

SDMS Announces New National Certification Exam Review Series

This summer, SDMS will launch its revised and expanded *SDMS National Certification Exam Review (NCER)* series. The popular series now includes two new books including an all-inclusive Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI) book and a Fetal Cardiac Sonography book. In addition, the Abdomen NCER has been expanded to include a section on sonography of musculoskeletal (MSK) and superficial structures. The *NCER* series is written in an easy-to-use outline format and can be used while preparing for the national certification examinations or just as a refresher.

The *NCER* series is also an excellent instructional supplement for educators to use in the classroom. The new series, along with the National Education Curriculum (available at www.jrcdms.org), is a 'must have' for every sonography educator.

Each publication will be available for purchase individually, or as part of a registry-specific package. Each book in the series is broken into modules and SDMS CME credit is available to SDMS members who complete online module CME post-tests. The *NCER* CME credits are also tracked by the *SDMS CME Tracker* system and then automatically reported to the ARDMS.

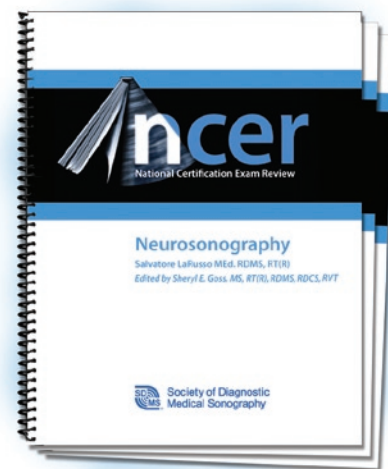
All *NCER* publications will be priced at \$55 for SDMS members (and \$75 for non-members). The revised and expanded *NCER* series includes:

Abdominal Sonography (including Superficial Structures and MSK)

Authors: Joie Burns, MS, RT(R)(S), RDMS, RVT; Ann Willis, MS, RDMS, RVT; and Julia M. Ladisa-Michalek, BS, RDMS
 Reviewers: Jennie Durant, BS, RDMS, RVT, RDCS
 Editor: Sheryl E. Goss, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT
 10.25 SDMS CME credits available to SDMS members.

Adult Cardiac Sonography

Author: Wendy Barnhardt, BS, RDMS, RDCS
 Reviewers: Cathy Godwin, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT and Kathleen Whitby, BA, RDCS
 Editor: Sheryl E. Goss, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT
 SDMS CME approval pending.



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About the SDMS Sonography Mentor

The *SDMS Sonography Mentor* is published quarterly by the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography. The electronic newsletter is designed for anyone involved in initial education or continuing medical education (CME) in the sonography profession including, but not limited to, educational program directors, course instructors, clinical instructors, and CME activity presenters.

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Breast Sonography

Author and Editor: Sheryl E. Goss, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT
Reviewer: Catherine E. Rienzo, MS, RT(R), RDMS
4.25 SDMS CME credits available to SDMS members.

Fetal Cardiac Sonography

Author: Joy Guthrie, DHSc, RDMS, RDCS, RVT, ROUB
Reviewers: Jennie Durant, BS, RDMS, RVT, RDCS and Lisa Allen, BS, RDMS, RDCS, RVT
Editor: Sheryl E. Goss, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT
3.5 SDMS CME credits available to SDMS members.

Neurosonography

Author: Salvatore LaRusso, M.Ed., RDMS, RT(R)
Reviewer: Megan L. Jackson, BS, RT(R), RDMS, RVT
Editor: Sheryl E. Goss, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT
4.25 SDMS CME credits available to SDMS members.

Obstetrics and Gynecologic Sonography

Authors: Diane J. Youngs, M.Ed, RDMS, RVT and Kathleen Praska, RDMS
Reviewer: Jennie Durant, BS, RDMS, RVT, RDCS
Editor: Sheryl E. Goss, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT
9.0 SDMS CME credits available to SDMS members.

Pediatric Cardiac Sonography

Author: Brooke K. Harland, M.Ed, RDCS, RVT
Reviewer: Kathleen Whitby, BA, RDCS
Editor: Sheryl E. Goss, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT
7.25 SDMS CME credits available to SDMS members.

Sonography Principles and Instrumentation (SPI)

Author: Sheila Hughes, BS, RT(R), RDMS, RVT
Reviewer: Jennie Durant, BS, RDMS, RVT, RDCS
Editor: Sheryl E. Goss, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT
6.0 SDMS CME credits available to SDMS members.

