

R.T. in D.C. 2012

March 25-27, 2012

The NCSRT, Inc. will once again participate in the ASRT event, R.T. in D.C. Advocacy event March 25 through 27 at the Dupont Hotel in Washington D.C. <https://www.asrt.org/content/eventsconferences/RTinDC12/Landing.aspx> This premiere networking event is designed to give attendees hands-on experience visiting the offices of representatives and senators on Capitol Hill.

We would like students to apply to go on this event with representatives from NCSRT, Inc. Students must be a member of both the NCSRT, Inc. and the ASRT to be eligible to apply. To apply please email Emily Cash (emily.cash@ncsrt.org) with your contact information to include name, address, phone number, radiography program and year in school. You should also attach an essay explaining why you feel that it is important for radiography students to advocate for their profession. In addition, please include a copy of your ASRT Membership Card.

Those interested must also have a teacher or program director e-mail a letter of recommendation to Emily Cash explaining why he or she feels that this student would be a good candidate to represent our profession at RTs in DC. The Deadline to apply is February 20th. Both the recommendation, e-mail with essay and ASRT Membership Card must be received no later than February 20th to be considered.

R.T. in D.C. is a great opportunity for you to network with colleagues from other states who are interested in advocacy. Attendees share stories about what is happening in their state, discuss how they handle legislative and regulatory issues, share condolences about defeats and celebrate victories.

This years event will include an ASRT-PAC Fundraiser allowing admission to the forensic lab at the National Museum of Crime and Punishment. For more information, follow this link: <https://www.asrt.org/content/eventsconferences/RTinDC12/PAC.aspx>

Up-to-date review of the CARE Bill (H.R. 2104: Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Act of 2011) will be presented. Lobbying skills will be taught, CE credits will be earned and a presentation will be given by MITA representatives concerning the latest in patient safety and equipment. Tuesday will be spent making Congressional visits on Capitol Hill.

Our delegation once again requests that you contact your representatives and senators now. Encourage them to support the CARE Bill (H.R. 2104). The following North Carolina Representatives are already cosponsors on this bill:

Rep Butterfield, G.K. [D-NC-1]	Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	Rep Price, David [D-NC-4]
Rep Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	Rep McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	Rep Myrick, Sue Wilkins [R-NC-9]
Rep Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]		

You can also ask colleagues, family and friends to write letters of support for the CARE Bill and/or call their representatives. You can log on to <http://www.house.gov/> to find out the name and contact information for your representative in the U.S. House. When contacting senators, you may reference the old bill #S1042 (Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Act). The contact information for North Carolina Senators is as follows:

Richard Burr (R-NC) Class III <http://burr.senate.gov/public>
271 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: (202)224-3154
Fax: (202)228-2981

Kay R. Hagan (D-NC) Class II <http://hagan.senate.gov/public>
521 Dirksen, Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: (202)224-6342
Fax: (202)228-2563

Let your US House Representative and both Senators know that North Carolina is one of only 5 states with NO minimum education and credentialing standards for those administering radiation. Tell them that it is their responsibility to pass this bill to protect the citizens of North Carolina. Explain that the bill will improve quality of imaging procedures, decrease cost and increase radiation protection and the safety of our citizens. Ask the House Representatives to cosponsor the CARE Bill and our Senators to help get the Senate bill reintroduced!

Thank you in advance for doing your part and showing you CARE!

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