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**ARDMS Earns ANSI-ISO 17024 Accreditation**

***ARDMS is the recognized international standard in sonography credentialing.***

(ROCKVILLE, MD, June 23, 2005) — The [American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography](http://www.ardms.org) (ARDMS) has earned the prestigious accreditation for certifying bodies from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Accreditation is granted through the [American National Standards Institute](http://www.ansi.org) (ANSI), the U.S. sponsoring organization to ISO.

By achieving ANSI-ISO accreditation, ARDMS has become the internationally recognized standard in ultrasound credentialing.

“ANSI-ISO accreditation is truly one of the great accomplishments of ARDMS in its 30-year history. All ARDMS Registrants can now be proud that their credentials are recognized internationally in scope, and that ARDMS is recognized as a global organization,” says Dale R. Cyr, MBA, CAE, chief executive officer and executive director of ARDMS.

ISO launched its new personnel-certification accreditation, ISO 17024, in 2002. It is now endorsed by 85 countries. Its goal is to achieve a globally accepted benchmark for organizations that certify individuals, worldwide. The standard includes rigorous requirements for examination-development and maintenance and for quality management systems for continuing quality assurance. ARDMS is the seventh organization in the world to achieve this accreditation.

Notes ARDMS Board Chair, Paul A. Cardullo, MS, BSN, RVT, “For every sonographer who holds ARDMS certification, and – just as important – for the sonography profession as a whole, ANSI-ISO accreditation provides a new measure of prestige that is recognized worldwide.”

“In addition,” notes ARDMS Board member J. Geoffrey Stevenson, MD, FACC, “accreditation by ANSI-ISO demonstrates the rigor of ARDMS’ approach to credentialing in all aspects of sonography practice.”

In addition, ARDMS has been accredited by the [National Commission for Certifying Agencies](http://www.ncca.com) (NCCA) for over 24 years.

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The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), incorporated in 1975, is an independent, nonprofit organization that administers examinations and awards credentials in the areas of diagnostic medical sonography, diagnostic cardiac sonography and vascular technology. All ARDMS credentialing programs are accredited through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). ARDMS has more than 47,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada and throughout the world.