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ARDMS Announces the Development of the New Registered in Musculoskeletal™ (RMSK™) sonography Credential Coming in 2012.

(ROCKVILLE, MD, August 12, 2011) The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography[®] (ARDMS[®]) is currently developing the Registered in MusculoskeletalTM (RMSKTM) sonography credential which will be available in 2012. By passing the musculoskeletal sonography credentialing examination, practitioners will gain a critical edge in promoting themselves as preeminent practitioners in musculoskeletal sonography.

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. The ARDMS RMSK credential will raise worldwide standards of musculoskeletal sonography and promote best practices for enhanced patient safety. The RMSK credential will be the first ARDMS credential offered to an array of healthcare professionals such as: Sonographers, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialists, Sports Medicine Practitioners, Osteopaths, Radiologists, Chiropractors, Rheumatologists, Podiatrists, Orthopedic Surgeons and other musculoskeletal healthcare providers.

ARDMS recently completed the musculoskeletal Job Task Analysis (JTA) survey, the first stage in the examination/credential development process. The results of the JTA survey will serve as the foundation for the musculoskeletal sonography credentialing examination content outline which will be available in the fall of 2011. The content outline is the basis for the development of questions/items for the musculoskeletal sonography credentialing examination.

"The ARDMS RMSK credential is a pioneering effort in the field of sonography;" said ARDMS CEO and Executive Director Dale R. Cyr. "It will bridge international and domestic musculoskeletal sonography practices and build a community of healthcare professionals working towards the same goal of patient safety through standardized practice."

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 ARDMS.org/RMSK.

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