

ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY (ACR)

Overview

The American College of Radiology (ACR) is the nation's leading organization representing radiologists, radiation oncologists, interventional radiologists and medical physicists. For more than 80 years the ACR has been health care's recognized leader in all facets of radiology, offering its members valuable information and resources in the critical areas of education, research and advocacy to advance the profession and ensure the highest quality of radiological care for patients.

Refer to the web for the following topics

1. Accreditation
2. ACR News
3. ACR Store
4. Advocacy and ACRA
5. Business Practice Issues
6. Chapter and Council Info
7. Clinical Research
8. Communications
9. Education/ACR Campus
10. Health Care News
11. Jobs/Career Development
12. Meetings and Events
13. Membership Director
14. Quality and Patient Safety
15. Radiology Infosource
16. Reimbursement and Coding
17. Socioeconomic Research

Program Coordinator's Role

Process yearly membership dues for residents and program director.

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AMERICAN BOARD OF RADIOLOGY (ABR)

Overview

HISTORY

The medical profession knew there should be a standard of minimum requirements for the practice of any specialty in order to protect the public, the profession in general and the specialists themselves. Prior to 1932, some states had attempted to prescribe such requirements by law; however, there was no model for them to follow and the concern was that each state would pass different statutes, making uniformity from state to state impossible. The practical solution was for each specialty to put its own house in order and place its mark of approval on those qualified to practice in that field. Accordingly, five nationwide radiologic organizations appointed committees to investigate the feasibility of establishing a central qualifying board.

The result was the American Board of Radiology (ABR). It was incorporated, organized, and held its first meeting in Washington, D.C., in May of 1934. At that time bylaws were adopted and resolutions were established to ensure its proper function. Representatives of the five sponsoring organizations then set to work to improve graduate medical education in radiology, elevate the standard of training and formulate means by which to evaluate the competence of those wishing to be recognized as specialists in the field.

Within the year, the ABR was accepted as a member of the Advisory Board of Medical Specialists (now called the American Board of Medical Specialties) and approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the AMA.

In 1974, 1986, and 1992, new sponsors came on board. Each of the now eight organizations is represented on the Board of Trustees by three individuals, all of whom were nominated by their organizations and elected by the [ABR Board of Trustees](#).

As the field of radiology has developed, various certificates have been added and deleted to accommodate the technology. (A complete list of certificates no longer offered can be viewed at [Discontinued Certificates](#).) The ABR has issued approximately 42,000 certificates since its inception in 1934.

The American Board of Radiology maintains an open working relationship with the American Board of Medical Specialties, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and the Residency Review Committees for Diagnostic Radiology and Radiation Oncology. The Board enjoys a great deal of interaction with sponsoring organizations, other medical specialty boards, specialty societies, medical societies, residency program directors, chairmen of hospital departments, diplomates of this board and the entire radiologic community.

Refer to the web for the following topics:

1. Fees, Dates & Locations
2. Forms
3. MOC Personal Profile
4. News
5. General FAQs and Verification
6. About Us
7. Mission Statement
8. SAM Developer info
9. Diagnostic Radiologists
 - Primary Certification
 - The Certificate
 - Requirements
 - NRC Regs
 - NRC Info
 - RRC Breast Imaging Req
 - Study Guide
 - Sample Questions
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 - Exam, Dates, Locations & Fees
 - Scoring & Results
 - Conditions & Reapplication
 - Special Programs
 - Program Director Info
 - International Med. Grads
 - FAQs (Primary)
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 - MOC
 - Requirements
 - SAMs Available
 - Timelines & Fees
 - Dates & Locations
 - Exam Registration Form
 - ADA Information
 - Enrollment Form (Lifetime Cert. Holders)
 - MOC Personal Profile
 - FAQs (MOC)
10. Radiation Oncologists
 - Primary Certification
 - The Certificate
 - Requirements
 - NRC Regs
 - Study Guide
 - Application
 - ADA Information
 - Exam, Dates, Locations & Fees
 - Calculators
 - Scoring & Results
 - Conditions & Reapplication
 - Practice Exam

- Special Programs-Holman Pathway
- Program Director Info
- International Med. Grads.
- Contact Us

MOC

- Requirements
- SAMs Available
- Timelines & Fees
- Dates & Locations
- Exam Registration Form
- ADA Information
- Enrollment Form (Lifetime Cert. Holders)
- MOC Personal Profile
- FAQs (MOC)
- MOC Practice Exam

11. Radiologic Physicists

Primary Certification

- The Certificate
- Requirements
- Study Guide
- Sample Questions
- Application
- ADA Information
- Exam, Dates, Locations & Fees
- Calculators
- Practice Exam
- Scoring & Results
- Conditions & Reapplication
- International Med. Grads
- FAQs (Primary)
- Contact Us

