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ARDMS Requests Comments from the Community on SPI Prerequisites

(ROCKVILLE, MD, January 17, 2006) -- The ARDMS Certification Committee is evaluating whether or not there should be clinical and didactic prerequisite requirement(s) for the new sonography principles and instrumentation (SPI) examination. To assist ARDMS in making a decision, the committee is now inviting public comment on this issue, as well as any related issues that the community feels are of sufficient importance to warrant consideration as part of a thorough review of an SPI prerequisite(s).

[Click here to obtain the formal report on the request for comments from the community.](#) The report contains additional information about the request, as well as directions for submitting your comments in the proper format. .

Once ARDMS has received all the submissions, staff will compile all of the responses into a summary report and a full report. The summary report will be available online for public viewing on May 30, 2006.

Background

The ARDMS Board of Directors has approved the concept of a sonography principles and instrumentation (SPI) examination. With SPI, candidates will take one sonography principles and instrumentation examination and can select from the three credentials of RDMS, RDCS or RVT and all of their respective specialties to earn ARDMS credential(s).

All questions and content that are unique to a particular credential or specialty will be moved to the appropriate clinical specialty examination, with only principles and instrumentation-specific questions remaining in the SPI examination.

Part of the proposal for converting to an SPI examination will be the possible elimination of a need to meet the current prerequisites, and elimination of the requirement to submit supporting documentation for the SPI portion of ARDMS application. If such a change is made, the examination prerequisites for the specialty examinations would remain unchanged.

Note: Candidates must pass both the SPI examination and the specialty examination before earning an ARDMS credential.

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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 47,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada and throughout the world.