$20. Refreshments will be provided.

**Location:** Seibens Building, Leighton Auditorium (second floor)

**Date:** Saturday, November 20, 1999

**Time:** 8 am until noon (check in will begin at 7:30 am)

Call Terry Wiltsie at (28)4-3022 or e-mail her at wiltsie.terry@mayo.edu

**silent auction (continued)**

available, as well as the latest list of donated items. Bring a flier to your workplace to entice physicians, nurses and technologists to participate.

To summarize, "Auction '99" needs your help. Please consider a donation from your chapter in the \$50-\$100 range, something that reflects the flavor or culture of your area. Call Lois Curtwright, RN (513) 636-6392 or e-mail her at [lcurtwigh@aol.com](mailto:lcurtwigh@aol.com). If hand carried, these items can be given to me the morning of the first meeting day, November 28, at McCormick Place.

- Jennifer Brown, Scholarship Committee Chair (616) 226-4830 e-mail [witamy@earthlink.net](mailto:witamy@earthlink.net)

**volunteers needed  
in Chicago**

Kathleen Gross is seeking help at the RSNA booth in Chicago at the Annual Meeting. Please consider giving one hour of your time to talk with attendees about ARNA.

Sign up at the ARNA desk when you arrive.

Thanks for your support of ARNA!

- Kathleen Gross

**RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE****PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES  
WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES****Phlebitis with Magnevist?**

"Has anyone involved in giving rapid boluses of Magnevist for MRI (with injector) noticed a problem with patients developing phlebitis at the IV start sites, especially when started with a saline lock and Insyte? We have had this problem, but not when a butterfly was used."

Also, "at your facility, do the Radiology nurses sedate inpatients and outpatients? How do you handle children older than 2 years old for MRI sedation? Who orders the sedation medication for the inpatients and do the Radiologists then cover? Does anyone have competencies specific for the pediatric sedation nurse?"

Please respond to Joyce A. Murray, CRN, BSN, 2671 Jennifer Hope Blvd., Longwood, FL 32779

**Patient teaching sheet needed for biliary drains**

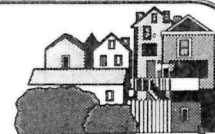
"Hi everyone! Wondered if anyone has a good biliary drain teaching sheet that they would be willing to share, or a resource for one. We're starting to send these patients home sooner, plus I need something for Discharge Planning and teaching for our Interventional Rads."

Kathy Donnett fax: 614-340-7742.  
[Kdonnett@columbus.rr.com](mailto:Kdonnett@columbus.rr.com)

**pain control vs. conscious sedation**

"Do you treat ALL pain medication given during procedures as conscious sedation? Does it depend on the drug or dose given? Clarification is requested, as you see it."

- Janet Dillon e-mail: [jandillon@webtv.net](mailto:jandillon@webtv.net)

**From  
GRASSROOTS  
to CAPITOL HILL**

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

**2000 Nurse in Washington Internship**

**February 27-March 1, 2000**

**Washington Court 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:  
856-256-2333 • FAX 856-589-7463  
[nfsno@ajj.com](mailto:nfsno@ajj.com)

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**RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE****continued.....**

From: Nancy O'Donoghue <odonoghn@musc.edu> subjects: **pharmacologic agents for sedation of older children, and competency of Radiology Nurses for care of the ICU patient.**

"IV Seconal is no longer available to use for sedation of the older child. What is everyone else using with success?" also, "since Radiology Nurses assume care of the ICU patient in the Radiology Department I wondered if you could tell me what you are doing to keep your nurses ICU competent. We have difficulty keeping up with the latest skills because we would only have an ICU patient 3-4 times a week. Our ICU managers felt that the radiology nurses would need to rotate through the unit once a month to keep their skills up. Our solution was to have the ICU nurse stay with the patient when they were here. The other issue was whether or not the Radiology nurse could receive enough "acute" care direction from MD's that are not critical care physicians. Last, what is the nursing ratio to allow for one on one nursing for patients from beginning to end? How late do you staff nurses and how many after 5 pm?

