

## **Ellen R. Julian, Ph.D. Joins ARDMS as the New Director of Testing & Research**

(ROCKVILLE, MD, June 20, 2007) --- On June 13, 2007, the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) welcomed Ellen Julian, Ph.D., as the new Director of Testing and Research. In this role, Ellen will be responsible for helping to meet the organization's long-term strategic plans and to continue to increase the rigor, quality, methodology, validity, and delivery of ARDMS' examinations.

Before joining the ARDMS staff, Ellen served as an Associate Vice President and Director of the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT®) for the Association of American Medical Colleges. Ellen also served as a psychometrician for the National Counsel of State Boards of Nursing and the National Board of Medical Examiners. Ellen comes to ARDMS with extensive experience in leading computer-based examinations and in improving the quality of innovative, high-profile testing and research programs.



“Ellen brings a unique wealth of testing knowledge and strategy experience to this position,” ARDMS CEO and Executive Director, Dale R. Cyr, said. “Her depth of knowledge in testing coupled with her program management experience will have a positive impact on the sonography community and patients over the next several years.”

The future promises to bring many advances and enhancements to ARDMS's testing program. One major initiative underway is the delivery of ARDMS examinations to international audiences in places such as China, India, and South Korea. “ARDMS is poised to become a global leader in high-tech examinations and I am excited to have the opportunity to be a part of it,” said Ellen.

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