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**Patricia Ann Prince, RDMS, RVT, RT, Elected as Chair of the
American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography Board of Directors**



(ROCKVILLE, MD, November 10, 2009) – The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®), the globally recognized standard of excellence in sonography credentialing, is proud to announce that Patricia Prince, RDMS, RVT, RT is the 2009 to 2011 Chair of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Prince assumes the position with both enthusiasm for the future and a keen regard of ARDMS's long-standing mission of promoting quality care and patient safety through the certification and continuing competency of ultrasound professionals.

“I am extremely honored to be the Chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors and represent the nearly 65,000 Registrants,” said Ms. Prince. “I’m also committed to the continuing quality of ARDMS credentials and what they mean to public safety and the organizations future growth in new areas of clinical sonography using advanced item (question) types and international expansion.”

Ms. Prince earned her ARDMS Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS) credential in 1981 and the Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT) credential in 1983. The credentials were awarded in the specialty areas of abdominal sonography, neurosonology, obstetrics and gynecology and vascular sonography. When speaking of her credentials, Ms. Prince said, “I felt that it was important to be certified in all areas in which I practiced.”

For nearly two decades, Ms. Prince has served ARDMS in various volunteer leadership capacities. “My first volunteer position with ARDMS was writing items for the Neurosonology exam.” After several years of item writing, Ms. Prince joined the Neurosonology Exam Development Task Force and then in 2002 ran for the Board of Directors. Since joining the Board of Directors, she has served on the Certification Committee, Legislative Committee, Board Development Committee, Disciplinary Hearing Panel and the Recertification Task Force. “The most rewarding thing I have done so far has been being Chair of the Board Development Committee through which I’ve encouraged other sonographers and physicians to become members of Exam Development Task Forces.”

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Patty (Maxwell) Prince has held sonography-related management positions with Advanced Ultrasound and Maternal Fetal Medicine and Mercy Hospital and Allegheny General Hospital. Early in her career, Ms. Prince worked as a Radiologic Technologist. For the past nine months, Ms. Prince has been working in Providence, Rhode Island at the Women and Infants Hospital. In addition to her extensive work in the clinical setting, Ms. Prince has also given many presentations at international, national and state professional organization meetings.

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ARDMS CEO and Executive Director, Dale R. Cyr said, “The entire ARDMS organization enthusiastically welcomes Patty Prince to this prestigious position and looks forward to the leadership and expertise that she will bring to the sonography community.”

Ms. Prince is the twentieth Chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors and follows Steven A. Leers, MD, RVT who held the 2-year term from 2007 to 2009.

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The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (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 physician vascular interpretation. ARDMS credentialing programs are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024 and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). ARDMS has more than 63,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada, and throughout the world and is the recognized international standard in sonography credentialing.

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