



Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) Registrant Spotlight

This section spotlights a CCI registrant for his or her accomplishments and dedication to the cardiovascular profession. Submissions may be sent to Christine Johnson via email at cjohnson@cci-online.org.

Tom Maloney, MHA, RT(N), CNMT, RCIS, FSICP

Tom Maloney has been working with the heart for over 20 years. He began his career in the medical field as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist, receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology from York College of Pennsylvania. Tom later felt that moving into hospital administration would be a logical next step for his career, so he earned his Master's degree in Health Administration from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

He first became intrigued with the heart while performing SPECT Sestamibi Scans, and he enjoyed the challenge of matching the defect on the scan to what the angiogram showed in the cath lab. He was inspired to pursue the cardiovascular field further after his father became a patient in his hospital's cath lab. "When my father had his first heart cath and I saw the journey into the heart, I was hooked," Tom says. "I knew then and there that this is where I wanted to be."

Tom immersed himself in whatever cardiology materials he could find. "Fortunately for me, I had an excellent educator in Chris Nelson who provided me with the foundation to get my career off the ground," Tom states. He quickly earned the RCIS credential and later went on to sit on the RCIS writing committee and teach RCIS review courses across the country. He believes that "credentialing is extremely important for patients and hospitals, as this assures patients that the person working with them has established a baseline of competency in his or her profession." He believes being RCIS credentialed has played a large part in his career, which has included working as a cath lab technologist and cath lab manager. CCI Immediate Past President Chris Nelson, RN, RCIS, FSICP, says, "Tommy has dedicated his professional career to advancing the field of interventional cardiology, and he is a good friend and colleague and a prime example of the student who has surpassed the teacher."

During his time working at Lancaster General Hospital, Tom became intrigued with clinical research. At the direction of Dr. Seth Worley, he assisted in coordinating clinical studies in the cath lab and created a new position for the lab, Senior Clinical Research Technologist. Tom says, "This enabled me to see that there was an entire new world outside of our lab that was trying to advance our field. This later led to my first abstract presentation on an early version of the Angioseal device." As Tom became more involved with trial protocols, he met many people within the medical device and pharmaceutical industry. These companies enabled him to speak on

behalf of their products and to teach their sales force the inner working of the cardiac cath lab. "Simultaneously I was able to become involved with the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT) meeting through the guidance of Alexandra Lansky, MD, and Gregg Stone, MD," Tom states. "They taught me how to take the skills I learned in the cath lab and put them in an educational forum that would take my career in a direction I could not have imagined years earlier."

Tom has trained many of the next generation of cath lab technologists and nurses in the United States and abroad. He is a member of several professional societies, including the Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals (SICP), the Thai Cardiovascular Invasive Society (TCIS), and the Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals (ACVP). Tom is extremely grateful for the opportunities these societies and his career have given him, including the chance to meet a vast number of people through lecturing and travel to Thailand to help train cath lab professionals. He has been an integral part of the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT) Conference faculty since 1998, and he planned and developed the RCIS review course for TCT. This course has become a regular feature of the program and integrates didactic lectures, hemodynamic calculations, video of heart dissection, and hands-on lab experience with diseased cadaver hearts. Tom says, "After spending the day listening to, watching, and holding a heart, the student gains an all-new perspective in understanding functionality of the heart."

You will find many published articles Tom has authored in *Cath Lab Digest*, *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, *The American Journal of Cardiology*, and numerous abstracts published and presented. He has recently embarked on a career path with industry at Boston Scientific with the Interventional Cardiology Division as a Coronary Sales Representative. Tom concludes, "Today I have been very blessed to still be involved with professional education, having worked with the TCT program for many years in program design, being able to see the cath lab from another angle while working for a medical device company, and working hand in hand educating new employees in and out of the hospital setting."



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