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ARDMS Launches the Musculoskeletal (MSK) Job Task Analysis (JTA) Survey for the MSK Credentialing Examination coming in 2012.

(ROCKVILLE, MD, February 23, 2011) The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) is seeking medical professionals from various fields to participate in the diagnostic ultrasound Musculoskeletal (MSK) Job Task Analysis (JTA) survey. The results of the JTA survey will determine the content outline for the MSK sonography credentialing examination that ARDMS will release worldwide in 2012. To take the ARDMS Musculoskeletal (MSK) Job Task Analysis (JTA) survey, visit www.ARDMS.org/MSKJTA.

One stage in the ARDMS examination development process is the dissemination of the Job Task Analysis (JTA) survey. The results of the JTA survey determines the frequency and importance of tasks performed for a particular sonography discipline, in this instance, musculoskeletal sonography.

In December 2009, the ARDMS Board of Directors approved the development of the MSK Sonography credentialing examination. One of the fastest growing sonography disciplines in the world, musculoskeletal sonography is used in the evaluation and treatment of joint and soft-tissue diseases and is used in place of x-ray, CT and MRI.

“The vast majority of MSK sonography studies are done outside of the United States,” said ARDMS CEO and Executive Director Dale R. Cyr. “ARDMS will be seeking experts from around the world to take the MSK sonography JTA survey and work with us in developing this truly global credential.”

The development of a new credential is a multi-stage process and components of the MSK credentialing examination are still being developed by the ARDMS and the MSK examination development task force. For current information about the release of the MSK credentialing examination please visit www.ARDMS.org/MSK.

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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 70,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada, and throughout the world and is the recognized international standard in sonography credentialing.