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ASTRO Expands Education, Research Departments

Fairfax, Va., September 27, 2007 -- The American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology is pleased to announce the hiring of two new employees in its Education and Research departments.

Jill Randolph has joined the Education Department as ASTRO's assistant director of education. Ms. Randolph comes to ASTRO from PerformTech where she worked as a project manager. She received her bachelor's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and her master's degree in education technology leadership from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Ms. Randolph is bringing more than 17 years of experience as an instructional designer and project manager to her new role at ASTRO where she will be responsible for developing and managing ASTRO's eLearning Component and technologies and overseeing the day to day operations of the Education Department.

Sunita Ranjitkar is the newest research health analyst in ASTRO's Research Department. Ms. Ranjitkar comes to ASTRO from the American College of Radiology where she worked as a program specialist in ultrasound, nuclear medicine and positron emission tomography. Ms. Ranjitkar received a bachelor's degree in medical imaging technology and another bachelor's degree in medical imaging science from Curtin University of Technology in Western Australia. She has previously worked as a medical imaging technologist and is registered in diagnostic radiography, mammography, obstetric/gynecologic ultrasound, abdomen ultrasound and vascular ultrasound. At ASTRO, Ms. Ranjitkar will be working on the Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise-Radiation Oncology (IHE-RO) project, as well as with the Radiation Physics, Workforce and Census committees.

"The Research and Education departments are really going to be bolstered by the vast experience that Jill and Sunita bring with them," said Laura I. Thevenot, ASTRO's Chief Executive Officer. "Their knowledge

will help propel forward the new projects that ASTRO is working on and, in turn, help ASTRO to better serve its 9,000 members who work every day to help people living with cancer beat their disease.”

ASTRO is the largest radiation oncology society in the world, with 9,000 members who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, biology and physics, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through education, clinical practice, advancement of science and advocacy.

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