Alliance Annual Meeting at RSNA 2012

The Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging held its annual meeting at RSNA 2012. The meeting was well attended by over 60 representatives of the Alliance organizations, MITA, and the US FDA. Image Gently has completed many initiatives in the past five years including: CT, a Parent Campaign, Digital Radiography, Fluoroscopy, Interventional Radiology, and Nuclear Medicine. Goals mapped out for the next five years include: more parent education outreach, working to tailor equipment to pediatric patients, enhancing education and user support for imaging equipment, automatically calculate and record SSDE, record and track patient exams and eventually dose, and develop DRLs for children through work with the American College of Radiology.

Dr. Donald Frush presents a scientific paper on Image Gently’s impact at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Bonn, Germany

The IAEA and WHO co-sponsored the International Conference on Radiation Protection in Medicine - Setting the Scene for the Next Decade. This meeting was held in Bonn Germany in early December 2012 and was hosted by the German government. Maria del Rosario Pérez, MD led the WHO meeting where a talk was presented that directly discussed Image Gently including patient advocates and stressed the importance of communication. This shows the needs and strategies to communicate radiation dose and risk to patients, a second presentation at the conference.

Dr. Donald Frush represented Image Gently and the Image Gently survey paper was reviewed that showed the impact of the campaign. Dr. Frush noted that Image Gently was mentioned frequently throughout sessions at this meeting and always in an exemplary fashion.
Dr. Thalia Mills -2012 Butterfly Award Recipient

The Image Gently Butterfly award is given to an individual or organization within or outside of the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging who makes a significant contribution to radiation protection for children.

Dr. Thalia Mills is a Physicist with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) Office of In Vitro Diagnostics and Radiological Health (OIR) Division of Radiological Health (DRH) Diagnostic X-ray Systems Branch (DXRS). She was presented with the 2012 Butterfly Award at the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging Annual Meeting at RSNA 2012 in Chicago.

Dr. Mills is applauded by the Steering Committee for her commitment to reducing radiation dose for pediatric patients. Dr. Mills has worked tirelessly to coordinate the efforts of the US FDA to work with vendors, the public, and Image Gently in dose reduction initiatives and education.

THANK YOU DR. MILLS!

Meet Mr. Greg Morrison, COO at ASRT

Mr. Greg Morrison is the Chief Operating Officer of the American Association of Radiologic Technologists, one of the founding member organizations of the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging. Mr. Morrison attended the very first organizational meeting of the Alliance in the summer of 2007 and has been critical to the success of the Image Gently campaign.

Throughout his association as a steering committee member, Greg has provided thoughtful insights, bold ideas and collaboration, leveraging the strengths of ASRT and its membership to the Alliance.

His perspective as a leader in radiation protection for children as a radiologic technologist has been most important in the positive tone of the campaign and all of the collaborative work to date.

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