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# Registry Reports

A Newsletter for the ARDMS Sonography Community



## WINTER 2020



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### A Sit-Down with Incoming ARDMS Chair, Trish Turner



#### ***Can you share your thoughts with us on your upcoming role?***

As I step from Vice Chair to Chair, I'm really focused on helping ARDMS cement our position as a global influencer in sonography. Both the Council and organization are acutely focused on setting the gold standard in the credentialing world. Having been involved with ARDMS for more than 10 years, we have made great strides, and I'm excited and very proud to be leading this next chapter.

#### ***What are you most looking forward to as Chair?***

Even though I'll have this leadership position, I fully believe what we're doing at ARDMS is bigger than all of us and any one of our careers. Over my years with the organization, I have been so incredibly fortunate. I've had amazing times with extraordinary people – all the while we're giving back to our profession and patients. To say that it is an honor to be part of something like this is truly an understatement. With that, I'm most looking forward to another two years with ARDMS and the collaboration of the council in making our mark in the global standard of sonography.

#### ***What is your biggest call-to-action for ARDMS Registrants?***

I would encourage everyone to get involved somewhere – just jump in! It's so much more than writing a question or reviewing an exam. It's helping uphold our standards, making sure patients are getting the best care from sonographers. And the biggest benefit – you get to collaborate with amazing people and share each other's passion.

#### ***What is your most inspirational or aspirational ARDMS moment?***

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#### **A look at some of Trish's roles with Inteleos over the years:**

- Assessment Oversight Team Chair and Council Member
- Board Development Committee
- Chair Exam Development Task Force: OB/GYN
- Chair Recertification Task Force
- Discipline Committee
- Exam Development Committee and Task Force
- Item Writer: Abdomen Specialty
- Hearing Panel Member
- Member of MSK Grand Challenge

The talent, skill, and compassion that I see in those that I get to work with is boundless. A passion for our field and wanting to do right by patients is a common bond. Given that, I absolutely draw inspiration from my peers. Plus, I've made lifelong friends.

***Is there anything else you want to share?***

There sure is. I want to send my deepest appreciation to outgoing Chair Karen Hoban, RDCS, RDMS, RVT. Under her tenure, we've benefitted tremendously from her collaborative style and limitless commitment. We will miss Karen greatly and she is leaving some very big shoes to fill.

***Thanks for your time, Trish! We're looking forward to more great things to come...***

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**Sound Off Today!**

In our **Fall 2018** edition we featured an article about managing pain caused by work-related musculoskeletal disorders. To continue to offer articles on issues that matter to you, we need your feedback!

Send an email to [communications@ARDMS.org](mailto:communications@ARDMS.org) and tell us what you want to hear about today!



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**2019 ARDMS by the Numbers**



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**ARDMS: 2019 At-A-Glance**

As we start a new decade, we want to take a moment to reaffirm our commitment to you, our ARDMS Registrants. Our mission centers every initiative we undertake – to empower sonographers to provide exceptional patient care through rigorous assessments and continual learning. The significance of every renewal or new membership is something that we honor each and every day.

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Certification is a dynamic and evolving industry. Reflecting that, we continually strive to find innovative ways to add value and keep you in the loop on what is happening within our organization. With that, following is a snapshot of some of ARDMS' 2019 milestones:

