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President's Message

Kate Little, RN

Dear ARNA members:

One of the responsibilities that I have as an assistant supervisor in the radiology department is to meet and interview any candidates who apply for a position here. The nurse recruiters want to know what qualities we are looking for when choosing a nurse for radiology. Nursing care in the radiology department is highly misunderstood by others, so I am constantly explaining what nurses do every day in radiology. These are some of the qualities I look for in a candidate:

- ❖ solid clinical skills
- ❖ patient advocate
- ❖ ability to communicate effectively
- ❖ varied nursing background
- ❖ positive attitude
- ❖ varied life experience
- ❖ confidence
- ❖ critical thinking
- ❖ willingness to learn
- ❖ demonstrates unique skills (e.g., speaks second language, has pediatric experience)

- ❖ sense of humor
- ❖ maturity
- ❖ flexibility
- ❖ kindness
- ❖ diplomacy
- ❖ compassion
- ❖ tact
- ❖ good organizational skills

When choosing an ideal candidate for our radiology nursing team, we are not looking for a "cookie cutter" nurse. The person who will be considered for a position on our team will be a dynamic, skilled individual with personality and have (as one of my colleagues joked recently) "a high tolerance for surprise!"

Does this sound like you or anyone you work with in radiology?

Additionally, it helps if the men and women coming to the radiology department exhibit any or all of the following:

ARNA Endorses ASPMN Position Statement

The American Radiological Nurses Association has endorsed the American Society of Pain Management Nurses's (ASPMN) position statement, *Pain Management in Patients with Addictive Disease*. ASPMN's position is that patients with addictive disease and pain have the right to be treated with dignity, respect, and the same quality of pain assessment and management as all other patients. If you would like a copy of the position statement, visit ARNA's Web site at www.arna.net, scroll down to Additional Resources, and click on Pertinent Links. Go to the ASPMN listing.

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DOROTHY BUDNEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2004

The American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to ARNA members who have returned to school to advance their nursing education. The recipient will a scholarship in the amount of _____. Individuals who have been members of ARNA for at least three years are eligible to apply for the Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship.

Dorothy (Dot) Budnek began her career as a Radiologic Technologist. Dot strongly believed in the importance of the nurse's role in radiology and returned to the University of South Carolina to pursue her BSN degree. She faithfully supported ARNA and attended classes at USC throughout her battle with breast cancer. In the memory of Dot, a faithful ARNA member and nursing education advocate, ARNA is proud to award a scholarship to a radiology nurse who is continuing his/her education.

Eligibility

- Must be an active member of ARNA for at least three years.
- Must possess a current nursing license.
- Must be enrolled in an approved academic program.

Submission Requirements

- Completed Application
- Resume or curriculum vitae of pertinent work and educational experience indicating a radiological focus.
- Transcripts from the current educational institution and all post high school institutions attended with a minimum of a 2.5 overall grade point average.
- A statement of purpose for requesting the scholarship (not to exceed 150 words).
- A statement of how these funds would be utilized in furthering or enhancing your educational goals (not to exceed 300 words).
- A statement of financial support throughout post high school higher education. Consideration will be given to applicants indicating financial hardship because of school attendance.
- Copy of your current nursing license.

To apply for the Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship, please submit this application, a copy of your nurses license, and the materials outlined in the submission requirements, to the ARNA National Office at the address below no later than **March 1, 2004**:

**Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship
ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514**

Please Return to the ARNA National Office by March 1, 2004.
ARNA * 7794 Grow Drive * Pensacola, FL 32514-7072 * Toll Free (866) 486-2762 * (850) 474-7292 *
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**THE AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION
DOROTHY BUDNEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Educational Goals _____

College/University _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

List your ARNA involvement; include activity at the chapter and national level, any presentations you have given at the ARNA Educational Meetings, articles you have written for ARNA publications, etc.

List your involvement in other radiology related activity outside of ARNA.

On a separate sheet of paper, explain why you are requesting this scholarship. (150 words maximum)

On a separate sheet of paper, explain how you would use these funds to further or enhance your educational goals. (300 word maximum)

Please Return to the ARNA National Office by March 1, 2004.
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THE CHARLOTTE GODWIN SCHOLARSHIP

The American Radiological Nurses Association (ARNA) Charlotte Godwin Scholarship was established to provide assistance for ARNA members to attend the annual Spring Educational Meeting. The recipient will receive a complimentary registration for the annual meeting; in addition, the recipient will receive a cash Scholarship of \$200.00 to defray the expense of attending the meeting. Individuals who have been members of ARNA for at least three years are eligible to apply for the Charlotte Godwin Scholarship.