Vascular Sonography/Technology

Author: Jean M. Beckner, MHS, RT(R), RDMS, RVT
Reviewer: Jennie Durant, BS, RDMS, RVT, RDCS
Editor: Sheryl E. Goss, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT
6.5 SDMS CME credits available to SDMS members.



*CME credits for the National Certification Exam Review series are automatically tracked by the new **SDMS CME Tracker** system*



Miss an issue?

Past issues of the *SDMS Sonography Mentor* are archived online at:

<http://www.sdms.org/members/mentorarchive.asp>

SDMS Webinars

Mark your calendar for these upcoming webinars! Log on to the SDMS website at: <http://www.sdms.org/members/webinars/> to register.

- May 7** **Testing One, Two, Three...Exam Creation**
Tricia Turner, BS, RDMS, RVT
CME Category: Other (OT), **SDMS CME Credits:** 1.0
- May 21** **Abdominal Doppler: Interesting Cases to Demonstrate Key Principles**
Jill Trotter, BS, RT(R), RDMS, RVT
CME Category: Abdomen (AB), **SDMS CME Credits:** 1.0
- June 11** **The Evaluation of Left and Right Sided Diastology by Echocardiography**
Allen Borowski, RDCS, FASE
CME Category: Adult Cardiac (AE), **SDMS CME Credits:** 1.0
- July 9** **History of First Trimester Risk Assessment for Aneuploidy**
Jean Lea Spitz, MPH, RDMS, FSDMS
CME Category: Obstetrics (OB), **SDMS CME Credits:** 1.0
- Aug. 6** **The Transcranial Doppler Examination**
Larry N. Raber, RDMS, RVT, RT(R)
CME Category: Vascular Technology (VT), **SDMS CME Credits:** 1.0
- Sept. 17** **The Anatomy of the Anatomy Scan**
Lisa Allen, BS, RDMS, RDCS, RVT, FAIUM
CME Category: Other (OT), **SDMS CME Credits:** 1.0
- Nov. 4** **Ergonomics**
Joan Baker, MSR, RDMS, RDCS, FSDMS and Carolyn Coffin, MPH, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT, FSDMS
CME Category: Other (OT), **SDMS CME Credits:** 1.0
- Dec. 10** **Neurosonography**
Charlotte Henningsen, MS, RT, RDMS, RVT, FSDMS
CME Category: Neurosonography (NE), **SDMS CME Credits:** 1.0

Did you miss one of the previous webinars? No problem! SDMS members will find an archived recording available at: <http://www.sdms.org/members/webinars/>. After watching the recorded CME program, simply complete the online CME post-test to earn SDMS CME credit.

Archived topics include:

- A Training Program - Orientation of Clinical Instructors
- ARDMS Update and the New SPI Test
- Cardiac Hemodynamics and Doppler Principles
- Extremity Arterial Studies: Physiologic Testing vs. Duplex Sonography
- Image Optimization in Vascular Ultrasound
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Renal Transplant
- Sonographic Evaluation for Chromosomal Anomalies



"We would like to let you know how much we value and enjoy the webinars produced by the SDMS. On Thursday nights our students meet in the classroom an hour early to eat dinner and discuss the topic being presented. We use our smart classroom technology to watch the webinars. Students attending are given 3 extra credit points on a test in their course related to that topic. I have found the webinars to be an excellent teaching tool while at the same time re-enforcing how important continuing education is to a sonographer. We want to thank the SDMS and the presenters for their dedication to sonography and their work and effort involved in each webinar. Thanks."

Steve Trawick, RT(RT), RDMS, RVT, MBA, MAOM
Program Chair, Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Temple College, Temple, Texas



All SDMS webinars are tracked by SDMS CME Tracker.

Reminder to all SDMS CME Providers:

Effective July 1, 2008, all requests for CME activities to be approved by the SDMS must be submitted through the new online *SDMS CME Management System*. Be sure to review the current *SDMS CME Policies and Procedures* at <http://www.sdms.org/pdf/sdmscme.pdf> before submitting your application.

As a result of the new online CME application/approval system, all SDMS-approved CME credits issued by CME providers are recorded in the *SDMS CME Tracker* system. The SDMS CME credits are reported to the ARDMS each day as an exclusive benefit of SDMS membership..

If you have any other questions, please contact the SDMS Education & Meetings Department at 214-473-8057, ext. 112 or cmesupport@sdms.org.



