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**Steven A. Leers, MD, RVT, Appointed to the  
American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography Board of Directors**



(ROCKVILLE, MD, October 24, 2007) – Dr. Steven A. Leers has been appointed as Chair of the Board of Directors for the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®). As the first physician Chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors, Dr. Leers was welcomed to the position after serving ARDMS in various volunteer roles for over a decade.

Dr. Leers took over this esteemed position with both excitement and enthusiasm as he plans to continue to use the ARDMS mission of promoting quality care and patient safety through the certification and continuing competency of ultrasound professionals as a guiding force for old and new programs.

“For more than three decades our first responsibility has been to our Registrants, who now number over 55,000. It is to these Registrants that we remain committed in providing not only examinations and credentials, but routes to continuing education, legislative initiatives, personal advancement, and growth. As we look towards new testing modalities, advanced item development, international testing, and physician credentialing, our vision remains focused on the mission of quality, safety, and professional competency.”

Dr. Leers is a vascular surgeon and has managed vascular laboratories for over 20 years. He holds the ARDMS Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT) credential

A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Dr. Leers earned his doctorate at the University of Massachusetts and continued his fellowship there in Peripheral Vascular Surgery. He was Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania for nearly 19 years and is currently Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Vascular Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Leers earned his ARDMS RVT credential in 1991 and volunteered as an Exam Development Task Force committee member, a member of the Board of Directors, and now Chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors.

ARDMS CEO and Executive Director Dale R. Cyr said, “Dr. Leers has helped lead the effort to fulfill and continue to promote the ARDMS mission. I enthusiastically welcome him to this prestigious position and look forward to the skills and expertise that he will bring to the sonography community.”

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Dr. Leers replaces Diane Kawamura, Ph.D., RT(R), RDMS, in this position, who served her term from 2005-2007.

Dr. Leers contributed to various medical journals and case studies. He has also given many presentations at international, national, and state professional organizations meetings, universities, and hospitals.

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*The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography<sup>®</sup> (ARDMS<sup>®</sup>) 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 physician vascular interpretation. ARDMS credentialing programs are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024 and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). ARDMS has more than 55,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada, and throughout the world and is the recognized international standard in sonography credentialing.*

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