MOC

- Requirements
- SDEP Samples
- Timelines & Fees
- Dates & Locations
- ABMP Info
- Enrollment Form (Lifetime Cert. Holders)
- MOC Personal Profile
- FAQs (MOC)

12. Neuroradiologists

Primary Certificate

- The Certificate
- Requirements
- Study Guide
- Application
- ADA Information
- Exam Dates, Location & Fees
- Exam Results
- Conditions & Reapplication
- FAQs (Primary)

MOC

- Requirements
- SAMs Available
- Timelines & Fees
- Dates & Locations
- Exam Registration Form
- ADA Information
- Practice Exam
- MOC Personal Profile
- FAQs (MOC)

13. Nuclear Radiologists

Primary Certification

- The Certificate
- Requirements
- NRC Regs
- NRC Info
- Study Guide
- Application
- ADA Information
- Exam Dates, Locations & Fees
- Exam Results
- Conditions & Reapplication
- FAQs (Primary)

MOC

- Requirements
- SAMs Available
- Timelines & Fees
- Dates & Locations
- Exam Registration Form
- ADA Information
- Practice Exam
- MOC Personal Profile
- FAQs (MOC)

14. Pediatric Radiologists

Primary Certification

- The Certificate
- Requirements
- Study Guide
- Application
- ADA Information
- Exam Dates, Locations & Fees
- Exam Results
- Conditions & Reapplication
- PEDRAP
- FAQs (Primary)

MOC

- Requirements
- SAMs Available
- Timelines & Fees
- Dates & Locations
- Exam Registration Form
- ADA Information

- Practice Exam
 - MOC Personal Profile
 - FAQs (MOC)
15. Vascular & Interventional Radiologists
- Primary Certification
- The Certificate
 - Requirements
 - Study Guide
 - Application
 - ADA Information
 - Exam Dates, Locations & Fees
 - Exam Results
 - Conditions & Reapplication
 - DIRECT Pathway
 - FAQs (Primary)
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Program Coordinator's Role

Inform first year residents about the ABR website so they can apply for the American Board of Radiology written examinations (Physics and Clinical). They must download and print an application to submit to the Board office. Applications are accepted in the Board office through September 30. A \$400 late fee will be applied for applications accepted October 1-31. No applications will be accepted after October 31, to sit for the next year examination (September).

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ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (ACGME)

The Role of the ACGME

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is a private professional organization responsible for the accreditation of nearly 7,800 residency education programs. Residency education is the period of clinical education in a medical specialty that follows graduation from medical school, and prepares physicians

for the independent practice of medicine. The ACGME's volume of accredited programs makes it one of the largest private accrediting agencies in the country, if not the world.

Stakeholders of the ACGME's accreditation process are residency programs, their sponsoring institutions, residents, medical students, the specialty boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), patients, payers, government and the general public. Accreditation offers these stakeholders assurance that a given residency program and its sponsoring institutions meet an accepted set of educational standards. The ACGME accredits residency programs in 110 specialty and subspecialty areas of medicine, including all programs leading to primary Board certification by the 24 member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties. Completion of an ACGME-accredited residency program is a prerequisite for certification in a primary Board. Completion of an ACGME-accredited subspecialty program is also required before an individual can sit for Board certification in the majority of subspecialties. In a few subspecialties, the ABMS-member Boards approve advanced training programs in the absence of ACGME accreditation standards; in several others the ACGME accredits subspecialty training programs, but no Board certificate is offered. The ACGME does not accredit training in combined programs, such as Internal Medicine-Pediatrics, or Internal Medicine-Psychiatry. These programs function as “educational tracks” within their ACGME-accredited core residency programs and the relevant ABMS-member Boards have determined that individuals who have completed a combined program are eligible to sit for the Board certification in their specialties.

Refer to the web for the following topics

- About ACGME
- ACGME Awards
- Bulletin
- Chat Rooms
- Data Collection Systems
- GME Information
- Human Resources
- Institutional Review
- Meetings & Workshops
- Newsroom
- Outcome Project
- Residency Review Committees
- Resident Duty Hours
- Resident Information
- Review & Comment
- Search Program/Sponsors
- Site Visit

Program Coordinator's Role

1. Institutional and Residency Program reviews are conducted by the ACGME every 1 to 5 years. You may be asked to collaborate with the GME office prior to your programs review.
2. Help maintain files and agreements for reviews
3. Help assemble materials for review
4. Know the “Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Diagnostic Radiology”

5. Maintain Resident Case Log System under Data Collection Systems
6. Maintain Web Accreditation Data System (ADS).

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ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGISTS

Overview

The Association of University Radiologists (AUR) consists of over 3,000 staff radiologists, residents and fellows. The purpose of the Association of University Radiologists is to encourage excellence in radiological laboratory and clinical investigation, teaching and clinical practice; to stimulate an interest in academic radiology as a medical career; to advance radiology as a medical science and to represent academic radiology at a national level.

