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### **New RPVI Credential is Officially Available**

(ROCKVILLE, MD, January 26, 2006) --- The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) is pleased to announce that the Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation (RPVI) credential is now available.

This ground-breaking new ARDMS credential is offered exclusively to physicians who practice or rely upon vascular ultrasound/technology. To apply and sit for the PVI examination, a physician must meet one of the published ARDMS prerequisites. To view these prerequisites, please visit [www.ardms.org](http://www.ardms.org) and click on “Physicians’ Exam.”

The RPVI credential was developed to meet the needs of physicians for a nationally standardized certification. This credential will serve as a benchmark for physicians’ skills in interpreting the vascular ultrasound images that are so important for making accurate diagnoses.

“I think this [PVI] credential is going to be a tremendous success... This is very important because prior to the PVI, there has been no certification, or recognition, of vascular disease. There has been vascular surgery, and cardiology – but for the first time, this credential is putting it altogether. It’s a multi-specialty credentialing, so it doesn’t matter if you come from a surgical or medical background. You can get the same credential — all of the people with different specialties working in the same area, and that’s where this whole field of non-coronary vascular disease is going,” said Dr. Jeffrey Olin, D.O., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.C., Director, Vascular Medicine and Vascular Diagnostic Laboratory, The Zena and Michale A. Wiener Cardiovascular Institute.

To request an application booklet or view and print off a copy of the application, please visit the ARDMS web site at [www.ardms.org](http://www.ardms.org).

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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, vascular technology, and physician vascular ultrasound interpretation. ARDMS credentialing programs are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024 and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). ARDMS has over 48,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada and throughout the world and is considered the global standard in medical ultrasound credentialing.*