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Future ARDMS Applicants Must Complete Clinical Verification Form

(ROCKVILLE, MD, Dec. 8, 2003) — To further substantiate applicants' clinical experience, the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) is adopting an additional verification step in the application process for future applicants in order to help document applicants' experience and entry-level clinical skills.

Starting Jan. 1, 2005, all applicants (first-time applicants and reapplicants) will be required to submit an ARDMS clinical verification form with their application materials. The form must be completed, dated and signed by an ARDMS-registered sonographer/vascular technologist in the applied-for specialty area promptly upon completion of the clinical experience. The clinical verification form will be valid for one year following the date of signature.

This form will consist of a 14-criteria checklist. Each criterion, which must be met, serves to substantiate the clinical experience required to apply for each specialty examination. An applicant for ARDMS examinations must meet all of the requirements listed on the clinical verification form and must fill out a separate form for each exam he/she is applying to take.

Breast-specialty credential applicants:

Starting July 5, 2004, all breast-specialty applicants will be required to submit an ARDMS clinical verification form with their application materials. The form must be completed and signed by an ARDMS-registered sonographer/vascular technologist or supervising physician.

The breast-credential clinical verification form serves to verify the clinical skills of the applicant. Breast credential applicants must have performed at least 800 breast-ultrasound cases, with at least 400 being hands-on, and must have a minimum of six months of full-time clinical experience, which is designated as 35 hours per week in a breast ultrasound/mammography setting.

This form will consist of a 14-criteria checklist. Each criterion will be used to substantiate the clinical experience required to apply for each specialty examination. An applicant for ARDMS examinations must meet all of the requirements listed on the clinical verification form and must fill out a separate form for each exam he/she is applying to take. The form will be valid for one year following the date of signature.

ARDMS is well known for its rigorous but fair examinations - developed using comprehensive practice data from sonography professionals.

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The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS), incorporated in June 1975, is an independent, nonprofit organization that administers examinations and awards credentials in the areas of diagnostic medical sonography, diagnostic cardiac sonography, vascular technology and ophthalmic biometry.

ARDMS programs are accredited through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

ARDMS has more than 42,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada and throughout the world.