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ARDMS Announces Application Registration for the RMSK Physician Examination and Plans for New MSK Sonographer Credential

ROCKVILLE, MD (January 21, 2015) – Today, the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) opened the online application for the Spring 2015 Registered in Musculoskeletal (RMSK) sonography credential. This examination, open only to physicians with a MD, DO and/or DPM designation, will be administered from April 21 – May 21, 2015, at PearsonVUE testing centers worldwide. ARDMS is developing a new, separate musculoskeletal examination for sonographers and other medical professionals. For more information about the RMSK physician examination and to apply for the April/May administration, visit www.ARDMS.org/RMSK.

The RMSK sonography credential validates the physician-level expertise fundamental to musculoskeletal ultrasound practice and provides recognition of the skills and knowledge required in making reliable diagnoses and performing invasive procedures in musculoskeletal-related conditions. By earning the RMSK sonography credential, physicians gain a critical edge in promoting themselves as preeminent practitioners in musculoskeletal sonography.

“Three years ago, ARDMS made a decision to introduce the RMSK credential that embodied a growth opportunity for musculoskeletal ultrasound,” said Thomas D. Shipp, MD, RDMS, Chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors. “In our commitment to bring the best and most forward-thinking resources to our Registrants, we simply went to market a bit too fast. The decision to open what was originally a physician-only exam to other ultrasound users was a misstep on our part, and one we are committed to correcting. As we move forward with the 2015 RMSK examination for physicians, ARDMS is currently actively working on an exclusive, musculoskeletal certification for sonographers.”

ARDMS is currently conducting a Job Task Analysis (JTA) survey to collect input, perspective and feedback from sonographer Registrants regarding their day-to-day use of musculoskeletal ultrasound. This detailed survey determines the frequency and importance of tasks performed for a particular sonography discipline, in this case, musculoskeletal ultrasound. In the coming months, ARDMS will also be setting the prerequisites, policies and formal credential name for the new musculoskeletal examination for sonographers and other medical professionals. A formal announcement regarding the new musculoskeletal credential for non-physicians is scheduled for Spring 2015. For more information on how the new sonographer examination will impact current RMSK sonography Registrants, visit the Q&A on the ARDMS website at www.ARDMS.org/sonographerMSK.

“As a global certification organization, we’re constantly uncovering new ways in which ultrasound and medicine are connected,” continued Dr. Shipp. “Musculoskeletal ultrasound is just one example of the evolution of the profession. ARDMS will continue to be the leading organization that recognizes and responds to trends, challenges and areas of growth for sonography users so as to improve public safety.”

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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, physicians’ vascular interpretation and musculoskeletal sonography. ARDMS credentialing programs (RDMS, RDCS, RVT and RPVI) are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024. ARDMS has nearly 90,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada, and throughout the world and is the recognized international standard in sonography credentialing.