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## ARNA Is Introduced to the Publishing World

-Submitted by Colleen Sasso, RN,BSN,CRN  
President-elect, ARNA  
Member Ex-officio, Editorial Committee  
Member Ex-officio, Newsletter, *RN News*

On August 10-12, 2000, Kathleen Gross, ARNA Secretary, and I had the privilege of attending a meeting of the International Academy of Nursing Editors in Winter Park, CO. Attendees were there for the purpose of developing relationships with colleagues and networking among individuals who actively participate in the world of publishing nursing journals, newsletters and electronic information (note - the ARNA editors of *Images* and *RN News* were unable to attend due to previous commitments). Conference topics included: Developing Issue Editors -- the editorial process; Electronic Publishing - Ethics and Ethos; Working with Your Publisher and/or Organization; Columns -- What Makes Them Work?; Motivating and Guiding Novice Writers; Newsletters -- Creativity and Innovation; and Author Consent and Copyright Issues. We were humbled in the presence of such notables as Leah Curtin, who gave the keynote address entitled, "If You Drive Up a Mountain, You Can't Back Down." Pertinent information was shared on the topics of making your publications successful and there was ample opportunity to network with national and international editors and publishers. ARNA's presence at the meeting was well-received and allowed us the opportunity to share our publications with those present.



## ACR Addresses Patient Safety

- Submitted by Kathleen  
Gross, BSN, RN,C,CRN

The American College of Radiology recently assembled a Task Force on Patient Safety in response to the Institute of Medicine report "To Err Is Human." (To read more about this report see the website [www.nap.edu/readingroom](http://www.nap.edu/readingroom)). E. Stephen Amis, MD chaired this meeting which was held on August 9, 2000 in Reston, Virginia. Kathleen Gross, BSN, RN, C, CRN represented ARNA at this meeting. Among 25 participants in this collaborative effort were radiologists from varied disciplines and members of RSNA, ASRT and ASTRO. John Eisenberg, MD, Director for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) spoke about the Report of the Quality Interagency Coordination Task Force (QuIC) entitled "Doing What Counts for Patient Safety: Federal Actions to Reduce Medical Errors and Their Impact" which was given to President Clinton in February 2000. There was a review of external initiatives (continued, p. 6 )

## committee news

### *We hear you!*

Filling out evaluation forms gets to be routine and old - especially if you don't feel they make a difference. On behalf of ARNA, the **Education Committee** would like to tell you that your requests have been heard; your comments *do* make a difference, and we are working hard to meet some of those requests. We thank all of you for taking the time to fill out those evaluations.

It takes up to a year to produce an educational program. In planning the program, one of the first things taken into consideration is the membership's needs. We obtain the majority of that information from evaluation forms - they are key to the program planning process. As soon as one program has ended planning is already in process for the next year. While you may not see immediate results, we have heard you and value your feedback - and are working to make changes where it's possible.

Here are a few examples of comments received on evaluations and how we've tried to accommodate

| <u>MEMBERS' COMMENTS:</u>   | <u>ARNA'S RESPONSE:</u>  |
|---|--|
| "I would like to see more nurse speakers - we can always hear a physician's perspective, we came for the nursing perspective."  | Eleven out of the twelve speakers for the 19th Annual Meeting and Educational Program in Chicago, from November 26-27 2000, are nurses and one speaker is a physician.   |
| "Some of the sessions are too basic for my current of function .....include entry and advanced level<br>"..... would like to see CRN review"<br>".....more pediatric specific topics" | We are looking into space availability for breakout level sessions at the Spring 2001 Education Meeting in San Antonio so choices might be available to the membership.  |
| "It would be nice if the educational sessions could be taped to bring back to those nurses who cannot attend."  | Audiotaping was done at the 18th Annual Meeting and Educational Program in Chicago and tapes were available. Audiotaping is planned for the 19th Annual Meeting and tapes will be available to the membership.<br><br>Other planned improvements:<br>*Taping at the Spring meeting when we have adequate funding.<br>*The future: audiotapes with contact hours. |
| "Note taking guides would be helpful....a lot of information could not be written down fast enough"   | Speaker packets have been developed which encourage the speaker to use note pages with copies of their slides.   |

We recognize educational program attendance represents only a portion of the membership and continue to explore alternative methods of education to meet membership needs.