Thanks for your feedback" Nance

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**An ethical dilemma:**

"For the past two and a half years we have been responsible for the sub-Q or intradermal injections of Tc99m Sulphur Colloid for the purpose of Sentinel Node identification during Lymphoscintigraphy for primary breast carcinoma and melanoma patients. We believed we were covered by department policy and New York State Regulations for "Diagnostic Materials and Radiopharmaceutical Administration" as "other" licensed personnel. Recently, it was brought to our attention that this is indeed "out of the scope of nursing practice" as defined by New York State. I am now faced with the challenge of proving to the state that we Radiology Nurses are indeed able to perform this service for our patients. Are any other Radiology nurses responsible for providing this service? If so, how have you developed your practice. Any input or assistance would be greatly appreciated."

Mary Lou Bianchi RN  
The Genesee Hospital  
224 Alexander St.  
Rochester, NY 14607-4055

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**Radiology Nursing new at this hospital:**

"I am a new Radiology Nurse in a hospital which has only had such nurses for two years. JCAHO is coming and I need to develop some new policies. We have two nurses in Radiology and one at our outpatient (down the street) MRI. We need written policies on medication storage at the offsite facility, transferring of patients - both stable and unstable, what to do for emergencies, etc.

Also, if you have had to write a proposal to increase the Rad nurses' salary - due to increased knowledge and skill - please send a copy. Any help would be greatly appreciated!" Penny Johnson RN

zo0000by@aol.com

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**How can you prevent air embolism during catheter/port placement?**

"We recently had an air embolism as a complication from a dialysis catheter insertion. We positioned the patient supine. My question is, are patients routinely positioned supine or Trendelburg for port placements, dialysis catheter, Hickman catheter, etc placements. Any insight or help to reduce this complication would be greatly appreciated."

Thank you.


Beth Jorgenson, RN CRN bethj@excite.com

Lino Lakes, MN 55014-1321

**RADIOLOGY NURSE HELPLINE****continued.....****Procedure tracking, logging, statistics**

Please share methods of logging procedures (either by computer or by the old-fashioned method). Here is a site and a nurse who would like to know how tracking is done in different places. Any suggestions for Teresa? Please contact her:

Teresa Kindy, Radiology Nurse, Department of Radiology  
Murphy Medical Center  
4130 HWY 64 East  
Murphy, NC 28906  
Monday through Friday 8a- 2p:  
(828)837-8161 Pager 130

**Consent for contrast?**


"We are in the process of revising our IV contrast consent forms. I have obtained several copies from other hospitals in my area that do not require the radiologists to sign their consent forms. We always have had our radiologist sign our consent forms. Could you help us with this? Legally, where do we stand by not having the MD sign?"

Susan McCarty RN    SMcCarty@JPMC.ORG

**Pre-sceening, instructions for myelogram patients**


"What questions do you ask patients prior to their exam? What meds. should they not take prior?"

Noreen McHugh RN    Medical Imaging Dept.    NoNoCEN@aol.com  
Thunderbird Samaritan Hospital  
Glendale, AZ 85306

**Bilateral mastectomies and IV sites**


"What are you doing about IV starts when a patient has had bilateral mastectomies? It seems like there is no choice but to use one of the arms."

Valerie Lionetti  
Pascack Valley Hospital, New Jersey  
home phone (914) 268-8251

**How are patient assessments handled at your facility?**

"I have a question for other nurses regarding patient assessment in Radiology. JCAHO requires focused assessments be done on every patient regardless of outpatient status. We are struggling to develop a method to meet this requirement while maintaining efficiency and turnaround times. Are any other Radiology departments requiring vital signs prior to contrast administration? Are you basing assessment on the invasiveness of the exam? Any help would be appreciated."

Thank you,  
Kathy Scheffer, RN,CRN  
Clin. Sup. Imaging Services  
MultiCare Health System  
Tacoma, Washington  
kscheffer@multicare.com

**Is this type of patient observation the norm?**

Our Radiology Department wants the CT scan patients to wait 30 minutes post IV contrast injection, with saline locks intact, prior to discharge home because of the potential for allergic reactions. We are wondering what other institutions are having their patients do?"

Sincerely,  
Ray Freeman, RN    raymeril@together.net