



USRT Fourth Survey Update

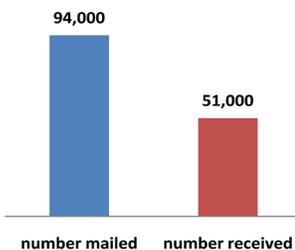
A collaborative effort between the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, the National Cancer Institute, and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

USRT Fourth Survey

Over the past year, we mailed the USRT Fourth Survey to 94,000 study participants but, so far, only 51,000 surveys have been completed and returned.

USRT Fourth Survey

(as of September 2013)



Your participation is important.

Please continue to be a part of this important study by completing a **shorter** version of the Fourth Survey that will arrive in your mailbox next week. Your experiences working as a radiologic technologist (R.T.), combined with those of other study participants, provide invaluable insight about the relationship between radiation exposures experienced in the workplace over time and health.

WATCH YOUR MAIL

In the next week, you will receive a **shorter** version of the Fourth Survey.

Please take time to complete and return the survey at your earliest convenience.



Your continued response is important whether you left the profession years ago or are currently working as an R.T.

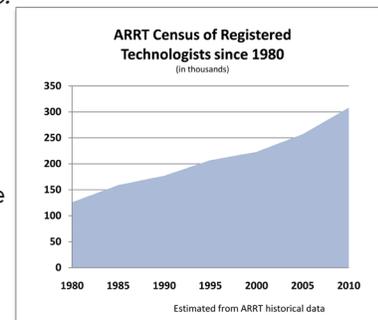
Your information is valuable whether you are in good health or have medical concerns.

Thank you in advance for contributing to research that may benefit R.T.s working today and in the future.

Partnering with R.T.s: Worker health and safety

Understanding how occupational radiation exposure may affect health is as important today as when the USRT Study began 30 years ago.

Compared to 1980, in 2006, ten times as many radiographic procedures and two and a half times as many nuclear medicine procedures were performed in the United States.¹



Today, more than 321,000 R.T.s nationwide are registered by the A.R.R.T. in 15 imaging specialties. Patients and health care providers alike depend upon R.T.s to perform technically complex medical imaging procedures, and R.T.s play a critical role in ensuring proper health care in this country.

¹ Mettler FA, et al. *Radiology*: 2009 253: 520-531



Why are the USRT Study and your participation important?

The USRT Study is the largest study of medical radiation workers ever conducted to investigate potential health effects of low-level, long-term radiation exposure that R.T.s and other radiation-exposed workers experience. We are better able to address the health and safety questions for all R.T.s when as many of you participate as possible.

Partnering on Research

The USRT Study is a collaborative effort between the University of Minnesota, the National Cancer Institute, and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (A.R.R.T.). During the past three decades about 110,000 current and former R.T.s who were certified by the A.R.R.T. have partnered with us by participating in this study.

More information, including study results, can be found at:

<http://radtechstudy.nci.nih.gov/>

