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#### **ARDMS Earns NCCA Accreditation for All Its Credentials** *Twenty-three Years of Accreditation; Now, Five More*

(ROCKVILLE, MD, June 23, 2004) – The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) is pleased to announce that its credentialing program has been re-accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the accrediting body of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). ARDMS has been accredited by NCCA since 1981.

To renew its accreditation, ARDMS demonstrated that all its certification programs met NCCA's standards, in accordance with its mission to promote excellence in competency assurance for practitioners in a wide range of occupations and professions. Of NOCA's 300 members, ARDMS is one of approximately 50 that have NCCA-accredited certification programs.

NCCA was established by NOCA as a commission whose mission is to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public, through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs/organizations that assess professional competence. NOCA uses a

peer-review process to develop accreditation standards, evaluate compliance with these standards, recognize organizations/programs that demonstrate compliance, and serve as a resource on quality certification.

"ARDMS takes great pride in our ongoing accreditation by the NCCA," notes ARDMS Chair Paul Cardullo, MS, RVT. "NCCA accreditation provides assurance that all ARDMS examinations as well as the Registry's policies and procedures are in compliance with high national standards."

ARDMS Director of Testing Tim Sares, Ph.D., adds that, "NCCA accreditation validates our procedures for all elements of examination development, from the initial task surveys right through the exam-deployment process."

For more information on NOCA/NCCA and their accreditation programs, visit their Web site, [www.noca.org](http://www.noca.org).

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The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (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 44,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada and throughout the world.