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## ARDMS ANNOUNCES NEW 2016 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE MODEL

The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®), the internationally recognized standard in sonography credentialing, has announced plans to expand its organizational structure and governance model to better meet the needs of diverse healthcare professionals around the world. In 2016, ARDMS will introduce a new parent company (Inteleos™) and a new physician-centric certification organization (Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement™ - APCA™) which will join ARDMS® in furthering its long-standing mission of raising the global standards of excellence in healthcare and patient safety.

### NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE MODELS

#### **Inteleos™**

Inteleos™, the parent company of ARDMS and APCA, will launch in January 2016. The mission of Inteleos will be to serve as a non-profit certification organization that manages rigorous assessments and cultivates a global community of professionals dedicated to the highest standards in healthcare and patient safety. Governed by a volunteer-led Board of Directors, Inteleos will set the overall strategic direction, hold fiduciary responsibilities, manage all intellectual properties and oversee the development of future assessment programs for global medical professionals such as nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and many others.

#### **American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®)**

The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) will continue its 40-year mission of promoting quality care and patient safety through the certification and continuing competency of ultrasound professionals. Under the new organizational structure, ARDMS will recommit to its Sonographer core constituency and continue to provide unparalleled credentialing opportunities, exceptional service and to champion the role and voice of Sonographers around the world. The existing ARDMS sonographer-level RDMS, RDCS, RVT and RMSKS credentials and maintenance of certification programs will be governed by a volunteer-led ARDMS Council of sonographers and subject matter experts. The launch of future sonographer-level credentials and assessments will be managed by the ARDMS governance Council.

#### **Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement™ (APCA™)**

The Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement™ (APCA™) will launch in 2016 to exclusively serve the physician community and support their enduring commitment to continual learning and providing high-quality and compassionate patient care through certifications. In January 2016 the APCA governance Council led by physician volunteers will be formed to begin the oversight of the current RPVI and RMSK physician credentials. In June 2016, the more than 7,000 physicians currently affiliated with ARDMS will transition to the APCA where they will continue to receive outstanding customer care and management of their maintenance of certification programs. Additionally, the APCA governance Council will identify new areas of practice which would benefit from assessment programs.

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### Midwife Community

The Midwife Community of Inteleos will be introduced in spring 2016 to correspond with the first administration of the new midwife sonography assessment. As a Community, the midwife assessment program will initially be governed by the volunteer-led Inteleos Board of Directors. Once the midwife assessment program becomes established, the governance of the program will be transitioned to a volunteer-led Council of subject matter experts and peers.

### TIMELINE FOR THE NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE MODELS:

**September – December 2015:** Logistical elements of the organizational structure and governance models will continue to be finalized and details will be shared with Registrants and the medical community as information becomes available.

**January 2016:** The volunteer-led Inteleos Board of Directors and ARDMS and APCA governance Councils will begin operating under the new organizational structure. Abbreviated websites will be launched for Inteleos and the APCA providing general information regarding the new organizations. Access to all credentials, assessment and maintenance of certification programs for all active and prospective Registrants (Sonographers, Physicians and Midwives) will continue to be offered through the ARDMS ([www.ARDMS.org](http://www.ARDMS.org)).

**January – May 2016:** All active and prospective Registrants (Sonographers, Physicians and Midwives) will continue to receive the high quality, accurate, timely and professional information and services from the ARDMS ([www.ARDMS.org](http://www.ARDMS.org)). Extensive information regarding the new organizational structure and governance model will be highly visible and accessible throughout this time period.

### June 2016:

**Sonographers:** Existing and prospective sonographer Registrants will continue to access information regarding the RDMS, RDCS, RVT and RMSKS credentials and maintenance of certification via the [www.ARDMS.org](http://www.ARDMS.org) website. The current ARDMS phone, fax and email addresses will remain the same.

**Physicians:** Current and prospective physician Registrants of ARDMS will formally transition their certification to the APCA. The APCA website will become the primary online resource for the RPVI and RMSK physician credentials and all maintenance of certification programs for physician Registrants (including physicians holding the sonographer-level RDMS, RDCS and RVT credentials). New phone numbers are expected to be established for the APCA.

**Midwives:** The new Midwives Community webpages will launch as part of the Inteleos website and provide comprehensive information for midwives regarding the new ultrasound assessment program.

**Please bookmark and visit [www.ARDMS.org/2016NewStructure](http://www.ARDMS.org/2016NewStructure) for updates and information about the new ARDMS structure.**

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