Remember.... we are all volunteers and continue to need and value *your* help. Please continue to fill out your evaluations and keep in touch with your concerns. WE are continuously striving to meet the needs of the membership. Thank you.

Lynn Reid, RN, MSN, CRN  
Nurse Administrator  
Nursing Education Committee/Provider Unit

Nurse Planners: Barbara Sargent, RN, BSN, MBA  
Anne Oteham, RN, BSN

# Associated Sciences: a New Beginning

## Associated Sciences Program at RSNA 2000

Sunday, November 26 through Friday, December 1, 2000

(Each Symposium is approved for 1 1/2 hours credit)

### Associated Science Symposia

Monday, 10:00 - 11:30 am

#### Teleradiology and The Future of Radiology

Patricia Kroken, FACMPE

Tuesday, 10:00 - 11:30 am

#### Workforce Development: Creating the Technologists of the Future

Glenda D. Price, PhD

Terrence J.D. West, BA, RT(R)

Salvatore Martino, EdD, RT(R)

Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:30 am

#### A Perspective on Compliance in the Delivery of Radiology Services

Mark T. Knight, MBA, CPA

### AAPM/RSNA Basic Physics Lecture for the Radiologic Technologist: Anti-Matter Comes to the Community Hospital - Positron Imaging in Your Department

Monday, 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Organized by Gerald A. White, Jr., MS

Scott Dube, MS

James Patton, PhD

1 1/2 hours credit

### Refresher Courses

Sponsored by the Associated Sciences Consortium

(Each Refresher Course is approved for 1 1/2 hours credit)

Sunday RC 124

#### Marketing Radiology: Getting the Message out

Ronald F. Bernardi, BA, RT(R), (AHRA) Moderator

Cherrill Farnsworth, (AHRA)

Michael R. Favreau, (AHRA)

Monday RC 224

#### Multidisciplinary Standards for the New Millennium

Susan S. Weiss, CNMT (FSNM-TS) Moderator

William R. Poller, MD, (SNM-TS)

Michael R. Boyd, RT(R), BSN, (ASRT)

Sue M. Smith, RT(R)(CV)(M), (FAVIR)

Tuesday RC 324

#### The Process of Managing Outcomes

Stephanie Ellingson, BA, (SDMS) Coordinator

Julie Peay, RT(R), MR, (SMRT)

Sue M. Smith, RT(R)(CV)(M), (AVIR)

Tuesday RC 424

#### Specialized Accreditations: A Cost of Doing Business

Luann J. Culbreth, MEd, RT(R), (SMRT) Moderator

John Kovelski, RT(R), (SMRT)

Karol Handrahan, RT(R), (SDMS)

Sandra Katanick, RN, RVT, (AHRA)

Ronald F. Bernardi, BA, RT(R)

Wednesday RC 524

#### Electronic Commerce (E-Commerce) the Way Roentgen Would Have Wanted It

Paula Maramonte, MEd, RT(R), (AERS) Moderator

Jeffrey H. Kleck, PhD, (AERS) (RBMA) (AHRA)

Kevin Tracy (AERS) (RBMA) (AHRA)

Thursday RC 624

#### Economic Implications of Regulatory Change

Becky Kruse, RT(R), (ASRT) Moderator

Cherrill Farnsworth, (AHRA)

Sherry Makely, PhD, (SNM) (ASRT)

Donna L. Wright, EdD, RT(R) (AERS)

Thursday RC 724

#### Asset Management for High-Technology Systems

Chester T. Szerlag, MBA, (SROA) Coordinator

Tim Guertin, (SROA)

Sheila M. Sferrella, (AHRA)

Dennis A. Bair, RT(R)(CV), (AVIR)

Friday RC 824

#### Current Challenges in Radiology and Planning and Design

Morris A. Stein (AIA-AAH) Coordinator

Jerry W. Froelich, MD, (AIA-AAH)

Eliot L. Siegel, MD, (AIA-AAH)

Bill Rostenberg (AIA-AAH)

RSNA 2000  
**EXPLORE**  
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### Registration Information

Advance registration for the RSNA Scientific Assembly ends October 27. Onsite registration begins at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 25, at McCormick Place. RSNA shuttle bus service to McCormick Place will be available beginning at 11:00 am on Saturday. Registration is required to attend the Associated Sciences Programs.

