

**ARMRIT SECOND ANNUAL MEETING & SEMINAR
SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
OCTOBER 4-7, 2007**

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ARMRIT Second Annual Meeting in Las Vegas

Approved by the American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA) for 12 Category A, ARRT continuing education credits.

The Second Annual Meeting is going to be held at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas from October 4-7, 2007. For complete details and other specifics please check the official Registry website.

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CMS of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan & Minnesota Say Yes to ARMRIT

The Registry is happy to announce that **The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan & Minnesota** have recognized ARMRIT Certification as a certifying body in their credentialing requirements. This is published in (Continued)

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“Appendix A for LCD Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTFs). The following has been posted in the CMS website. The website:

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/policies/wisconsin/phys078_appendix.pdf

Their description of a National Credentialing body is as follows; “National Credentialing bodies must be a member of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA) or certified by the Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) which is the accreditation body of NOCA”.

The ARMRIT credential is included in every CPT/HCPCS code for MRI procedures under ‘Technician Qualification’. Refer to pages 1 thru 10, 12, 17, 18, and 35.

These developments are very positive and not by accident. The Registry’s Certified Techs throughout the nation have been researching and providing information to ARMRIT headquarters in New York.

The provided information is: State requirements for MRI, if any, which relevant government agency or department, and Official or Committee that reviews documentation. Once the above information is received, an introduction letter and supporting documentation is sent to the Official or Committee for review.

Members Input Sought: You can greatly help the Registry and indirectly

yourself if you help research your own State’s requirements for MRI, if any and find out which agency, department, committee and/or individuals and send it to the Registry. ARMRIT, your Registry would act immediately by writing and submitting the necessary data and documentation necessary to get approval. Forward information via e-mail to: ARMRIT@msn.com or Mail to: ARMRIT 8815 Commonwealth Blvd. Bellerose, NY 11426.

US Department of Health & Human Services Responds to ARMRIT Member

The office of Secretary Leavitt responds to a letter of inquiry written by Constance Felice, a long standing member of ARMRIT from Brooklyn, NY.

The response to Ms. Felice’s letter, dated Dec. 29, 2006 reads as follows:

Dear Ms. Felice:

This is to acknowledge your letter to Secretary Leavitt regarding HR 1426 Bill & S. 2322 and your suggestion that the American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists be included as a certifying body.

We appreciate your input into this matter and you may be assured that it will be taken under consideration. It is certainly not our attention to exclude any qualified certifying body. We have received many letters on this topic and they are all being reviewed. (Continued)

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(HHS Responds cont.)

However, please note that the actual impact of this proposed legislation cannot be determined until it is passed in its final form.

Thank you for taking the time to share your opinion.

Sincerely,

SIGNED: Sue Kelly, Associate Regional Administrator, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

Update of Bills H.R. 583/ S.1042

A new bill, H.R.583 / S.1042 (same text), which replaces H.R.1426 & S. 2322, has been re-introduced in Congress.

This draft may not be in its final form, and amendments and other nuances are to be expected. It is up to us to continue our watchful vigilance and shepherd this Bill to its final form through our respective Senators & Representatives that it remains ARMRICT friendly. Although our efforts appear to have the desired outcome, still this is not the time to be complacent and let our guards down.

Thanks to your letters, calls, and e-mails to Congress, H.R. 583 is a significantly better alternative to the earlier proposed Bills and is a step toward Fair Legislation.

It enables the Registry to become a bonafide certifying body and therefore included in the process system. The Board Members along with you, ARMRICT Certified MRI Techs shall

continue our concerted efforts to make sure that our rights to fair trade, our venues of livelihood and our rights as a bonafide certifying body are fully protected by law.

Again your Board of Directors thanks you for your unrelenting and full support.

**ARMRICT CERTIFIED MRI TECHS
ON-LINE AT: www.armrit.org**

All Certified Registry Active MRI Techs are asked to post their resume (CV) on the ARMRICT Webpage at www.armrit.org. This page could serve as a resource page for all potential would-be employers who are seeking qualified technologists in the field of MRI technology, primary source verification of your registry status, and serves as a personal ad for all ARMRICT certified techs.

Follow the steps given below:

- 1) Click on '**Registry of Certificants**' at the bottom of the homepage.
- 2) Scroll down to the bottom of the list and click on: '**Click here to post your Resume (CV)**'.
- 3) Enter your Login: use your e-mail address.
- 4) Enter a password.
- 5) Enter all relevant information and click on **Submit**.
- 6) Remember your **Listing Number and Password**.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
ARMRICT Board of Directors (Over)

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Once more ARMRIT certified techs at large are asked to help.

Dear ARMRIT Certified MRI Tech:

This letter is a continuum of the communication you received in January of this year. Many of you have responded positively to that urgency call. While we are able to make strides and resonate our issues clear to various legislators, still we are not as yet home free.

Our mantra remains, that there is a dire need of qualified and trained MRI technologists through out the country. Despite this established need and shortage of MRI technologists, there are still institutions and private concerns that opt to recognize only technologists that came through the route of a general radiology training program and not ARMRIT and not qualified and certified technologists who have trained solely on clinical technological MR imaging. The Registry and its Board maintains that this is a restraint of trade if not outright discrimination towards ARMRIT Certified MRI Technologists. We have addressed this as such through letters to a number of the core insurance carriers that to date have not recognized this position. All ARMRIT certified techs will be notified as soon as possible on any breaking news as it is received.

In the pursuit of this course, we have to enlist the services of legal counsel for

the entirety of this cause, not only to address these issues specifically but to take further actions if need be. At the same time we have expressed our concerns to key legislators the worthiness of our cause and plight.

Remember that the Registry is recognized as such by the **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the states of California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin and the Ohio Dept. of Health**. To this end the Registry and its Board will continue to focus its efforts.

Now to the point, this letter once more asks all ARMRIT certified MRI Techs at large to again support this continuing effort through your generous contributions as you did earlier this year.

This plea and your response to it in terms of contributions will be earmarked for legal expenses only, which as you know legal expenses can easily mount. Given that this is probably the most important issue that directly impacts on everyone's livelihood and future we once again ask you to be generous and at the same time beg your indulgence for having to go this route once more.

Visit www.armrit.org and click on:
Contributions

Thank you for your understanding and response.

James F. Coffin, ARMRIT
President

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Attendee Information:

Name ARMRIT Member # / Non-Member

Address

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Telephone Fax

E-mail

Emergency Contact Name and Telephone

Registration Fees:

ARMRIT Members	\$225	\$
Non-Members	\$250	\$
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Cocktail Reception	\$0	\$
*MRI School: _____		Total \$ _____

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Fri. Oct. 5 8am – 3pm Lecture Series Breakfast & Lunch Provided
Sat. Oct. 6 8am – 3pm Lecture Series Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Meeting Committee:

Chair: Wilfrido M. Sy, MD, Clinical Associate Professor in Radiology, Weill School of Medicine, Cornell University, New York and ARMRIT Executive Director.

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