



Fall 2023 Newsletter

President's Letter

Dear members,

What an exciting year it has been! I wanted to share with you some key happenings since the spring:

- Transitioned to our new management company, Affinity Strategies. This change came along with a new website and member database. We also have a new company managing our investments, MEDIQUS.
- Completed the work of the Procedures Expected of a General Radiologist Taskforce.
 - The 10 procedures identified by the Task Force have been recognized by ABR will be tested in the new certifying oral exam.
 - These 10 procedures will be specifically listed in the soon-to-be-released, revamped ACME Procedure log.
 - Submitted to JACR a manuscript generated by the Procedures Expected of a General Radiologist Taskforce.
- Formed a Toolkit Task Force for Procedural Modules chaired by Dan DiPietro, MD. We expect to showcase these modules at AUR 24 as an excellent resource for our members.
 - [Join us for a webinar](#), Using a Change Management Framework to Address Gaps in Residency Training. Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 7-8:15pm ET
- Hosted our first APDR/RLI Virtual Bootcamp with high interest from our members. View the [recording here](#). Thanks to Anna Rozenshtein, MD, MPH and Hillary Garner, MD for organizing.
- Held several roundtables on hot topics for members organized by our Roundtable Committee chaired by Carolyn DeBenedictis, MD. Check out [the recordings and register for upcoming roundtables here](#).
- Worked with the ACGME on updating DR and IR procedural logs.
- Called for coordination of medical student activities and resources across societies and collaborating in this effort with ACR.
- Continued our work with the ABR on exam timing.
- Provided [AU Attestation resources](#) in preparation for the ABR no longer providing these services at the end of the year.
- Launched our Wellness Works Program with 43 members participating. This is supported by a Jerome Arndt Grant awarded to Erin Cooke, MD and Madelene Lewis, MD.
- Empaneled a Challenges to Education Task Force led by Lori Deitte, MD and Priscilla Slanetz, MD, MPH with the aim to understand and propose solution to the most common challenges.
- Transitioned two of our committees to Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to provide more of our members with an opportunity to participate. [Learn more here](#).

As the end of the year approaches, I encourage all of you to consider making a donation to the APDR at apdr.org/donate to help support important programs and projects like these that benefit our programs.

I thank the many committee chairs and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to further our mission and advocate for our programs this year. Please read on for more detail about the work of various committees.

I look forward to seeing you in Boston soon for the [Annual Meeting, April 2-5!](#)

With best wishes,
Mary H. Scanlon, MD, FACR
President

Education Committee – Curriculum Task Force

Chair: Hillary Garner, MD

Our committee members are highly engaged and enthusiastic about creating a unified curriculum for radiology residents with the plan to publish these guidelines on our APDR website sometime in 2024. At the time of this writing, we have completed curriculum guidelines for the first rotation in 9 of the 11 radiology rotations, specifically GI, GU, IR, MSK, Neuro, Nucs, Peds, Thoracic, and US. We also have guidelines for second and third rotations complete for GU, IR, MSK, and US. We do not have any guidelines for breast and cardiac yet. These guidelines include brief goals and objectives that include ACGME core competency designations, case volume expectations, high-yield reading suggestions (articles, textbook chapters) and online resources (lectures, YouTube videos), as well as a list of “must-see” diagnoses. These curricula have been shared with all members of the committee to distribute to their residents as a pilot. Feedback has been consistently very positive at this point in time.

We have confirmed that we have a full complement of core lectures for all subspecialties available on the APDR website under the Education tab. We are also continuing to work with AUR on the RCALP program. The APDR/RLI Program Director Bootcamps are also going well. The most recent bootcamp was on October 18, 2023 and covered the following 4 topics: Get the resources your program needs; Manage up; Effectively recruit in the time of virtual interviews; Give constructive feedback.

APDR Electronic Communications Committee

Chair: Erin A. Cooke, MD

We continue to welcome member engagement through our APDR X (Twitter) account, which has strong engagement with currently 6,191 followers. We look forward to teaming with Affinity’s social media manager in the upcoming year to update social media efforts. Join us in the effort & follow: @theAPDR

If you have items you would like to be considered for posting through our social media accounts or our website (<https://www.apdr.org/>), please email ECC Chair, Erin Cooke MD (erin.cooke@vumc.org) or the APDR (info@apdr.org). The website features great resources like ERAS/Match information, annual survey data, APDR Virtual Roundtables, APDR/RLI Bootcamp recordings, faculty development items, and curricular materials including for areas like healthcare disparities and DEI, to help you with programmatic needs. We are assessing other resources such as adding an arts-wellness page, and we welcome your input.

Faculty Development

Chair: Steven S. Harris, MD, PhD

We are curating content at RSNA that may be high-yield to APDR members and will distribute this at least one week prior to the meeting. We will also update the electronic resources prior to the AUR/APDR annual meeting to include resources specific to the meeting theme.

Matching Plan Committee

Chair: Brent Griffith, MD

The 2023-2024 residency interview season is now underway. Based on preliminary October ERAS data, in comparison to 2023, the applicant pool and average applications per program for diagnostic radiology are down 7.5% (2136 total applicants) and 9% (839 total), respectively, which likely represents self-selection following 3 straight years of applicant pool growth. In contrast, IR/DR saw a 9.4% increase in the applicant pool and 13.2% increase in average applications per program. For more details, please see the [notification](#) posted on the APDR website.

As all are aware, this is Radiology's second year using ERAS signaling with nearly all DR and IR/DR programs again participating. This year, applicants received 6 gold and 6 silver signals. The Matching Plan Committee will continue analyzing the impact of signaling on the application and match process and will have more updates at AUR in the Spring.

Update of the APDR Toolbox Task Force:

Chair: Daniel DePietro, MD

The procedural toolbox taskforce is working towards improving the educational resources available to trainees and practicing radiologists regarding the "procedures expected of a general radiologist", as identified by the APDR Task Force on Procedural Competency of Graduating DR Residents. These include procedures such as paracentesis, image-guided biopsy, arthrograms, and lumbar puncture, amongst others. The multi-institutional group is actively developing online self-learning modules for each procedure, with strong multimedia and self-assessment components. These modules will help trainees and others "learn" and "see" procedures prior to actively participating in them, better preparing them for in-person hands-on training, and may act as a "just-in-time" refresher resource for others.