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**Please note that the new SPI examination and the proposed Recertification Program are two distinct programs and are not interrelated. Please see the articles below for additional information about both programs.**

## Update on the ARDMS Recertification Efforts

In December 2007, ARDMS announced that it was beginning to explore a recertification program based on the following principles:

- Maintain ARDMS' ongoing mission to promote quality care and patient safety through the certification and continuing competency of ultrasound professionals;
- Meet recommendations of the ISO-ANSI and NCCA (the organizations that accredit ARDMS);
- Reflect the present day entry-level practice of Sonography;
- Be simple for ARDMS Registrants to comply with;
- Be affordable;
- Benefit patients and the Sonography community; and
- Co-exist with Continuing Medical Education (CME) programs.

Over the past year, volunteer members of the ARDMS Recertification Task Force, members

for the community advisory work group (which includes representatives from leading Sonography organizations) and ARDMS staff have spent many hours deliberating and developing the basic components of the recertification program to include:

- The ability for Registrants to take the recertification examinations online from their home or office computer, not in a testing center;
- That the assessments will be affordable; and
- Examination content will likely consist of specialty-specific questions.

The formal implementation of a recertification program is still several years away and ARDMS is committed to keeping Registrants and the Sonography community informed every step of the way. The recertification section of the ARDMS website ([www.ARDMS.org](http://www.ARDMS.org)) features a complete listing of articles and press releases. Updates about the recertification program will also be featured in future issues of *Registry Reports*.

## Sonography Principles & Instrumentation (SPI) Examination

In April 2009, ARDMS will launch the Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI) examination. SPI will meet the fundamental physical principles and instrumentation

requirements needed to earn the Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS), Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS) and Registered Vascular Technologist

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