Charlotte Godwin, RN, the first President and a Life Member of ARNA, believed in the importance of the specialty of radiological nursing and its commitment to quality patient care. It is hoped that scholarship recipients gain personal knowledge and work to further the advancement of radiological nursing and ARNA.

To apply for the Charlotte Godwin Scholarship, please complete both sides of this application. Submit the application and a copy of your nursing license to the ARNA National Office at the address below no later than December 1, 2003:

Charlotte Godwin Scholarship
ARNA National Office
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514
Fax 850-484-8762
arna@puetzamc.com

Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the questions on the back of this page; please list only the criteria that have been met in the past five years. The ARNA Scholarship Committee reviews blinded applications. The application with the highest scores will be selected as the Scholarship recipient.

Applicant's Code Number _____

How long have you been an ARNA member? _____

Have you ever attended an ARNA Educational Meeting? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you currently employed in radiological nursing? _____ Yes _____ No

Selection Criteria: Please answer all questions that apply.

1. Have you ever held a national ARNA office or served as a committee chair at the national level? _____

_____ Yes _____ No Positions _____ Dates _____

2. Have you published an article related to radiology nursing in *Images* or in another professional journal? _____ Yes _____ No Date of most recent article. _____

3. Have you ever presented at an ARNA Educational Meeting or a radiology nursing seminar? _____ Yes _____ No Date of most recent presentation _____

4. Have you completed a radiology-related research project? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please give a brief summary.

5. Have you ever held an ARNA Chapter office or chaired a local committee? _____ Yes _____ No
Positions _____ Dates _____

6. Have you ever held an office or committee chair position for another nursing organization? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Please list organization and position _____

7. Are you currently a member of an ARNA National Committee? _____ Yes _____ No

8. Have you been a speaker for a local ARNA chapter or radiology nursing related seminar? _____ Yes _____ No

9. Have you been a guest speaker for a nursing organization other than ARNA? _____ Yes _____ No

10. Are you a member of an ARNA local chapter? _____ Yes _____ No

12. Are you a member of a nursing organization other than ARNA? _____ Yes _____ No
Please list _____

AMERICAN RADIOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2003-2004

Nominations are being sought for the following ARNA offices:

President-Elect: The first year is spent working closely with the President to understand the comprehensive role of the President. The President-Elect is required to assume the role of President in the event the President is unable to complete the elected term. The second year the President-Elect assumes the role of President by acting as the presiding officer of the Board of Directors and assuming the general supervision over all business affairs of the Association. Travel is required and expenses are reimbursed as set by ARNA policy. Two-year commitment.

Treasurer: Works with staff to develop the budget and present it to the Board for approval and monitors the financial activities of the Society. Travel is required and expenses are reimbursed as set by ARNA policy. Two-year commitment.

Board Member: Board members direct the business and financial affairs of the Association, establish policy, foster the growth and development of the Association, and engage in strategic planning. Board members serve as liaisons to ARNA committees. Travel is required and expenses are reimbursed as set by ARNA policy. Three-year commitment.

Nominating Committee Member: The Nominating Committee oversees the elections process, solicits and screens applicants, and presents a slate of candidates to the membership for voting. The business of the Nominating Committee is conducted via conference calls; travel is not required. Two-year commitment.

NOMINATION AND CONSENT STATEMENT

A candidate must have been an active member of ARNA for a minimum of one year preceding nomination. In addition, the President-Elect should have served at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors or served as a chairperson of an ARNA national committee for a minimum of one year prior to nomination. Nomination does not guarantee that a person's name will appear on the final slate.

I am willing to serve in the office of _____ if selected for nomination and elected by the membership.

Signed, _____ Member, ARNA Date _____

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION

Full Name _____ Credentials _____

Current Position _____ Work Phone _____

Affiliation _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Fax _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please see reverse side for nominee questionnaire

1. Please include a one-paragraph biography that includes the following information:
 - Your current job title and a brief description of your current responsibilities
 - Your professional educational background

2. Professional affiliation and ARNA positions, committees, or projects in which you were/are involved.

3. On a separate sheet, please submit a 200-word statement, **for inclusion with the ballot**, describing what you hope to achieve through the office you seek and what you hope ARNA would achieve through your service.

