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ARDMS Announces the Development of the New Pediatric Sonography Certification Examination Coming in 2015

ROCKVILLE, MD. (April 28, 2014) - The Board of Directors of the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®), has approved the development of the Sonography profession's first specialty examination in Pediatric Sonography (PS). The new Pediatric Sonography specialty is part of the ARDMS Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer® (RDMS®) credential and will in part include select areas of the existing Neurosonology (NE) examination content as well as other areas specific to Pediatric Sonography. The first Pediatric Sonography specialty examination will be administered in February 2015.

The Pediatric Sonography certification supports the current and anticipated needs of the evolving pediatric Sonography field. This changing specialty as well as input from a cross section of medical professionals guided the decision to incorporate select areas of the Neurosonology examination content into this new and comprehensive Pediatric Sonography certification.

ARDMS® Registrants who now hold the Neurosonology specialty certification will be able to utilize their NE specialty through 2021 or until their 10-year recertification cycle is completed. Visit www.ARDMS.org/NERegistrant for more information.

Applicants or candidates who have already applied to take the Neurosonology specialty examination will need to pass the Neurosonology examination by the end of 2014. The last day to apply for the Neurosonology (NE) specialty examination is August 1, 2014.

"All ARDMS Registrants and staff members are indebted to our ARDMS NE certified colleagues whose consistently high level of professionalism and commitment to quality patient care provided the key leadership and expertise that helped us make this important decision," said Thomas Shipp, MD, RDMS, Chair of ARDMS Board of Directors. "The launch of the new Pediatric Sonography exam is especially exciting in that it meets a growing global need for this critical specialty while also providing new career-enhancing opportunities for our Registrants."

The development of a new ARDMS specialty examination is a multi-stage and rigorous process and components of the Pediatric Sonography specialty examination are still being created by the ARDMS and the Pediatric Sonography Job Task Analysis task force. For current information about the release of the Pediatric Sonography specialty examination, please visit www.ARDMS.org/RDMS-PS.

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The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®), incorporated in June 1975, is an independent, nonprofit organization that administers examinations and awards credentials in the areas of diagnostic medical sonography, diagnostic cardiac sonography, musculoskeletal sonography, vascular technology and physician vascular interpretation. ARDMS credentialing programs (RDMS, RDCS, RVT and RPVI) are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024 and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). ARDMS has nearly 85,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada, and throughout the world and is the recognized international standard in sonography credentialing.