Advance registration information appears in the July issue of *Radiology*. Brochures are also available from your association or from the RSNA, 820 Jorie Boulevard, Oak Brook, IL 60523-1860. Phone: 630/571-7852

If you would like a copy of the published Associated Sciences Proceedings, please call 630/571-7874.

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from the Editor's desk

**ANOTHER GLUCOPHAGE ALERT**

There is now a medication available by prescription in three different strengths which *contains* Glucophage (Metformin HCl) as one of its ingredients.

"Glucovance™ combines glyburide and metformin hcl ... to improve glycemic control in patients with type 2 diabetes." This product thus requires the precautions we are already familiar with for any patient taking Glucophage when receiving iodinated contrast materials, that is, discontinuance for 48 hours following the injection of intravascular contrast material and reinstitution only after renal function has been re-evaluated and found to be normal.

For more information from the manufacturer, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., you may call: 1-800-321-1335 or fax your request to 609-897-5529. there is also a website specifically for Glucovance™: [www.glucovance.com](http://www.glucovance.com)

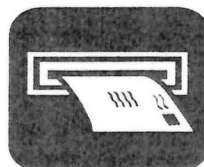
- submitted by Helen O'Daly RN, BSN, CRN  
 Editor, *RN News*

**available strengths of  
Glucovance**

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| 1.25 mg | 250 mg |
| 2.5 mg  | 500 mg |
| 5 mg    | 500 mg |

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## ACR Safety, cont'd from p. 1

such as MEDWATCH-FDA, JCAHO Sentinel Events, National Patient Safety Foundation, and the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation were discussed by William Shields, JD, LL.M. A review of the literature on radiology related issues was presented by Marie Zinniger, ACR staff member. Some specific issues addressed included unmonitored patients, unmarked films, drug dose errors, equipment failures, exposure issues, peer review and competence, conscious sedation, clinical trials, inadvertent irradiation of pregnant women, ferromagnetic objects in magnetic fields, laterality, on-call issues, informed consents, and HAZMAT handling.

At the conclusion of the presentations, members of the task force looked at other industry examples of ways to address safety issues. The NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System and the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation initiatives were specifically highlighted. A brainstorming session on issues specific to all areas of diagnostic radiology and radiation therapy was also held. As a result, several subcommittees were developed to investigate the identified issues and to make suggestions for action.

ARNA's presence at this meeting demonstrated the *recognition* of the appropriateness of the having specially trained nurses in the radiology department and other areas where radiology services are provided. Nurses who are familiar with patient assessment and radiology procedures can be invaluable in helping to make the patient's procedure a safer and emotionally less stressful encounter.

## Nembutal shortage, continued

To contact Abbott Pharmaceuticals for additional information call: 800-441-4987 or e-mail Abbott through their website at [www.abbott.com](http://www.abbott.com)

It makes sense to me that we should develop a pediatric sedation forum for purposes of networking and sharing information. I will look into organizing a teleconference and would like the input of those of you who would also like to discuss and share this information. I think that waiting until our November annual meeting in Chicago to network with one another is too close to the potential inability to attain Nembutal. If you are interested in having dialogue regarding this issue please feel free to contact me at [rlwagner99@home.com](mailto:rlwagner99@home.com) or add your comments to the ARNA website at [arna.net](http://arna.net).