Return this completed form, your curriculum vitae or resume, and a passport-type photo to the ARNA National Office by November 1, 2003, to:

**ARNA
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514
or
Fax (850) 484-8762**

Editorial

I recently went to an inservice class that talked about the infusion of multicultural diversity into health care. I have to admit that I felt frustrated with the term "multicultural" when what was truly being presented was gender and race diversity. Using such all-encompassing terminology as multicultural led one to believe that all cultures are incorporated. Culture is not defined by race alone. Webster's dictionary defined *culture* as the "customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group." To truly become multicultural, we must not dismiss the needs and position of the cultural groups who feel marginalized by focusing the efforts on race and gender alone. While it is common for our society to believe that multicultural refers to race alone, it is our responsibility and obligation to be aware of the multi-facets of cultural diversity. Let us not forget the culture of the physically challenged, the deaf, the blind, the developmentally challenged, and the gay and lesbians. This list is extensive. By pretending that we are addressing multicultural diversity by infusing race and gender diversity into our institutional philosophies is doing a disservice to ourselves and the clients we serve. My point is label this effort what it truly is, race and gender diversity. We have a long way to go in this society to embrace and encompass true multiculturalism in its purest form.

Nursing has supported and encouraged true multicultural diversity in course work over the past several decades. The profession has moved from a

western medical omnipotent framework to a more holistic perspective that respects the individual. The practicing nursing professional encounters multicultural disparity and diversity daily and has an academic foundation that allows the professional to interact and support clients from diverse racial, religious, or social groups.



When providing care it is important to assess gender, race, a developmental and physical challenges that may redirect care or responses. While medicine treats diseases, nurses treat what diseases do to the individual. Individuals are diverse: come from varied backgrounds and experiences. To effectively interact and provide supporting and caring attention the healthcare provider must be cognizant of cultural and gender needs and customs.

Susan Simpson, MSN, RN
Editor

Who Are We vs. Who We Are

I attended an educational awareness day at the Institute where I work. The displays were very interesting and informative. They had pamphlets, representatives of different fields, little gifts, pens, and the like. The information sheet listing the different areas of nursing where one could become certified caught my eye. I was dismayed to discover that the area of radiology nursing certification was excluded. I made my way to the director of education and inquired about this oversight. Her answer puzzled me. She stated she was totally unaware there is a certification available in radiology for nurses. I spoke with her for a while and later brought her information about the process of becoming a Certified Radiology Nurse.

This experience started me thinking how under exposed the field of radiology nursing really is. We as radiology nurses are as skilled and

knowledgeable as other certified nurses in their field or specialty. The lack of awareness is both from within and from outside our profession. In this case, exposure and education of the profession and the public are the keys and as certified nurses, we should make our presence known.

I believe our association and certification board should make concerted effort to let people know we exist to serve the public with our skills and expertise.

Mary Myrthil, RN, CNA, CRN
Chair, Radiology Nursing Certification Board Testing Committee

Scholarship Opportunities

ARNA provides its members two unique scholarship opportunities for educational growth in radiology nursing. The Charlotte Godwin Scholarship provides the recipient with a complimentary registration and a stipend of \$200.00 to attend the ARNA Annual Spring Educational Meeting. The deadline for the Charlotte Godwin Scholarship is December 1, 2003.

The Dorothy Budnek Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to an ARNA member who has returned to school to advance his/her nursing career. The deadline to apply for the Dorothy

Budnek Memorial Scholarship is January 1, 2004.

The applications for both scholarships are included as inserts in this issue of *Vision* and are available on the ARNA Web site: www.arna.net We encourage all ARNA members who meet the criteria to apply for the scholarships.

M. Oneta Hobson, RN
Chair, Scholarship Committee

Legislation Corner

The Nurse Reinvestment Act was introduced by Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-CA), a nurse and supporter of nurses. Congress has approved \$20 million to fund the Nurse Reinvestment Act of the \$250 million asked for. Lois Capps is in the process of forming a nurse caucus, which will work on the distribution of funds for such things as nurse scholarships, loan repayment provisions, magnet hospital provisions, career ladders, and geriatric nurse training, as well as faculty development. Congress has to allocate the money separately through the regular congressional appropriations process. Members of Congress need to hear from nurses about the importance of this funding to implement the program. Please take the time to send a letter to both your Senators and your Representative to express appreciation to them for their support and urge them to provide adequate funding for implementation of the Nurse Reinvestment Act. Encourage your colleagues and fellow ARNA members to get involved too.

