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ARDMS to Feature Picture Archive and Communication Simulation Questions on Physicians' Vascular Interpretation Examination

(ROCKVILLE, MD, August 25, 2014) The Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation (RPVI) certification examination, administered by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®), will feature a new Picture Archive and Communication Simulation (PACSim) items/questions. The new, patent-pending items are designed to simulate an interpretation workstation experience relevant to actual present-day medical practice. The PACSim items will first appear on the PVI examination during the Fall 2014 administration, scheduled from November 12 – December 16, 2014.

The PACSim questions will require examinees to read a clinical history of the patient, evaluate the existing image(s), and complete a diagnostic ultrasound report by selecting from the presented options. The PVI examination will remain four hours long and will now contain 185 questions comprised of multiple-choice and [Advanced Item Type](#) (AIT) questions.

The new PACSim items are the latest addition to AIT questions used by ARDMS. The purpose of AIT questions is to assess a candidates knowledge, skills and abilities in formats that closely relate to actual clinical practice, therefore, providing better measures of practical vascular ultrasound interpretation skills.

The ARDMS has posted the following resources at www.ARDMS.org/pacs to assist applicants and candidates in preparing for the PVI examination:

- Watch the Tutorial: ARDMS Presents How to Answer a PACSim Question
- View the PACSim sample questions
- Review the PVI content outline. (The PACSim items are based on content area #4 – Integration of Data, of the outline.)
- Review the PACSim User Guide

“The patent-pending picture archive and communications system is revolutionary,” noted Thomas D. Shipp, M.D., RDMS, Chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors, “and allows examinees to demonstrate competency in a testing environment that closely relates to their clinical practice.”

Visit and bookmark www.ARDMS.org/pacs for additional information and updates.

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