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my journey into health care



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Renee Christo has her high school math teacher to thank for her career in diagnostic imaging.

Her teacher mentioned that his daughter was an X-ray technician and she enjoyed it. He then suggested it may be a good fit for Christo too. Christo hadn't thought of that field herself, so she asked some questions and then did a job shadow experience in the field.

"I thought it was interesting. Technical, with interactions with people too, a good combination," she said.

From then on, Christo was set on a career in diagnostic imaging.

She went on to get a bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. Then she worked at Genoa Community Hospital in Genoa for five years where she did laboratory tests, phlebotomy, EKGs and X-rays.

Christo started working at Columbus Community Hospital in 2000 as a staff radiologic technologist. She moved into her current position as assistant director of Diagnostic Imaging in 2007.

In this position, Christo is in charge of the Mammography Quality Standards Act. She also helps with equipment implementation, radiation safety, scheduling, picture archiving and communication systems, and American College of Radiology accreditation.

On a typical work day, Christo will assign rotating duties, help out where needed, work on special projects that are due and attend meetings or webinars.

Whatever tasks she works on each day, Christo is happy to have found a career in health care, and diagnostic imaging, in particular. Within the field of diagnostic imaging, Christo said people have the opportunity to work on a variety of different things, including ultrasounds, CT scans, MRIs, nuclear medicine and mammography.

"They all offer different technical aspects and have varying degree of patient interactions. Each day can be different," she said. **"It's a great field. You get to help many people every day."**

Christo is thankful that her career allows her to make an impact on patients by using diagnostic imaging to help them

in their battles against cancer and other illnesses. She's also thankful she works at CCH, an organization she said is very forward-thinking in terms of technology.

"CCH is very supportive of the Diagnostic Imaging department," she said. **"We have many new machines with cutting-edge technology that help our patients and our community. They keep us up on all the technological advances that come along. It is a great feeling to know that Columbus Community Hospital is committed to making us a great department."**

For more information on Christo or CCH's diagnostic imaging services, visit www.columbushosp.org.