To find your Senator go to http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cjm.cfm

To locate your Representative go to <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

There are 2.7 million nurses nationwide, which is a significantly larger group than physicians. We could do some major influencing in healthcare policy by becoming more proactive in legislation. Nurses as first line healthcare providers know what healthcare issues are important. Nurses can become more proactive by getting involved in healthcare policy. One easy way to do this is to become familiar with legislation involving health care and by writing or visiting your state Senator or Representative and stating what is going on in health care and what needs to be done about some of the healthcare issues, such as giving examples of real-life experiences that you have encountered in your practice and then suggesting what would help make changes in specific situations.

An example of legislation where nurses could make a difference is the Medicaid and under and uninsured legislation that is currently pending. Many groups/individuals have rallied together in opposition of proposed budget cuts. As nurses we know the importance of having funding for the elderly, children, and disabled in order for patients to get the needed prescriptions, transportation, and medical care they need. Funding affects all facets of health care, follow-up care, and compliance. The Children's Health Insurance Measure is a proposed National Legislation.

House Bill 46-Nurse Income Exception, is a proposed legislation to exempt nurses from personal income tax on the salaries of registered and licensed practical nurses in the first five year of employment. I encourage you to get aware, get informed, and get involved to ensure appropriate health care for our nation.

Lois Curtwright, MSN, RN, CPN
Chair, Public Policy Committee

Portable Displays Distributed to Local Chapters

In an effort to assist local chapters with recruitment of new members, both to the chapter and to the national organization, the ARNA Board of Directors approved providing ARNA displays to all chartered chapters.

The displays measure 18" by 24" making them easy to transport to just about anywhere! The blue on white logo and lettering have an eye-catching appeal that will provoke interest wherever they are displayed.

Additional displays are available for purchase through the National Office.

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ARNA Mission Statement

The mission of the American Radiological Nurses Association is to provide, promote, maintain continuity of and continuously improve patient care through service to members.

Call for Nominations

Volunteers are ARNA's hidden treasures. They give of their time to further ARNA's mission. Along the way volunteers learn new skills, make new acquaintances, and become more connected with their profession. We all make choices—where we work, where we live, and so forth. For a moment think about another type of choice—a decision to become more involved in a professional society.

As a Board member of the ARNA Board of Directors one has unique opportunities to assist in the advancement of radiology nursing and to interact with other healthcare professionals in the field of radiology. As a member of the Board of Directors there is much to learn, so if you like challenges, this could be a perfect opportunity for you. Think about this opportunity to serve as a member benefit!

Nominations in 2003 will be accepted for the following openings:

- ❖ President-Elect
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Board Member
- ❖ Nominating Committee

Newly elected individuals will begin to serve their term of office following the ARNA Annual Meeting.

Members of the Board of Directors meet three times a year and at the Annual Business Meeting. ARNA business is conducted on conference calls every two months. Eligibility requirements for office stipulate that each officer shall have been an active member of ARNA for at least one year preceding nomination and must remain active throughout his/her service in office. The President-Elect shall have served at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors or chaired any ARNA committee for a minimum of one year prior to nomination to this office. Below are brief descriptions of open positions.

President-Elect—Serves as the President-Elect for one year after which he/she becomes President for a term of one year. During the year as President-Elect, this individual is mentored for the following year and carries out duties as assigned by the President. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the office of President in the absence of the President.

Treasurer—Serves for a two-year term. The Treasurer prepares the annual budget and oversees the budget and financial activities for the Association. The Treasurer is responsible for preparing quarterly reports for the Board of Directors and a report for the Annual Business Meeting.

Board Member—Serves for a three-year term. The Board member is part

of the Board of Directors who makes decisions necessary for the function and continuation of the Association. The Board of Directors approves recommendations submitted by the various committees and staff members as directed by strategic planning. The Board member carries out duties as assigned by the President, which may include serving on task forces.

