

ARRT certifies and registers more than a quarter-of-a-million radiologic technologists in a range of modalities

Primary Eligibility Pathway

Radiography

Nuclear Medicine Technology

Radiation Therapy

Sonography

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Post-Primary Eligibility Pathway

Cardiovascular-Interventional Radiography

(test replaced 1/03 with CI and VI)

Mammography

Computed Tomography

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Quality Management

Sonography

Bone Densitometry

Vascular Sonography

Cardiac-Interventional Radiography

Vascular-Interventional Radiography

Breast Sonography

Radiologist Assistant



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and Registration:*

Protecting Patients, Recognizing Radiologic Technologists

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*Promoting high standards of
patient care by recognizing
qualified individuals in medical
imaging, interventional procedures,
and radiation therapy*

Across our nation today...

...tens of millions of people are getting x rays.

“My son fell off his skateboard, and his wrist is hurt.”

Tens of thousands more are having mammograms,

“There’s a high incidence of breast cancer in our family.”

CT scans

“Dad might have had a stroke!”

and MRIs.

“This should point us to the precise trouble spot in your spine.”

Many are undergoing radiation therapy

“Let’s hope this keeps the cancer at bay.”

or having nuclear medicine scans

“That liver scan will tell us more.”

or cardiovascular-interventional treatments.

“This might mean no surgery.”

Others are having bone scans

“Have you noticed how Mom seems to be stooping over?”

and ultrasound images.

“Your baby (it’s a girl!) looks healthy.”

And ARRT-registered R.T.s are there to provide quality patient care.



Radiologic technologists are the third largest category of healthcare professionals, surpassed in number only by physicians and nurses. As with other healthcare providers, R.T.s’ qualifications are vital to quality patient care. That’s where we come in.

We’re the ARRT: The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. We test, certify, and annually register more than a quarter-of-a-million radiologic technologists to promote high standards of patient care. We award the “Registered Technologist,” or “R.T.,” designation to individuals who have completed the prescribed education, passed the appropriate exam, and met the ethics requirements. And we ensure their continuing education and ongoing compliance with our high standards by requiring annual registration of their certificate.

Certification by ARRT is voluntary, not mandatory. But employers, state licensing agencies, and federal regulators view ARRT’s credential as an indicator that a person has met recognized national standards for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.

ARRT certification is a win-win situation. From the technologist’s point of view, it’s a career-building tool: employers use it as a prerequisite for employment; and states recognize national certification by ARRT as a requirement for licensure. Closer to home for all of us, certification assures patients that their medical imaging and radiation therapy is in capable hands.

How Are Radiologic Technologists Deemed ‘Qualified’?

First comes initial certification. Certification is the process of initially recognizing individuals who have satisfied certain standards within a profession. A person is certified by ARRT after completing an approved educational program, complying with the ethics standards, and passing a certification exam.

Then comes yearly registration. Registration is the annual procedure required to maintain certification. ARRT registrants are those who, having already fulfilled the requirements for initial certification, continue to meet the requirements for annual registration. The ARRT annually registers the certificates of individuals who meet the following

three criteria: agreeing to comply with the *ARRT Rules and Regulations*, continuing to comply with the *ARRT Standards of Ethics*, and meeting our continuing education requirements.

Only technologists who are currently registered — have renewed within the past year — may designate themselves as ARRT Registered Technologists and use the initials “R.T.” after their names.

Aren’t There Federal and State Licensing Laws Governing Their Work?

Federal laws regulate personnel qualifications in some modalities — mammography, for example — but they accredit the healthcare facility rather than licensing the individual radiologic technologist who is providing patient care. And while many states have laws regulating who can perform radiologic procedures, they are typically based on ARRT certification.

Doesn’t the Employer — Hospital, Clinic, Doctor’s Office — Assure Quality of Care?

Some employers and state agencies may require ARRT certification, but not necessarily current registration. Unless they require current registration by ARRT, employers cannot assume that the person has complied with the ethics or continuing education requirements.

To ensure that they have current information on a technologist, employers should require certification and registration with the ARRT.

How Can I Assure That My Radiologic Technology Procedures Are Performed by a Qualified R.T.?

Ask to see the technologist’s credentials. An ARRT-issued certificate with a current year’s seal or a wallet card with a “valid through...” date can prove their ARRT qualifications.

You can also check the www.arrt.org web site, which lists all R.T.s except those who have requested that release of their information be restricted. And if you can’t find a name there, you can call our office at (651) 678-0048, ext. 570, where a Registrant Services representative can confirm current registration of any name you provide.