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# GLARIN Newsletter



## CURRENT HAPPENINGS

At the end of March this year, the annual SIR/ARIN conference was held in Chicago, IL. Deemed largely a success by ARIN, there were over 300 nurses in attendance at the conference this year which demonstrated an increase over previous year's attendance. Certainly there was representation of radiology nursing from all over the country as those of us able to attend met and socialized with many of our peers. Although it was not possible to attend every single educational session, the ones attended were fruitful and informative.

Perhaps the most advantageous aspect of attending the annual conference is the opportunity to network with other professionals and garner useful information about practices in other parts of the country. It is through a forum such as this that we come to realize that some of the challenges and obstacles we experience in our own practice are the same ones experienced by our comrades hundreds or thousands of miles away. Better yet, our peers have insight and sometimes solutions to the challenges we may be facing in our own work.

## EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

GLARIN continues to offer innovative Webinars for members!

GLARIN's mission is to help you stay informed in your practice as a radiological nurse and technologist by offering easy to navigate Webinars. These Webinars offer an inexpensive way to obtain CE.

Courses recently offered include:

- *Education and Management of Patients with Vertebral Compression Fractures Undergoing Kyphoplasty*
- *Magnetic Resonance Guided Focused Ultrasound Ablation for the treatment of Uterine Fibroids*
- *Education and Management for Patients Receiving Inferior Vena Cava Filter Placement (IVC)*

All webinars are approved for CE through the Illinois Nurses Association for 2 credit hours and as 2 Category A contact hours for radiology technologists.

The Webinars are offered for a low fee of just \$10.00 each, but are FREE to GLARIN members!

## NEWSLETTER NAMING CONTEST!!

Send in your suggestions for the title of our quarterly newsletter. If we pick yours get a years membership free. Submissions can be sent to...

[executive@glarin.org](mailto:executive@glarin.org)



## MEMBERSHIP IS RISING!!

As of April 1, 2011, we are up to 121 members and climbing. We have members that are joining from out-of-region, as far as Texas!

**WELCOME!!**

## ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

It's not too late to register! We have an exciting line-up planned to include 7 (seven) continuing education hours for nurses and technologists.

\$75 for GLARIN members!

Not a member? Join today and for \$95 you can have both Membership and Conference Registration!

Register at [www.glarin.org](http://www.glarin.org)

## WEBSITE UPDATES

Did you know....

- If you click on the ARIN logo, it will take you directly to ARIN's website.
- You can register for upcoming webinars on the website.
- There is an event calendar with info about all upcoming events.
- Questions/Suggestions can be submitted by clicking on contact us.
- You can access a blog by clicking on the microphone.



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It was refreshing to attend the conference this year because doing so has a way of invigorating the mind and providing some inspiration and enthusiasm as we head back to our home and facility. Perhaps the timing is such that, coinciding with the return of spring, the conference is the start of a new season that harbors growth and excitement. There will always be work challenges for us and this conference serves as another resource that we can utilize to hopefully make our work somewhat easier.

## TECHNOLOGISTS?

Late last year, I received a call from my good friend Karen Marshall asking if I would like to be a part of the GLARIN leadership team. I immediately said, of course! Who is GLARIN? After explaining the merge between Windy City and Great Lakes chapters, I asked. You know I am a technologist? It then hit me, why are segregating our own specialty? At previous SIR conferences the Association of Vascular Interventional Radiographers (AVIR) and Association of Radiologic and Imaging Nurses (ARIN) used to have a combined session for networking and education. The executive team of GLARIN is brilliant! Why not create a forum where technologists and RNs have continual education opportunities together at a regional level. After all, regardless of our educational background WE have one goal; highest quality care of our patients. As a member of the GLARIN family, I am happy and honored to submit lectures to ASRT for continuing education credits for technologists. I encourage all members of GLARIN to recruit your technologist to join. Not only for the CEUs, but for the discussions that are created between colleagues after the lectures. You will soon see, the only differences between us are the credentials after our professional title.

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