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ASSOCIATION OF PROGRAM DIRECTORS IN RADIOLOGY

Overview

APDR is a unique alliance of those who share the essential task of resident and fellowship training in radiology. APDR sponsors meetings, forums, seminars, and other educational activities focused on the advancement of the art and science of radiology.

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ASSOCIATION OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN RADIOLOGY

Overview

The Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology was conceived in the spring of 1998, during a conversation between Jerry Arndt, MD, former program director at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, and George Curry, MD, program director at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Following the 1998 annual meeting, Dr. Arndt, founder of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology, told

Dr. Curry he was considering new projects for the APDR, and Dr. Curry suggested an association for program coordinators. The rest is history.

The Mission of the Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology (APCR) is to promote excellence in the administration of radiology residency and fellowship programs, to provide educational opportunities in the field of graduate medical education and program administration and to provide forums for professional growth and exchange of information.

Refer to the web for the following topics

- APCR Officers and Board of Directors
- APCR Membership Directory
- APCR Standing Committees
- APCR Rules of Operation
- APCR Past Presidents
- APCR Outstanding Coordinator Award Winners
- Message from the President
- Meet our Founder
- About our Logo
- Join the APCR
- APCR Membership Application
- APCR Mentoring Program
- APCR Scholarship Program
- APCR Annual Meetings
- Annual Meeting Information
- Policy for Accessing APCR E-Mail List
- History of the APCR
- Importance of Radiology Program Coordinator
- The Role of the Residency Coordinator
- Job Description: Radiology Residency Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator's Role

1. Join the Association and be an active participate.
2. Attend yearly meetings.

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EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES (ECFMG)

Overview

Through its program of certification, the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®) assesses the readiness of international medical graduates to

enter residency or fellowship programs in the United States that are accredited by the [Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education \(ACGME\)](#).

ECFMG offers a variety of other programs and services to physicians educated abroad and other members of the international medical community. Detailed information on ECFMG Certification and ECFMG's other programs and service is available on the ECFMG website: www.ecfm.org and in the [ECFMG Information Booklet](#).

Refer to the web for the following topics

- ECFMG Certification
- USMLE Step 1/Step 2 CK
- USMLE Step 2 CS Test Centers
- ECFMG Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA)
- Medical Education Credentials
- Frequency Asked Questions
- CVS – Certification Verification Service
- ERAS – the Electronic Residency Application Service
- EVSP – ECFMG J-1 Visa Sponsorship
- EICS – ECFMG International Credentials Services

Program Coordinator's Role

As a Radiology Residency Program Coordinator, it is important to become aware of the various visa specifications. The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) is designated by the U.S. Department of State to serve as the visa sponsor for all foreign national physicians who enter the United States as exchange visitors (J-1 visa holders) to participate in programs of graduate medical education or training. Specific information on the J-1 eligibility requirements and application materials can be found on the ECFMG website.

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RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Radiology Organizations

American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Association for Women Radiologists
American College of Medical Physics
American College of Nuclear Medicine
American College of Nuclear Physicians
American College of Radiation Oncology
Association of Educators in Radiological Sciences
American Healthcare Radiology Administrators
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine

American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society of Emergency Radiology
American Society of Head and Neck Radiology
American Society of Interventional & Therapeutic Neuroradiology
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
American Society of Neuroradiology
American Society of Spine Radiology
Society of Breast Imaging
Society of Chairmen of Academic Radiology Departments
Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Nuclear Medicine
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound
Society of Skeletal Radiology
Society of Thoracic Radiology
Society of Uroradiology

Medical Education and Training

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
American Medical Association - Fellowship and Residency Electronic Interactive Database Access (FREIDA)
Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

Medical Specialty Boards

American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)
American Board of Allergy and Immunology (ABAI)
American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA)
American Board of Dermatology (ABD)
American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM)
American Board of Family Practice (ABFP)
American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)
American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG)
American Board of Neurological Surgery (ABNS)
American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG)
American Board of Ophthalmology (ABO)
American Board of Orthopedic Surgery (ABOS)
American Board of Otolaryngology (ABOto)
American Board of Pathology (ABP)
American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)
American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR)
American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS)
American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM)
American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology (ABP&N)
American Board of Radiology (ABR)
American Board of Surgery (ABS)