

CTSA Doctor, CTSI IT Director to Speak at ARIA North America Users Meeting



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CTSA Doctor Ajay Bhatnagar and CTSI IT Director Kevin Marraccini will lead workshops at the ARIA North America Users Meeting, sharing their extensive experience working in and implementing an electronic charting environment at CTSA.

Dr. Ajay Bhatnagar, radiation oncologist at Cancer Treatment Services Arizona (CTSA), will serve as master of ceremonies and one of ten featured speakers at the ARIA Oncology Information System North America Users Meeting, taking place March 18-19, 2011 at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Also featured will be Director of Information Technology at Cancer Treatment Services International, Kevin Marraccini, who will host workshops throughout the event sharing his expertise on the IT aspects of ARIA.

Hosted by Varian Medical Systems, the meeting is designed to teach existing users how to obtain the most benefit from their facilities' ARIA radiation oncology software. ARIA, formerly known as VARIs Vision, is a comprehensive information and image management system that assembles patient data into an electronic medical chart. Select members of the Varian management team will deliver presentations that offer insight on imminent healthcare IT changes, describe small adjustments in today's use of ARIA that will help prepare users for future upgrades, and preview the 2011 ARIA release. Dr. Bhatnagar will join clinicians from some of the top North American cancer centers in leading workshops on the successful use of ARIA in their fully electronic, paperless departments. Varian staff will also be on hand to facilitate interactive product demonstrations that showcase existing ARIA features.

CTSA has made use of ARIA to establish electronic medical charting since the facility first opened its doors in 2007. As the only center in Casa Grande, AZ that offers both radiation and medical oncology services, the use of ARIA has simplified the process of accessing information from both areas and has ultimately led to better patient care.

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