



# Wavelengths

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## ANNOUNCEMENT New and Improved

Has relocated to:

ACRRT  
52 W. Colfax Street  
Palatine, Illinois 60067-5048

Our new phone number is (847) 705-1178

ACRRT REPORT from the  
Executive Vice-President  
L.C. Pyzik, DC, DACBR

I have completed assessments and made decisions regarding your organization. Your organization is so unique and provides such an important function in the Chiropractic health care delivery system as it relates to holistic healing that circumstances forced me to relocate the organization as of 7/23/05. Your organization deserves to be represented better than it has been recently. It is with anticipation that the ACRRT can continue on with respect and pride again. You deserve the best.

All communication should be addressed to: ACRRT, 52 W. Colfax Street, Palatine, IL 60067. Phone/fax (847) 705-1178. Always include your registration number along with your name when you contact this office, as all information is filed numerically. Should you have any ideas, recommendations, or positive input, please feel free to contact me. This is your organization.

I do not anticipate any fee increases although I would strongly recommend prompt payment of your annual dues and attention to rules regarding annual recertification and renewal hours as found at the ACRRT web site. I am a stickler for following your rules and regulations. Some are dictated by state requirements and I do not have the discretion to ignore or vary them.

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There is much for me to learn during this transition period as I am starting from scratch. I will do my best to assist you promptly and efficiently. I may ask you questions to understand better what it is that you are requesting. Be tolerant and patient until I learn where to find the information that you need.

You do know that you have a web site-[www.acrrt.com](http://www.acrrt.com)? I anticipate updating the web site to include examination applications, Study Guide order forms, and other useful information over the next year. Fax me with what you would like to have included on your web site.

I also request that you provide me with your email address and keep us updated should any of your contact information change. At no time will this private personal email information be sold or used for any purpose other than as it relates to you and the ACRRT. I would like to email your issues of WAVELENGTHS to you. Imagine receiving your annual dues and approvals for CE classes via email! Many of you request SIR's to meet your annual CE hours-I hope to be able to email them to you, have you complete them and send them back! These are only some ideas I have to update your organization; what are yours? Providing your email address will immensely reduce printing and labor costs, save trees and dramatically reduce costs related to postage. I ask for your support.

Oh! For the rest of you that do not have email, I understand computers are intimidating. I will continue communicating with you as always, however, please consider getting "on-line" soon.

Did any of you take advantage of the SUPERTECH offer? Is there some other product that you want us to look in to and offer? Let me know.

Last year we offered you an opportunity to write exam questions and receive CE credits for those questions. You still can participate in this program. Contact me for more details. Are any of you interested in serving on the ACRRT Board? It is important that RT's are represented on the Board. It is not in your best interest to have more DC's than RT's on your Board. Update your resume and fax it in for consideration. Our next meeting is October 14-15, 2006.

I need your help. Should you come across an appropriate radiology article suitable for SIR credits, please send it in for us to consider. Your assistance in this matter is critical since many of you choose to meet your annual requirements using SIR's. I look forward to receiving your thoughts, ideas, and input to improve your organization. Remember, you are the most important part of this organization.

L.C. Pyzik, DC, DACBR  
Executive Vice President  
ACRRT

#### **STUDY GUIDE AVAILABLE**

Guides can be purchased for \$50.00 (including shipping and handling) through the ACRRT office (847) 705-1178

#### **ACRRT**

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## EDUCATIONAL AND RECERTIFICATION PROGRAMS - 2006

National University of Health Services  
Limited Radiologic Technology Programs  
March 18-19  
April 8-9  
Telephone 630-889-6623  
200 East Roosevelt Rd.  
Lombard, IL 60148

North Carolina Chiropractic Assoc. 919-832-0611  
6 hour X-ray Recertification Programs  
Dr. Norbert Dombrowsky & Dr. Gene Lewis  
March 18  
June 24  
Oct. 7  
Dec. 9

50 hour basic X-ray program  
Module 44 Dr. Gene Lewis  
Comfort Suites  
7619 Thorndike Rd.  
Greensboro, NC  
Classes March 25-26  
April 22-23

Module 45 Dr. Kathy Thorn  
Newborn Riverfront Convention Center  
May 20-21  
June 10-11  
July 15-16  
Aug. 5-6

Spring Conference  
June 24 Dr. Kathy Thorn  
Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel  
301 N. Water St.  
Wilmington, NC

X-Ray Program  
Dr. John Pammer 610-264-3344  
March 18 & 19  
April 22 & 23  
PGH Springfield Suites  
239 Summit Park Dr.  
PGH, PA

CPR and Basic X-ray  
Login College of Chiropractic  
March 4 (4 hours)  
1851 Schoettler Rd.  
Chesterfield, MO  
800-842-3234

Wisconsin Chiropractic Assoc.  
CA Radiology  
March 4, 5  
March 18, 19 April 1, 2  
608-256-7023

## INACTIVE STATUS

Pursuant to Article V of the ACRRT Rules and Regulations entitled Annual Registration, a directive is ordered by the ACRRT Governing Board that the establishment of an "inactive status" be enacted as an alternative means by which a member can meet such renewal requirements, if so elected in writing by the individual.

An inactive status will be issued, upon written request, to a fully certified individual holding current status with the ACRRT. The inactive status will provide that as long as the individual maintains this status, that he/she will not be required to undergo re-examination at the time of reinstatement to current membership.

Under ACRRT Rules and Regulations, inactive status shall not be acceptable status to perform the duties of a radiologic technologist.

Inactive status shall require an annual renewal fee of (\$25.00). After two years and before the end of five years of inactive status, a written request for reinstatement to active status will require proof of at least twelve hours of continuing education as outlined in Article IV of the Rules and Regulations. After five years of inactive status, a request in writing for reinstatement to active status will require proof of a minimum 24 hours of continuing education as outlined in Article IV of the Rules and Regulations, along with any other additional requirements as then determined by the ACRRT governing board.

## MR safe for Diagnosing Pregnant Women With Pain

Magnetic resonance is safe and accurate for diagnosing pregnant woman with acute pain in the abdomen and pelvis, according to a new study. Researchers said MR surpassed the limits of both computed tomography and ultrasound for this purpose.

Diagnosing acute abdominal pain in pregnant patients can be difficult because the enlarged uterus pushes organs out of their normal locations, so that pain is not in the usual place. Physicians typically use CT for diagnosing abdominal pain, but the examination can increase cancer risks in both the fetus and the mother. Ultrasound, which uses no ionizing radiation, is limited in what it can reveal for diagnosis, according to researchers.

In the study, the researchers analyzed MR images from 29 pregnant patients who experienced acute abdominal pain.

“Our results show that MR can be used to identify a wide variety of abdominal and pelvic disease processes in pregnant patients with acute abdominal or pelvic pain,” said Richard C Semelka, M.D., of the University of North Carolina Hospitals in Chapel Hill, N.C. “The most compelling aspects about using MR for evaluating pregnant patients are that it’s safe, like ultrasound, both for the developing fetus and the mother and it has a high accuracy for detecting uterine and extra-uterine disease that is unmatched by either CT or ultrasound.” The study appears in the February issue of the American Journal of Roentgenology.

Physicians made the correct diagnosis in 28 of the 29 cases. The one exception was a case of ovarian torsion, or twisting of the ovary. There were a total of 14 different diagnoses for abdominal pain on MR including appendicitis, ovarian cysts, hemorrhage and pancreatitis.

**COMING SOON YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PAY YOUR DUES ON LINE.**

**How come we choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?**



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