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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### ARDMS Offers Three New Practice Examinations Online

*Abdomen, obstetrics/gynecology and neurosonology specialty practice exams are now available.  
Each of the practice exams also includes a tutorial feature.*

(ROCKVILLE, MD, Feb. 4, 2005) – The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) is proud to announce the online availability of three new specialty practice examinations for abdomen, obstetrics/gynecology and neurosonology.

Now, individuals have the opportunity to simulate the ARDMS test-taking experience prior to the real exams by taking an online practice examination on their own time, in their own home.

The abdomen, obstetrics/gynecology and neurosonology specialty practice examinations are now available at [www.ardms.org](http://www.ardms.org) by selecting "Practice Exams." The Ultrasound Physics & Instrumentation (UPI), Cardiovascular Principles & Instrumentation (CPI) and Vascular Physical Principles & Instrumentation (VPI) practice exams are also available online.

Each practice examination costs \$25 to take and consists of 30 exam questions, along with five post-examination survey questions. The practice exams are very much like the real ARDMS tests – in the content areas covered, as well as the style of the questions included. The pace of the actual ARDMS test is also simulated in the practice examinations. Test-takers have exactly 30 minutes to finish the timed 35-question practice exam.

All practice examinations have a recently updated feature: a timed 15-minute tutorial detailing instructions on taking the practice exam. The 15-minute tutorial is in addition to the 30 minutes given to take the actual practice examination.

Benefits of taking the practice examination:

- The practice examination is particularly beneficial for individuals who may not have much experience or feel comfortable with computers. The tutorial gives very detailed instructions describing the basic toolbar functions, along with a sample question to acclimate the test-taker with the test-taking format, pacing, features and functionality.
- The practice examination's tutorial is very similar to the tutorial one would receive when taking the actual ARDMS certification examination(s). Therefore, the tutorial is additional preparation for the test-taking experience.
- The questions included in the practice examinations are randomly selected from a database of test items, so no two exams will be exactly the same. Interested individuals can take the test multiple times (\$25 for each test).
- The test-taker's results are provided as soon as they finish the practice exam. The post-exam score report provides the number of questions answered correctly and highlights the content areas of the missed questions.

ARDMS is currently working to offer the remaining specialty examinations: breast, adult echocardiography, pediatric echocardiography, fetal echocardiography and vascular technology.

"These practice examinations will be a valuable tool for anyone who wants to assess their knowledge of ARDMS examination content," notes ARDMS Executive Director Dale Cyr, MBA, CAE, RDMS, RDCS.

"Now that three of the specialty examinations are readily accessible, as well as all three of the physics principles and instrumentation practice examinations, applicants can mimic the experience of taking both required examinations if they so desire. Anyone planning to take the ARDMS certifying examinations should consider taking advantage of this very useful online resource," adds ARDMS Chair Paul Cardullo, MS, BSN, RVT. "Registrants seeking new credentials, students, applicants and candidates can test their knowledge from their computer, on multiple occasions."

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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 45,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada and throughout the world.*

