

## From the President

I wish everyone a very Happy New Year. I would like to report on various activities MRS has undertaken over the last few months. MRS has been very active in terms of monitoring for any legislative bills that have direct impact on our profession. Last week I went with our legal group to meet with Del Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk regarding the bill she has been presented in the previous session. More on this effort is discussed by Dr Loralee Ma/Albert Blumberg in their column. Regarding educational activities, in November, MRS hosted a fall education event at University of Maryland. Thanks to MRS resident Dr Casey Mccroy, who was instrumental in coordinating this event with the help of Dr Charles White.

Our residents have been active with their participation in various events as discussed in the Residents section column by Dr Wen. We are now beginning to plan for the annual educational event and as soon as we have a firm date and location we will let inform all of you so that you can mark your calendar. Also, I was recently informed by the American College of Radiology that we have now qualified to send seven councilors to attend the ACR annual meeting in May 2018. This reflects on the growth of MRS membership.

Once again wishing all of you a productive year and short winter.

Yours sincerely,

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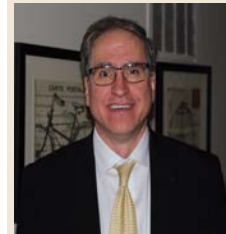


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## Announcements

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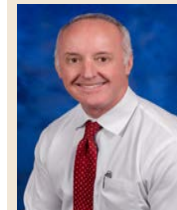
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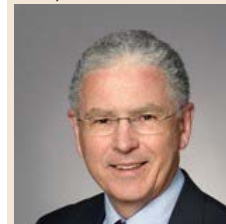
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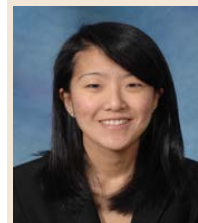
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## Legislative Activities

**Loralie D. Ma, MD, PhD, FACR.**

We are already off to the races in the 2018 legislative session which started January 10 and ends April 10. We will again see a bill from US oncology trying to weaken Maryland's anti-self referral law by trying to establish pilot sites for US oncology to own radiation therapy equipment and refer to themselves.

We are also fighting the trial lawyers in their bid with three bills, one to triple the cap on non economic damages, another to weaken the prohibition on expert witnesses from deriving more than 20% of their income from expert witness work, and finally another on weakening the standard for punitive damages. Currently, malicious intent is necessary for establishment of punitive damages.

However, if this is weakened, in medical malpractice cases, additional punitive damages could be assessed, in addition to economic and non-economic damages. This would have a devastating effect on maintaining malpractice insurance in Maryland.

There are also bills on student loan repayment, which will be important to our medical student and resident members as well as young physicians with loans to repay.

On the regulatory front, telehealth regulation changes are currently being considered at the Board of physicians. As almost all radiology is by definition teleradiology, we need to make sure inadvertent changes are not made that harm our ability to practice radiology and serve our patients.

We will keep you updated with our progress on these and other issues.

## Race for the Cure Outreach Event

**Stacey Keen, MD**

On Sunday, October 15, 2017, members of the Maryland Radiological Society participated in the 25th Annual Komen Maryland Race for the Cure in Baltimore. This was the inaugural team for MRS. The team captain was Stacey Keen, M.D. from Advanced Radiology, with members of the Resident Fellow Section (RFS) on board as the rest of the team.

After several years in Hunt Valley, the Komen Race has returned to Baltimore City. It was held at Fort McHenry Row. The historic route along the water was scenic, and the light mist didn't dampen any spirits. One member of the team completed the 5K in 21 minutes.

Komen Maryland is dedicated to the mission of saving lives and ending breast cancer forever. 75% of money

raised stays in Maryland, funding grants for organizations providing screening, education, treatment, and survivorship support for women and their families affected by breast cancer. The remaining 25% of funds goes toward national research, some of which is conducted here in Maryland.

Members of the RFS have volunteered along with Komen Maryland in local health fairs. With the Race, MRS puts a public face on radiologists & RFS continues its outreach and involvement with the community.

We look forward to an even bigger team from across the MRS membership next year!



Maryland Radiological Society members and family at Race for the Cure outreach event. From left to right: Samata Kakkad, Kanchan Sonkar, Santosh Bharti, Balaji Krishnamachary, Sheila Boateng, Jessica Wen, Atheeth Hiremath, Stacey Keen, Emily Ambinder, Erin Gomez holding Bruce Gomez, Isaac Ambinder in stroller.

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## MRS Fall Educational Event

**Jessica Wen, MD**

The Resident and Fellow Section and members of the MRS gathered for the annual Fall Educational event which took place on November 15 at the University of Maryland Medical Center. The guest speaker was Dr. Christopher Moran, a Professor of Radiology and Neurological Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine.

The evening began with a jeopardy round for the trainees with a variety of quiz questions that predominantly focused on neuroradiology topics. Dr. Moran then addressed the group with some background on his own training and career experiences, followed by a talk on the evolution of stroke therapy. It was a comprehensive review of several of the key clinical trials, challenges, and landmark innovations in the development of stroke therapy interventions. His talk also featured several interesting clinical cases to illustrate the unique and key roles that neurologists, radiologists, and interventionalists each play in patient care and stroke management. Furthermore, Dr. Moran was able to meet with residents and address the faculty during his day at the University of Maryland prior to the educational event.

We thank the educational committee and Dr. Moran for making this event a success. The spring educational event details will be announced in the coming months.



Christopher Moran, MD speaking to the Diagnostic Radiology residents from Johns Hopkins and University of Maryland at the Fall Educational Event at University of Maryland in November 2017