-submitted by Laura Wagner,  
Radiology Nurse

## pediatric radiology dept.



### ATTENTION ALL NURSE PRACTITIONERS: *ARNA is interested in you!*

*Are we meeting your educational needs? Do you have concerns regarding radiology practice that we can research and respond to?*

*Please take a few minutes to e-mail me and introduce yourself at [brm619@aol.com](mailto:brm619@aol.com) or in c/o the ARNA office. Let us know how we can be of help to you.*

*All of us at ARNA look forward to being a valuable asset to your educational goals.*

- submitted by Barb Mottern

## Sodium Pentobarbital Shortage Update

Dear Radiology **Pediatric Sedation** Colleagues,  
Many of you may already have been alerted by your hospital's pharmacy department regarding the Sodium Pentobarbital (Nembutal) shortage. I am a radiology pediatric sedation nurse at DeVos Children's Hospital at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This was alarming news to our radiology department pediatric sedation team as we sedate approximately 620 children annually with Sodium Pentobarbital. Many other children's hospitals throughout the United States sedate even greater numbers of children annually with Sodium Pentobarbital.

I want to share with you some important information that I obtained via telephone conversation on 9/27/00 with Abbott Pharmaceuticals' manager of technical allocation, Mary McAndrews. The FDA cited the sole manufacturer of Sodium Pentobarbital with manufacturing violation(s) earlier this year. The FDA's action disallowed manufacturing additional Sodium Pentobarbital. According to an article published in "Animal Sheltering Magazine", the FDA did grant a temporary exemption in April that allowed production of a fixed quantity of sodium pentobarbital for use only in euthanasia products for animals. (See [www.hsus.org/programs/companion/...sue/jul\\_aug00/frontlines\\_sodiumpen.html](http://www.hsus.org/programs/companion/...sue/jul_aug00/frontlines_sodiumpen.html) for this article). I have been assured that Abbott Pharmaceuticals is fully committed to continued manufacturing sodium pentobarbital *when and if* the necessary raw materials become available.

Ms. McAndrews gave me a *two month* conservative estimate of Abbott Pharmaceuticals supply of sodium pentobarbital. Abbott Pharmaceuticals has placed a priority on sodium pentobarbital's use in head injuries. Ms. McAndrews explained that Abbott Pharmaceuticals has advised their customers to consider alternative medications when medically possible. Sodium pentobarbital will not be available through your local wholesaler, but will be supplied to your facility directly from Abbott Pharmaceuticals, a special ordering process which your pharmacy department is knowledgeable about. Abbott Pharmaceuticals does advise us to begin the process of finding alternatives to sodium pentobarbital sedation in the event that the supply problem is not overcome in the next few weeks and months.

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## committee update

### Legislative Committee

Republicans reached an agreement on the Labor, Health and Human Services Bill with an increase of \$6 billion. A 9.6% increase was agreed upon for Health Professions funding; a \$2.7 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health.

The ANA encourages all nurses to voice in writing their objection to H. R. 2260, the "Pain Relief Promotion Act". This is suggested in the ANA Capitol Update Volume 18, Number 12, dated 8/4/00. The ANA is opposed to this bill because it can "result in needless suffering, a result that is totally at odds with the professional commitment of the nursing profession".

-Submitted by Anne Simard RN  
Legislative Committee

## SILENT AUCTION

SHHHH!!!!

It's time for the SILENT AUCTION to be held on Sunday November 26, 2000 at ARNA's 19th Annual Meeting and Educational Program in Chicago, Illinois. If you will be attending the meeting, come prepared to bid on great items donated for this fundraising event. Payment for winning bids will be accepted in cash, by check or those great plastic cards (*credit*, that is) we all love. If you, your ARNA Chapter or someone you know would like to donate an item to be auctioned, please contact the ARNA office for information.

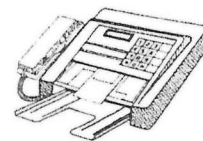
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**RADIOLOGY NURSE Helpline**  
**PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES**  
**WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES**

Our institution is expecting us to chart on computer. We are using HBOC Care manager system. We find this charting very time consuming. Is anyone else using computerized charting? How is it working for you?

Susan Backer RN, BSN, CRN  
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Does anyone have any information on aromatherapy discs, used for MRI patients? Some information was shared awhile ago by an ARNA nurse but I am unable to locate a supplier.

Thanks,  
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**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE ARNA WEBSITE?**  
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**THEN "DISCUSSION HEADLINES".**  
**YOU WILL SEE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SUBMITTED ON**  
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**IT IS LIKELY THAT YOU WILL FIND SOME OF THE TOPICS**  
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