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What is the STR?

- Founded in 1982
- Largest society of thoracic imagers in the United States and world
- Over 750 members
- Reside in over 45 states
- Substantial representation by both academic and community practitioners

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- Mission Statement for STR

The mission of the STR is to promote excellence in cardiothoracic imaging and improve patient care through research and education.

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Improving patient care

- Optimizing image quality
- Decreasing radiation dose
- Providing best-practice education to radiologists and other practitioners
- Commitment to thoracic imaging research

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Examples of STR sponsored education/research

- Annual STR meeting – largest component is a review course for practitioner
- Website with case-of-the-day features and downloadable lectures
- Cutting edge research members in many areas of thoracic imaging including lung cancer screening (LCS) with low-dose CT

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STR efforts – LCS with low dose CT

- Nearly all lead imaging investigators of NLST and I-ELCAP are STR members
- Joint ACR-STR LCS screening training course at the ACR education center
- Day-long LCS screening categorical course at next STR meeting

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STR recommendations

- Broad national coverage for LCS with LDCT for based on the NLST results and USPSTF recommendations
- Coverage with evidence development (CED) for other groups at high risk that do not fall specifically within the above categories with data registry enrollment

THANK YOU