Study Group Approval vs. Study Group Session Approval

Is there a difference between being approved for a study group and being approved for a study group session? **Yes.**

Submitting a study group application is only the first step in the online SDMS CME approval process.

Once your study group has been approved, each educational session must be submitted for approval as well. Each session must be submitted at least fifteen (15) calendar days **PRIOR** to conducting the CME activity. If the session application is not submitted within this time frame, the CME activity **cannot be approved** and no SDMS CME credit may be awarded for the activity.

The educational session application includes information regarding the individual CME activity that you have planned, including the date, objectives, description of the activity, and sample certificate (if you choose not to use the *CME Management System* certificates). Once your educational session application has been approved, you will receive a notification via email. Each approved session will receive a unique CME Approval Number which will be used on CME certificates for study group participants. The CME Approval Number **CANNOT** be used for any other educational session(s).



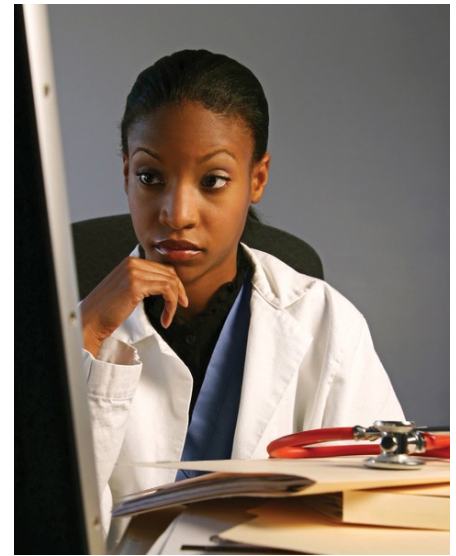
Note: If you choose to create and use your own CME certificate instead of using the *CME Management System* certificate, the sample certificate must be submitted with each of your educational session applications. Also note that any certificates issued to participants must comply with all of the required information, including a unique digital signature for each participant. Please see Appendix C of the *SDMS CME Policies and Procedures* for the correct digital signature format. The simplest way to ensure compliance with the digital signature requirement is to simply choose the *CME Management System* certificate option when completing the activity application.

Featured CME Activity: Self Instructional

Self-instructional CME activities include, but are not limited to, computer-based programs, written home study programs, videotapes, etc.

Activity Highlights:

- ✓ CME post-tests are required
- ✓ CME post-test answers cannot be published in or with the self-instructional program
- ✓ There must be at least 10 CME post-test questions per 1.0 CME credit
- ✓ No more than 3 attempts to complete the CME post-test should be allowed for the CME activity
- ✓ Participants must receive a minimum score of 70% to receive SDMS CME credit
- ✓ Providers may request an approval period of up to three (3) years for a self-instructional CME activity if the activity applicant is a SDMS member
- ✓ All self-instructional CME activities should be designed to ensure participants complete the entire CME activity (e.g., cannot 'jump to the end')
- ✓ Depending on the length and complexity of the self-instructional CME activity, it may take SDMS more than 45 calendar days to complete the review



For more information on CME activities, visit <http://www.sdms.org/pdf/sdmscme.pdf> or contact the SDMS Education & Meetings Department at 214-473-8057, ext. 112 or cmesupport@sdms.org.

Need Help Applying for SDMS CME Credits?

Helpful tips for using the *SDMS CME Management System*:

- To begin, log into the *SDMS CME Management System*, click on **CME Activities** in the left-hand navigation bar and then select **Apply for New Activity**.
- You will find the *SDMS CME Policies and Procedures*, along with a copy of the SDMS sample evaluation form, participant roster, and clinical instructor log, by clicking on the **Downloads** link in the left-hand navigation bar.
- The person designated as the **Super Admin User** in the *SDMS CME Management System* is the only one who can add **Admin** or **General Users**.
- If you leave a CME activity application session open in your web browser for longer than 30 minutes at a time, the application may time out and you will need to start over.
- All SDMS CME applications must be submitted a **minimum** of 30 calendar days prior to the scheduled CME activity or 45 calendar days prior to the anticipated release date of a self-instructional activity.
- If you choose to create and use your own CME certificate instead of using the *CME Management System* certificate, each certificate issued must have all of the required information, including a unique digital signature for each participant. The simplest way to ensure compliance with the digital signature requirement is to choose the *CME Management System* certificate option when completing the activity application.

For more information on the *SDMS CME Management System* and *SDMS CME Policies and Procedures*, visit <http://www.sdms.org/pdf/sdmscme.pdf>.