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SDMS and ARDMS Restart CME Credit Reporting Program

(PLANO, TX, August 27, 2008) – The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS) and the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) have reestablished a program for continuing medical education (CME) credits to be reported to ARDMS through the *SDMS CME Tracker*. ARDMS Registrants who are members of the SDMS, should now have SDMS CME credits automatically reflected on their personal ARDMS transcript.

In the past, the *SDMS CME Tracker* only recorded the CME credits issued by SDMS for its CME programs such as the SDMS Annual Conference, National Certification Examination Reviews, and CME articles in the *Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography*. To date, ARDMS has posted over 130,000 CME credits to the transcripts of ARDMS Registrants who hold membership with SDMS. The SDMS CME Tracker has been recently expanded, and by June 30, 2009 will track all CME credits issued by other SDMS-approved CME providers.

“ARDMS is continually exploring ways to enhance the benefits we provide to our Registrants,” said ARDMS CEO and Executive Director, Dale R. Cyr. “The secure daily electronic transfer of CME data from SDMS, a leading CME provider, gives ARDMS Registrants an easy and efficient method for recording and storing earned CME credits.”

The resumption of the CME reporting program will simplify the ARDMS CME Audit process for thousands of ARDMS Registrants. With SDMS approved CME credits automatically reflected on ARDMS transcripts, Registrants selected for audit who have the required 30 CME credits already listed in their secure account, will be immediately compliant and will not have to submit any further supporting documentation.

“I am excited that ARDMS and SDMS have collaborated on the CME reporting program” said recently audited ARDMS Registrant Pat Grier, RDMS. “Next time I’m audited, I’ll check my ARDMS transcript on the ARDMS website (www.ARDMS.org), note the CME credits listed thanks to the reporting program, and if the total is less than 30, I’ll simply send ARDMS copies of the certificates from other approved CME providers to show I’ve earned the required number of credits.”

The satisfaction of ARDMS Registrants is a primary organizational objective. Beginning in 2009 ARDMS will explore establishing CME credit reporting agreements with other ARDMS-approved CME providers.

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