Nominating Committee Member—The Nominating Committee Member serves for a two-year term. Members of this committee oversee the nominating procedure through encouraging potential candidates, screening applicants for eligibility, and presenting a slate of candidates to the membership via the ballot. A Nominating Committee member is ineligible to be named on the ballot while serving in this capacity. Travel is not required in this position as the work is carried out via telephone calls, e-mails, and/or mail/fax.

All ARNA members in good standing are eligible to run provided they meet any special requirements of the office. Members may nominate themselves. The ARNA Board of Directors is responsible for approving the final ballot to be presented to the membership. All officer and director positions are uncompensated financially. Travel expenses are reimbursed per policy guidelines. Additional information about time requirements, reimbursement for expenses, meeting requirements, or other information can be obtained from the ARNA National Office at (866) 486-ARNA (2762) toll free or (850) 474-7292 or by e-mail at arna@puetzamc.com. Look for the nominations form included with this issue of *Vision*. Applications can also be obtained off the ARNA Web site www.arna.net. For assistance, contact me or members of the Nominating Committee through the ARNA National Office.

All nomination forms must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2003. Please complete all the required information included in the nomination application and include a passport-type photo with the application.

Kathleen A. Gross, MSN, RN, BC, CRN
Immediate Past President, ARNA
Chair, Nominations Committee

ARNA Makes Donation to Nurses House

The American Radiological Nurses Association donated \$200.00 to Nurses House. Nurses House is a unique national organization that serves as a safety net for registered nurses in dire circumstances as a result of injury, illness, disability, or personal tragedy. During the past year, Nurses House awarded personal grants of more than \$150,000 to nurses in 30 states, and the needs continue to grow.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Nurses House, Inc., The Veronica M. Driscoll Center for Nursing, 2113 Western Avenue, Suite 2, Guilderland, NY 12084-9559, (518) 456-7858, Fax (518) 452-3760, www.NursesHouse.org

Board Decision on ARNA's Approver Unit for Continuing Education

During the June meeting, the ARNA Board of Directors decided to discontinue the Continuing Education Approver Unit after its accreditation expires in February 2004. This article provides background information and factors critical to the Board's decision.

In response to member feedback, several years ago ARNA began the process of establishing a Continuing Education Approver Unit and a Continuing Education Provider Unit. In November of 2002, ARNA's applications to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for official recognition of these two units were reviewed and approved.

ARNA's Continuing Education Approver Unit reviews plans for educational programs submitted by individuals, ARNA chapters, and other organizations, and then approves them for a specific number of contact hours. The Approver Unit received provisional accreditation from the ANCC through February 2004.

ARNA's Continuing Education Provider Unit reviews content for educational meetings and awards contact hours for programs offered by ARNA, such as our annual educational meetings. The Provider Unit is accredited through February 2008.

The application process for both Units was exhaustive. Detailed paperwork was required by the ANCC, which necessitated many weeks of hard work by ARNA volunteers and staff at the National Office. There was also

significant cost involved. The applications were each accompanied by a fee, and the application process included a site visit that ARNA was required to pay for.

The ANCC required quarterly progress reports and fees from the Approver Unit. The first two quarterly reports for the Approver Unit included the fact that no educational activities had been submitted for approval. In April 2003, because of this lack of activity, the ANCC was unable to confirm that ARNA was in full compliance with the accreditation criteria for the Approver Unit. Therefore, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) of the ANCC determined that continuation of the Approver Unit would require reapplication, development of a new self-study module, and a second site visit, all at ARNA's expense.

Since April 2003, only three programs have been submitted to the Approver Unit for review.

This past June at the ARNA Board of Directors meeting, the cost of continuing ARNA's Approver Unit was carefully scrutinized. The Board determined that the costs of application and reapplication would never be recouped by ARNA through

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Call For New Members . . . Annual Membership Drive is Underway!

We need ALL current members to get out there and recruit your fellow radiology nurses who are not yet members of ARNA.

As nurses in a highly specialized area, we need to come together as a group for the benefits of education, professional support, friendship, and networking with others in our field.

The person who brings in the most new members will receive his/her choice of the following:

- ❖ Annual membership dues
- ❖ the *Core Curriculum*

Deadline for entries: December 31, 2003

(In the event of a tie, there will be a random drawing to determine the winner).

To qualify for prizes, please have new members clearly indicate on membership form "I was recruited by _____" or you can send in all membership forms of the new recruits together in one envelope with a note indicating you should receive credit for recruiting the new members.

