

Question 1

Question 2

Are you currently a member of the NDSRT?			Have you visited the NDSRT's website?			
Yes, I am an NDSRT member	No, I am not a member and never have been	No I am not a member but have been in the past		Yes	No	Please give us suggestions on how to improve our website:
	x				x	Let people know about it. I am a member of the NDSRT but have never been contacted about the NDSRT even though I live in this state.
	x			x		The website is good.
x				x		Nothing in my mind now.
x				x		Current information report about ASRT and NDSRT to i can us this site to get the latest new from it.
		x		x		it should be updated way more often
x				x		Looks great.
x				x		More user friendly
38	35	41		46	68	7

Question 3

Are you aware that certified and qualified radiologic technologists (ARRT registered RT's) are not allowed to take verbal radiology orders in the state of North Dakota? The definition of changing a verbal order may include changing a radiology exam type or anatomical side, or the addition/elimination of contrast media from a CT, Nuclear Medicine, PET or MRI exam.			
Yes	Somewhat	No	Additional Comments
		x	What is the documentation for this
x			I do not agree with this, we are registered professionals just like nurses who take verbal orders all the time.
		x	Ridiculous
x			This law prohibits radiographers to work within their knowledge of exams/procedures. It delays exams by having to track down physicians to correct orders and effects patient care and waiting times.
x			I think there needs to be something in place to change this. There are instances that it would be nice to take these orders without having to worry about all the rules involved.
		x	If I am in a trauma, im not going to wait for the doctor to input an order into the computer or write it down if there is not a nurse recording the orders for input later. It is always verbal orders. However in our Ecare we have a certain order type so it follows proper protocol. This order type is called "Verbal w/ Readback." The doctor has to sign off on it that yes he did indeed want the order. If you have trouble with verbal orders, have your Ecare system include a "verbal w/ readback" order type and make the doctors sign off on those orders. Also, if a radiologist tells me to do something, I follow his orders. This could also be considered a verbal order, and there are very few times that not doing what the doc tells you to do is a good idea.
x			That greatly impacts workflow, having a state licensure requirement would greatly help.
x			Only RN's are allowed to take verbal orders.
	x		It was talked about during the last convention.
x			Understand that the state has a letter from the attorney general stating that we can't do this. Have been doing this for year. It really the standard of care in our practice but have stopped since i hear this. Understand now the definition of the century code . Think it should be changed.
x			Question # 3 is just a formality of working communication between staff.
x			I believe that we should be able to take verbal and telephone orders.
x			It is very crucial as a technologist to be able to function in the capacity of being able to take verbal orders re: changes in the order.
	x		I found this out through a coworker at state conference. This should by aware to all Directors of radiology of hospitals in ND cause I don't think they don't know this cause we change orders all the time. I brought this to one of my managers and they did nothing.
72	11	31	14

Question 4

<p>Are you aware that medical imaging professionals, including RT's, who take verbal orders in North Dakota, could be fined for violation of State law?                      Taking verbal orders may also include the loss of ARRT certification and the right to be registered due to ARRT ethics violations for knowingly violating a ND verbal order medical records rule, as RT's are not licensed in ND.</p>			
Yes	Somewhat	No	
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<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	

Question 5

Do you support licensure at the state level for medical imaging professionals in North Dakota?			
Yes	No	I don't know - I need more information	Additional Comments:
x			absolutely in support - this needs to happen soon!
x			By requiring licensure in ND, we are holding our imaging professionals to a higher standard, which is always a good thing. The fact is, many small clinics are allowing lab/nurses/janitors to image patients with no knowledge of image quality or safe exposure guidelines. Allowing these non imaging professionals to work in radiology is damaging to the professional radiologic technologist's compensation package, and also the patients which they serve.
x			Proper education is necessary to reduce radiation exposure to our population.
x			Ionizing radiation is potentially harmful. The ARRT is initiating re-licensing requirements but perhaps first we should have initial requirements in all states before making new grads retake their boards after 10 years. Lets get a minimum requirement first.
x			I strongly feel RT's should have the right to take verbal and telephone orders.
x			we need some sort or licensure to be able to take verbal orders, however that can be accomplished, its radiculously stupid that we cant take verbal orders, especially in dealing with our area of expertise, i'm an mri tech and a Rad cant tell me over the phone which scan technique to perform or add onto an exam, which is absurdly stupid and wastes time and money and is detrimental to patient care
		x	I have a feeling that having a state licensure would require an increase in out of pocket expenses for CE's and renewal.
x			Does it make the professionals do their job better?
		x	Will current techs be grandfathered in? Will we be required to take a state level test?
x			Absolutely support licensure.
x			There needs to be some benefit though. One big benefit would be if it would allowed us to take verbal orders.
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Question 6

