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## **ARDMS Converts to a Continuing Medical Education Audit System**

(ROCKVILLE, MD, March 14, 2006) -- ARDMS' process for tracking Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit requirements for our nearly 50,000 registrants has changed to a more efficient and streamlined procedure--Effective Jan. 1, 2006, ARDMS has converted to a CME audit system to verify compliance with the Registry's CME requirements. Each year all of ARDMS' Active Registrants whose 3-year CME cycle ends, will be attesting to all ARDMS rules and policies and that they are in CME compliance through their payment of the annual ARDMS registry renewal fee.

Registrants whose 3-year cycle ends on December 31 of any given year will only need to send in their ARDMS-acceptable CME certificates, demonstrating the required minimum of 30 CME credits, if officially notified by ARDMS. All ARDMS acceptable CME-credit documents should now be retained by the Registrant for a period of their present 3-year cycle, in the event that they are audited.

ARDMS will annually audit a high percentage of randomly selected Registrants whose 3-year CME cycle ended in the previous year. The first audit will be for the Jan. 1, 2004 -Dec.31, 2006 3-year CME Cycle.

Consequently, in the first quarter of 2007, ARDMS will randomly select a significant percentage of those Registrants whose 3-year cycle ended in December 31, 2006 and will send a letter to notify those audited Registrants that they must submit their CME documents, by mail, to ARDMS for review.

To help you understand this change in CME processing, ARDMS has created a "CME Audit" section on our Web site. The section offers more information about the change, details about the new process, answers to audit-related questions and much more. We strongly recommend that you visit the "CME Audit" section in order to familiarize yourself with this historic change that affects all Registrants – current and future.

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