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### **ARDMS Welcomes New Board Chair - Paul Cardullo**

(Sept. 26, 2003, ROCKVILLE, MD) - On Sept. 13, 2003, Paul A. Cardullo, MS, BSN, RVT, assumed the office of chair of the board of directors of the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS).

For over 28 years, ARDMS has served as the preeminent organization in the credentialing of health professionals who perform ultrasound and noninvasive vascular procedures.

Prior ARDMS Chair Kari E. Boyce, PhD, RDMS, RDCS, is now the immediate past chair and Diane Kawamura, PhD, RT(R), RDMS, holds the position of vice chair.

During his tenure as ARDMS chair, Cardullo plans to promote ongoing improvements in the quality and responsiveness of all ARDMS products and services, and to continue building the Registry's knowledge-based organizational and governance structures.

"Continuing the implementation of the ARDMS strategic plan to improve quality care and patient safety through a global presence, while at the same time providing our 42,000 active Registrants and community with the best service and tools to earn and maintain sonography credentials is essential," notes Cardullo.

"I look forward to my term as chair with great excitement and anticipation," says Cardullo. "It's an opportunity to lead an already preeminent organization to an even higher level of excellence in service and to explore exciting opportunities for growth."



Cardullo has a long history of distinguished volunteer service to the profession as a volunteer for ARDMS and the Society of Vascular Ultrasound (SVU). His devotion to the field of ultrasound is demonstrated by over 25 years of commitment to these organizations.

Cardullo served on the board of directors for the Society of Noninvasive Vascular Technology (now the Society for Vascular Ultrasound) for two years, and served as the chair for the ARDMS Exam Development Committee for three years, before advancing to the position of chair-elect in 2002-2003. He was also honored by receiving fellowship status within the SVU.



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Cardullo has received a number of awards including the Pride in Performance Award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Kenneth R. Gottesfeld Award, presented by the *Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography* for "Detection of Carotid Artery Disease by Duplex Ultrasound," and the Cynthia Burnham Editor Award, presented by the Society for Vascular Ultrasound for outstanding service to the Society. He is editor emeritus and a past editor of the *Journal of Vascular Technology*.

Cardullo is also an accomplished medical author. He has written numerous journal articles on cerebrovascular, peripheral arterial and peripheral venous diagnostic techniques.

Speaking on behalf of ARDMS staff, Dale R. Cyr, ARDMS executive director, notes, "We are very excited about Paul's tenure and look forward to a positive, proactive and productive term. ARDMS is constantly evolving, and we plan to continue advancing as a cutting-edge organization by providing new services and the technology needed to deliver those services quickly and easily."

Cardullo currently is employed in the Clinical Vascular Laboratory at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Previously, he served as the chief technologist and instructor in surgery for the Peripheral Vascular Laboratory at the UMASS - Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, Mass.

Cardullo has bachelor degrees in both electrical engineering and nursing from the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, in North Dartmouth, Mass. He has also earned a master's degree in biomedical engineering from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass.

ARDMS is governed by a board of directors composed of sonographers, vascular technologists, physicians, research scientists and a public member. The board creates policies, defines the direction and conducts continuous evaluations of ARDMS programs.

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The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (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 ophthalmic biometry. ARDMS programs are accredited through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). ARDMS has more than 42,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada and throughout the world.