Are you interested in participating on a legislative committee with the NDSRT?			
Yes	No	Maybe - I need more information	Additional Comments:
	x		I just don't have time this year... I work 2 full time jobs and am going to Grad School... Good Luck on your adventure!
		x	I need to have some years of practical experience inorder to have any meaningful input.
	x		Will no longer be living and working in North Dakota.
9	76	29	3

Question 7

Are you interested in participating on a public relations committee with the NDSRT			
Yes	No	Maybe-I need more information	Additional Comments
	x		
		x	Experience needed.
	x		See Above
8	81	22	2

Question 8

Do you have any legislative contacts in the state capitol?				
I know a state legislator personally	I know someone who works at the state capitol	I have written letters or called my state representative and/or senator	I have worked on a political campaign	Please explain
	x			Health & Human Services employer
	x			Warren
				no
				none of the above
				I do not know anyone
				no
				N/A
				One of our previous physicians is either a legislator or senator, Dr. Steve Barry
				No
				N/A
				none
				I have no association with any political members
				No
				No
7	9	11	1	14

Question 9

What would be willing to do to show support for state licensure? (select all that apply)					
Attend an R.T. day at the state capitol	Contact local legislator to voice your support	Help to recruit other R.T.s to support licensure	Serve on an NDSRT Committee	Participate in NDSRT grass-roots advocacy efforts like calls-to-action	Additional Comments
					I'm not sure I do support state licensure for RT's.....have we had it in the past??? What would we benefit if we are required to be licensed???
					I am not sure
x					If the weather is good.
					N/A
					I do not support it. Are there that many unlicensed technologists in the state that this needs to be done? I have been an RT since 1980. I keep up my CE's. Although, I have not worked for years, I am confident that I could go back to work anytime and practice the field safely.
29	26	18	11	9	5

Question 10

Would you be interested in attending an R.T. in Bismarck advocacy event?			
Yes	No	Maybe	Additional Comments:
		x	Depends on date and if I could make it, prefer a Saturday over workweek.
	x		Nothing right now. Looking forward to retirement. Have been active in NDSRT in the past. Hope it made a difference. This comment should be in the next box but couldn't move on my phone.
		x	i do support limited operators as they have helped me for several years and they have done a good job.
		x	My current job, as a housekeeper, does not provide me adequate sustenance. It also is devoid of challenges and is not fulfilling.
x			Need to be organized with advanced notice so that we can get vacation from work.
	x		Is is so hard to get away from work due to staffing issues.
20	48	45	

Question 11

The NDSRT needs members in order to grow and represent imaging professionals in the state. What can we do to earn your support?
Comments
Lower fees.
Include support of RPA's also, not just RRA. I will join to support legislative causes.
I would have to understand what the main purpose of the NDSRT is in the state of ND..
you have got it!~
I am not sure
Just let people know you exist other than an occassional email asking for opitions and support.
realize there is a western north dakota.
Free membership.
Maybe in a few years
Help me get a job as R.T. (R)
you do have my support but I am no longer working in the radiology field so it unless I am signing up to attend the state convention I forget to pay my dues
I would like to see that only ARRT registered Techs allowed to work alone in hospitals and clinics, I know of too many who no longer keep up their registry in this state but work as radiology depts and do not need a registered tech working along side them, this is taking jobs from registered techs
I dont hear about much about NDSRT. Maybe have monthly or quarterly press to be sent to ND Rad Techs and encourage networking. Also minimal membership fees and advertise the earning of CE credits more than once every year.
I was a member for many years but now get my credits thru the ASRT magazine. They were instramental in hurting the state level.
I'm still registered and belong to ASRT but am no longer employed in radiology.
I am a Life member. I support all you do.
Make it Unionized
send me information about meetings
Already support.
NOT require a state licensure for already ARRT registered technologists.
You are doing fine. Nothing needs to be done
I will do my best to support NDSRT membership but I am a MN Educator so I do often feel I need to lean towards MN. However, I have roots in ND RT education.
Not really sure. We struggle with that at my site also.
You have my support

**Question 12**

<b>What communication method do you prefer to receive from the NDSRT? (select all that apply)</b>			
<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Written newsletters</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Additional Comments:</b>
x			
x	x		I believe it is good to get information in two forms. Email is good but people emails change all the time so i do believe with this important effort and the importance of the matter we need to use the regular mail also.
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**Additional Comments**

<b>Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions! If you have additional comments please enter them here:</b>
i also believe its time to phase out limited operators that aren't grandfathered in, they have served their purpose but i think there are plenty of well educated newly graduated students in need of jobs that are fully prepared and can't find a job, this should theoretically increase pay which many at my facility believe to be well below what it should be, for example, in Fargo we make significantly less money than comparable positions in bismarck, grand forks, sioux falls, and st cloud, the largest market in the state has the lowest pay
North Dakota is also very unpaid as fair as wages/salaries go. I would like to see something done about that as well
This issue needs to be a topic of conversation at the next NDSRT annual conference. Invite those from the legislature or Board of Health to explain verbal orders and why we cannot take them.