- **Digital Badging** – Underscoring how important our digital lives are, badges include what was awarded, the steps taken to earn it, skills tied to the earner's accomplishments, and links to additional information. To date, ARDMS has issued 441,708 badges. Badge earners are sharing their accomplishments on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and in their email signatures. For more information on how to promote your own badges, visit [here](#).
  - **Council Leadership Changeover** – We extend our deepest appreciation to outgoing Chair [Karen Hoban, RDCS, RDMS, RVT](#). Under her tenure, ARDMS benefitted tremendously by her collaborative style and boundless commitment. On that, we are pleased to announce that Tricia Turner, RDMS, RVT took the reins on January 1.
  - **Volunteerism** – To achieve all that we do, we rely on a committed group of volunteers, 162 to be exact. This group of subject matter experts wrote more than 797 items across all exams. As impressive, they have given more than 5,670 hours to advancing ARDMS' mission. If you hold active ARDMS certifications and want to volunteer and be involved, let us know by visiting [the volunteer portal](#). One of our team members will get back with you to start your personalized onboarding effort.
  - **Real Talk Sonography Video Series** – This five-part video series captured the stories of more than 20 inspirational, aspirational, and compassionate professionals. If you missed any, you can watch them all here: <https://www.ardms.org/discover-ardms/realtalksonography/>.
  - **Simulation Research** – Our industry is shaped by innovation and these opportunities present us with a platform to engage our community, such as leveraging simulation to expedite sonography clinical mastery. Through this initiative, we have given sonographers, medical students, and residents in Columbus, OH and Oklahoma City and Tulsa, OK the opportunity to conduct simulated assessments of over 150 exam types. As important, this type of training allows for mistakes to be made and corrected without consequences to patients.
  - **RMSKS and RMSK Certifications Awarded ANSI/ISO Accreditation** – In April, we announced that the Registered in Musculoskeletal Sonographer® (RMSKS®) and Registered in Musculoskeletal® (RMSK®) sonography certifications were awarded accreditation by the [American National Standards Institute \(ANSI\)](#) under the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17024 Standard for certifying bodies. The certifications raise the standards of musculoskeletal ultrasound worldwide and promote best practices for enhanced patient safety.
  - **MSK/MSKS Item Idea App** – The item idea submission mobile phone app is an alternate method for volunteers to submit item ideas and associated media pieces using a mobile device. Whereas our go-to submission platform, Pro!'s RIW (remote item writing) portal, has more stringent item reference and style guide rules enforced on the front end – the item idea app that we've piloted this year with the MSK and MSKS groups aims to make it easier for item writers to submit full items or partial item ideas by removing some of barriers that have hampered writers' efforts in the past.
  - **ARDMS Gives Back** – Throughout the year, our team collected clothes and personal items to donate to the National Center for Children and Families. We also kicked-off a walking challenge to raise more than \$1,100 for regional charities, such as the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and CASA for Children of DC.
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While we wrapped up an extraordinary year, we are also moving full steam ahead in 2020. It goes without saying that keeping the momentum and collaboration strong is paramount. Oh that, we leave you with a challenge.

Above we discussed our Real Talk Sonography campaign. The 20 sonographers highlighted are just a slice of the stories we want to tell. Now – it is your turn. What was your most career-defining moment? Who is your most memorable patient? If you had to do it all over again, would you choose sonography? To submit your video, visit: [https://ardms-knkh.formstack.com/forms/real\\_talk\\_sonography](https://ardms-knkh.formstack.com/forms/real_talk_sonography). We can't wait to share your story with the ARDMS community!

### CME period end on December 31, 2019?

If so, you may be selected for an audit. ARDMS will notify those selected for audit via email, postal mail and their **MY ARDMS** account. If you are not selected for audit, notifications will be sent to you via email and posted to your **MY ARDMS** account.

View [ARDMS.org/CMEaudit](http://ARDMS.org/CMEaudit) for an explanation of the CME Audit process.



Last year we introduced **Real Talk Sonography (RTS)** – a five-part video series that looks at sonography through the stories, insights and emotions of real 20+ sonographers.

This year we are asking you – the sonography community – to share your own experiences. Join the conversation by submitting your own video.

[Submit Today!](#)



**Looking for a Job in Ultrasound?**  
Here are two featured open positions:

### Volunteer with ARDMS/APCA!

At Inteleos, we have depended on more than 600 volunteers to help create the global standards of excellence in healthcare and patient safety by:

- Developing Exams
- Communicating about ARDMS
- Guiding Students



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**Echo Technologist (Denver, CO)  
Vascular Sonographer (Austin, TX)**

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## INTELEOS STAFF UPDATE



The Inteleos staff stayed warm and celebrated the winter months by constructing and enjoying gingerbread houses.

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