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ARDMS Clinical Verification Forms Are Now Available Online

*Starting Jan. 1, 2005, all future ARDMS applicants must complete appropriate clinical verification form.
ARDMS revises breast-specialty clinical verification form's effective date.*

(ROCKVILLE, MD, April 23, 2004) – Starting Jan. 1, 2005, all applicants (first-time applicants and reapplicants) will be required to submit an ARDMS clinical verification (CV) form with their application materials. **You can view and print all of the clinical verification forms, which are now available online at www.ardms.org.**

There are currently three separate CV forms: (1) breast-specialty examination, (2) fetal echocardiography examination, and (3) all other specialty examinations (i.e. AB, OB/GYN, NE, VT, AE, PE).

Please refer to each form for specific details.

The CV form is not required for the physical principles and instrumentation examinations.

The CV 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 required clinical experience. The CV form will be valid for one year following the date of signature.

Each criterion on the CV form(s), which must be met, serves to substantiate the clinical experience required to apply for each specialty examination. An applicant for ARDMS examinations must meet one of the examination prerequisite requirements in addition to the requirements listed on the CV form and must complete a separate CV form for each specialty examination he/she is applying to take.

ARDMS previously announced that starting July 5, 2004, all breast-specialty applicants will be required to submit an ARDMS clinical verification form. That effective date has been changed to Jan. 1, 2005.

To further substantiate applicants' breast-sonography clinical experience, ARDMS is adopting a pilot study which will require an additional verification step of documenting cases in the application process for breast-specialty applicants in order to help document applicants' experience and entry-level clinical skills. This is a two-year pilot study designed to qualify the results of a case-based versus a time-based clinical prerequisite requirement for specialty examinations.

Starting Jan. 1, 2005, all breast-specialty applicants will be required to submit an ARDMS breast-specialty clinical verification (CV) form with their application materials. The form must be completed and signed by an ARDMS-breast-registered sonographer or primary breast-ultrasound interpreting physician.

Breast-credential applicants must be directly involved in 800 cases, at least 400 of which must involve hands-on scanning, and must have a minimum of six months of full-time, breast-ultrasound clinical experience (which is designated as 35 hours per week at least 24 weeks per year) in a breast-ultrasound setting. The CV 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.