

GLARIN Newsletter



Hello Fellow Radiology Nurses and Associates,

Thank you for joining us as we embark on an historical beginning of what promises to be an exciting journey into the future of the specialized discipline of radiology nursing. While the unique history of Radiology nursing is relatively brief compared to some other specialties, it is a specialty steeped in creativity, ingenuity, and technology. It has been through the work of physicians, nurses, and technologists that radiology has emerged as an essential and powerful adjunct in caring for our increasingly complex patient populations.

As we look to the future we know that there is uncertainty in terms of health care reform and the economy but these potential hurdles cannot hinder or alter our journey as we strive to continue providing the best care possible to the patients we serve. We must remain flexible and creative in the face of adversity but at the same time we must recognize and appreciate the science of what it is that we do. No longer simply a buzzword, evidence-based nursing is the impetus that will need to guide us in our daily practice.

Additionally, a continued and increased collaboration with our radiology associates and other health care team members is essential to maintain and enhance the services that we provide. No longer independent, each discipline must now be inter-dependent on one another. Our collaboration and teaching can only augment our image and the patient care we are able to provide. Indeed, we, as Radiology experts, are being looked to more frequently as we continue to develop or participate in the many innovative therapies suitable for even the sickest of patients.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT... Jim LaForge

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 22nd, 2011- Webinar Series

The Straw that Fixed the Camel's Back
-management and evaluation of
Patient's with Vertebral Compression
Fractures.

March 8th, 2011- Webinar Series

A New Frontier- MR guided Focused
Ablation

May 2011- Annual Symposium

Yarrow Golf Resort and Convention
Center
Further information to follow.

Moving forward, 2011 looks to be an exciting year for the newly-formed Great Lakes Association of Radiologic and Imaging Nursing (GLARIN) organization. Already well underway is the establishment of officers and chairs of committees and state representatives from (left-to-right on the map) Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana. Also established is the webinar educational offerings that provide continuing education units (CE's) to attendees. One other project underway is a spring conference that will be geographically easier to attend and provide CE's at a reasonable cost.

Perhaps the most exciting feature of this emerging GLARIN is that we will have the tremendous opportunity to network regionally and learn from each other as neighbors. Combining and then sharing our experiences and intellectual resources will, undoubtedly, strengthen and improve our abilities as health care providers.

Finally, I would be remiss if not acknowledging the work of many others that has brought us all to this meeting point. Through persistence, a vision of what GLARIN could be to all of us was developed by the concerted efforts of the GLARIN Leadership Team and Board of Directors.

On behalf of GLARIN, thank you for being here and we look forward to this journey. Your support and input are essential to the success of GLARIN.

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