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## **UPDATE: ARDMS Clarifies Eligibility Requirements for the Physicians' Vascular Interpretation Examination**

(ROCKVILLE, MD, April 9, 2014) – On February 6, 2014, the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) announced a clarification of the prerequisites for the Physicians' Vascular Interpretation (PVI) examination. Based on the feedback received from the vascular sonography community, ARDMS has extended the implementation of the PVI prerequisite clarification (B2 and C2). Individuals may apply under the [current prerequisites](#) during the August 12 – October 13, 2014 application period.

The clarification to B2 and C2 PVI prerequisites will be fully enforced for 2015 administrations. Visit [www.ARDMS.org/RPVIschedule](http://www.ARDMS.org/RPVIschedule) to view application and administration dates.

To ensure that candidates for this credential have appropriate training and experience, the clinical case study prerequisite requirement must be patient-related and completed in a clinical setting. The clarification applies to the B2 and C2 PVI prerequisites and will be fully enforced beginning October 13, 2014.

**[View the PVI Prerequisites](#)** (effective October 13, 2014).

All 500 required clinical studies, noted in the PVI examination application prerequisites B2 and C2, must be completed through employment as an interpreting physician in a clinical diagnostic setting (limited to hospitals, clinics and private practices). This can include vascular studies billed by the applicant for contracted interpretation. Interpretation of cases outside of a clinical setting, such as online or in-person courses/seminars, do not meet the experience requirement.

“The growing proliferation of non-clinical setting case review courses targeted to PVI applicants to meet their application clinical case requirements, does not satisfy the rigorous standards set forth by ARDMS education and clinical experience requirements to ensure public safety,” said Thomas D. Shipp, MD, RDMS, Chair, ARDMS Board of Directors. “ARDMS is committed to setting standards and requirements that meet the highest level of knowledge and clinical experience.”

For more information, please visit [www.ARDMS.org/RPVI](http://www.ARDMS.org/RPVI).

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