If you need membership forms, please contact ARNA toll free at (866) 486-ARNA or you can download the forms from the ARNA Web site: www.arna.net

Ask the Experts

The responses that I have been receiving through radnursesurvey@rn.com are what really write this column. This makes sense because you are the experts ... not me! You can bet that none of us know ALL the answers. It's great that *Vision* gives us the opportunity to share our questions and get a feel for what the other radiology units across the country are doing.

Power Injecting Through Central Lines

Last issue's survey question was, "Under what conditions, if any, would you use a central line for power injection?" Two of the six responses said never, under any circumstances, would they use a central line for power injections. Although, one of these said that the "hospital across town" does. The other four responses cited certain circumstances and guidelines by which they would power inject through a central line.

MAK of Norfolk, VA, states that when all attempts for a peripheral IV are exhausted Mediports, Tunneled caths, and CVLs will be hand injected. PICCs will be power injected at up to 3cc/sec.

DDR, also from Virginia, sent a very detailed guideline that the University of Virginia uses specifying injection rates and pressures for every type of catheter. I'll be glad to forward that chart to you if you send me an e-mail at radnursesurvey@rn.com

In Atlantic City, the PICC line will be first flushed by hand, and if it flushes easily the line will be power injected at no more than 1cc/sec.

Of course, all of the above situations require the approval of the radiologist.

This brings up another interesting question. At your institution, can CT techs and MRI techs place peripheral IVs? Can they power inject through a peripheral line without an RN being present? Let's call this **Survey question #1**. I have seen some pretty bad contrast extravasations that resulted from power injecting through a poor peripheral line.

Clarification

Last issue, I wrote to hold Metformin for 24-48 hours post procedure. Please change that to 48 hours post procedure. (Thanks ML & DD!)

This issue's survey question #2

Should platelet aggregate inhibitors (Pletal, Plavix) be held prior to an angio? If so, how long before should it be held? Do you call the prescribing physician to get permission?

Please e-mail your survey responses, comments, and suggestions for new topics to radnursesurvey@rn.com Thank you!

Chuck Griffin, RN, CRN
Atlantic City Medical Center
Atlantic City, NJ

Educational Opportunities

89th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting, November 30-December 5, 2003, Chicago, IL. For more information, contact the Radiological Society of North America, Inc., 820 Jorie Blvd., Oak Brook, IL 60523, (630) 571-2670, Fax (630) 571-7837, www.rsna.org

American Radiological Nurses Annual Meeting, March 25-30, 2004, Phoenix, AZ. For more information, contact Convention Services, ARNA National Office, 7794 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514-7072, Toll free (866) 486-ARNA (2762), (850) 474-7292, Fax (850) 484-8762, E-mail arna@puetzamc.com, www.arna.net

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For a nursing career without boundaries, in one of America's finest cities in which to live and work, we're hard to match.

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Call for Manuscripts

The *Journal of Radiology Nursing (JRN)* is looking for manuscripts on the following topics:

- ❖ Nursing Leadership
- ❖ New Procedures
- ❖ Research Studies
- ❖ JCAHO Requirements
- ❖ HIPAA
- ❖ Orientation and Competency for Radiology Nursing
- ❖ Patient Satisfaction
- ❖ Moderate Sedation
- ❖ Radiation Safety
- ❖ Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- ❖ Management of Lines
- ❖ Drug Eluting Stents
- ❖ Multidisciplinary Approach to Team Building in Interventional Radiology
- ❖ PI Efforts
- ❖ Infection Control Policies
- ❖ Budget and Financial Strategies
- ❖ Patient Safety Issues
- ❖ Role of the PA and ARNP in Interventional Radiology
- ❖ Patient Teaching Techniques in Interventional Radiology

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the approval of educational programs for contact hours. Therefore, ARNA will not continue seeking accreditation for the Continuing Education Approver Unit. The costs are too great to the organization, and the benefit to the membership too small.

The ARNA Board of Directors wants to emphasize that the Continuing Education Approver Unit is accredited and can continue to provide contact hours through February of 2004. Applications for review need to be submitted at least 45 days prior to an activity. Application packets can be obtained from the National Office by calling (866) 486-2762. After ARNA's Approver Unit Accreditation expires, chapters will be able to apply for contact hours from their state nurses associations, universities, and medical centers that offer this opportunity.

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