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### **Thomas D. Shipp, MD, RDMS, Elected as Chair of the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography Board of Directors**



(ROCKVILLE, MD, September 23, 2013) – The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®), the globally recognized standard of excellence in Sonography credentialing, is pleased to announce that Thomas D. Shipp, MD, RDMS, is the 2013 – 2015 Chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors.

In his role as Chair, Dr. Shipp will lead the ARDMS through a period of tremendous growth and advancements. His strategic focus will emphasize four mission-critical areas; evolving the ARDMS governance and staffing structure so it may continue to fulfill the needs of the growing field of ultrasound, assuring that ARDMS examinations and credentials maintain the highest standards, fostering innovation in the ultrasound and testing fields, and developing assessments to assure that medical professionals worldwide who utilize Sonography have demonstrated the skills and knowledge essential for quality patient care. Additionally, Dr. Shipp's tenure will also be a period of celebration as ARDMS will mark its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015.

“This is an incredibly exciting time to be at the helm of this prestigious organization,” said Dr. Shipp. “The devotion and professionalism of both the Board of Directors and ARDMS staff have been inspirational.” In speaking of the future of ARDMS, Dr. Shipp said, “We are well positioned and looking forward to many positive changes as we evolve, address the new users of sonography and further strengthen our existing programs. Our mission of protecting the public through the certification of those who utilize medical sonography will guide me over the next few years.”

Dr. Shipp earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois, completed his Obstetrics & Gynecology residency at the University of Chicago and his fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Brigham & Woman's Hospital in Boston. He has served as an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School and is currently an Associate Physician at Brigham & Woman's Hospital where he works in the Obstetrical High Risk Ultrasound Unit. Dr. Shipp earned his Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer credential with a specialty in Obstetrics & Gynecology (OB) from the ARDMS in 2012. He has authored and co-authored more than 80 journal articles and chapters and has presented at medical forums both nationally and internationally.

In addition to his distinguished medical career, Dr. Shipp has also dedicated himself to serving non-profit organizations through volunteerism. As an ARDMS volunteer for more than a decade, Dr. Shipp has served on the Fetal Echocardiography Examination Development Task Force (2002-2005), the Legislative Committee (2002 and 2009-2010), the Finance & Audit Committee (2008-2010), the Innovation Task Force (2012-2013), the Examination Development Committee (2012-2013) and on the ARDMS Board of Directors since 2005 holding the positions of Secretary-Treasurer (2010-2012) and now Chair (2013-2015). Dr. Shipp has also held volunteer positions with the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM), the American College of Radiology (ACR) and has trained physicians in obstetrical and gynecologic ultrasound in Peru and the Dominican Republic.

ARDMS CEO and Executive Director, Dale R. Cyr said, “It will be an honor to work with Dr. Shipp. Tom's experience in ARDMS governance will be a major asset as the organization evolves to fulfill its global mission.”

Dr. Shipp is the twenty-third Chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors and follows Kevin D. Evans, PhD, RT(R)(M)(BD), RDMS, RVS, FSDMS, who held the two-year term from 2011 to 2013.

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