



Fall 2024 Newsletter

Dear APDR Members,

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the important developments and initiatives we've been working on since the spring. Your continued engagement and support are vital to the success of our collective efforts.

Exciting New Resources and Initiatives

- **Procedural Modules Toolbox**: We're excited to announce that the APDR Procedural Modules Toolbox Task Force's learning modules are now available. These valuable resources are designed to support educational development and enhance training across programs.
- **Additional Rotation Guides**: In response to member feedback, we've added new rotation guides to further support residency programs in optimizing their educational curricula. These guides are an exclusive member benefit.
- **Quarterly Roundtables on Hot Topics**: Our quarterly roundtables for program directors continue to foster important discussions on key issues in radiology education. Be sure to check out the latest roundtable content on the APDR website.
- **APDR Virtual Arts Gallery Now Live**: Visit our Virtual Art Gallery showcasing the works of our colleagues. Many thanks to Erin Cooke, MD for spearheading this effort.
- **OPDA Application Guide**: We've submitted an updated application guide to the OPDA, which has also been cross-posted on [the AMSER website](#) for broader accessibility.

- **Signaling Participation:** We've encouraged programs to participate in the signaling process.

Collaborative Efforts Across the Radiology Community

- **ABR Feedback:** We've provided comprehensive feedback to the ABR regarding the IR Initial Certification Processes.
- **Conferences and Stakeholder Engagement:** APDR leadership participated in the APDIR Education Meeting and the Intersociety Conference, further strengthening our connections.
- **Oral Boards Preparation:** We are actively working with various groups to improve preparation and resources for oral board examinations, a critical milestone for residents and fellows.
- **Radiology Health Equity Coalition:** Our commitment to diversity and inclusion continues through our participation in the Radiology Health Equity Coalition. Dr. Nolan Kagetsu has represented the APDR in advancing initiatives aimed at addressing health disparities in radiology.

Apply for the Jerome Arndt Grant – Deadline January 22

We are pleased to announce that the **Jerome Arndt Grant** is now accepting applications for the 2025 cycle. This grant provides funding for innovative educational projects aimed at enhancing residency programs in radiology. If you have a project or initiative that could benefit from financial support, we encourage you to apply.

Application Deadline: January 22, 2025

For more information on eligibility and how to submit your application, please visit <https://www.apdr.org/jerome-arndt-grant>.

Support APDR's Mission

As the year comes to a close, I encourage you to consider making a donation to the APDR at [apdr.org/donate](https://www.apdr.org/donate). Your generous contributions help sustain the programs and projects that benefit our residency programs and the radiology community at large.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the committee chairs and all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly this year to advance our mission and advocate

for our members. Your dedication is truly inspiring.

Please continue reading for more details on the important work being done by our committees.

Sincerely,

James C. Anderson, MD

President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Survey Committee Update

Priscilla J. Slanetz, MD, MPH and Johnathan O. Swanson, MD

The APDR Survey Committee is charged with developing and disseminating the annual membership survey. Results of this survey inform program directors of residency and fellowship programs and provide benchmarks for programs that strive to meet ACGME requirements. Members can find the prior surveys with results on the APDR website and these survey results can serve as a resource to inform local policies and programming. The 2025 survey will be sent to all members in January/February 2025. Topics that will be included in the survey span a wide array of subjects, including the current state of program signaling in resident recruitment, program support for trainees to present at national conferences, distribution of overnight call responsibilities of DR and IR trainees, impact of oral boards on residency education, the role of advanced practice providers in resident education, and program director wellness. We hope that every residency program director will fill out the survey. A high participation rate provides all programs, small or large, with useful data to guide future direction in residency training.

Education Committee Update

Hillary Garner, MD

The primary focus of the Education Committee for the past 2 years has been to write Rotation Guides for radiology residents that cover all subspecialties. These are intended to provide guidance on how to prepare for rotations and what resources are considered most high yield for improving medical knowledge and understanding while on rotation. There are 2 or 3 guides for each subspecialty based on level of training. These guides contain recommended targets for case volumes, suggested reading material and videos for each week on rotation, mid-rotation and end-of-rotation feedback sections, and a “must-see diagnosis” checklist with hyperlinks to case examples. Our committee is pleased to report that all the Guides have been completed and are available on our website. There is link available for users to provide feedback which will be reviewed twice per year.”

Membership Committee Update

Charlotte Taylor, MD

The APDR Membership Committee is pleased to report that membership numbers are steady and have recovered from a dip in 2021 and 2022. The committee is currently working on initiatives to contact nonmember PDs and APDs to join our great society. Our mission for this year has been to improve membership numbers beyond residency program directors. The APDR has resources and programming that applies to fellowship PDs and to APDs. We encourage all residency PDs to recruit their APDs and fellowship PDs at their institutions to join the APDR!

Roundtable Committee Update

Carolyn DeBenedictis, MD

The APDR Round Table Committee has successfully held 2 round tables so far for the 2024-2025 academic year. In August we again held the wildly successful update on signaling for the match lead by Dr. Brent Griffith. In October we held an innovative faculty development session geared toward teaching for the new oral boards hosted by Drs. Kara Udager, Shana Matalon and Kate Lampen-Sachar. We have 3 more exciting round tables to come for the rest of the academic year, including another LIVE round table at the AAR annual meeting:

- February 27, 2025 12 noon EST - Should mini fellowships be used in lieu of regular fellowships: pros and cons
- March 13, 2025 7am PT (LIVE AT AAR) - How to most effectively use hybrid teaching models
- June 19, 2025 12 noon EST - Professionalism and the New Generation of Radiology Trainees

We hope to see many of you live at AAR and hope you can attend the additional zoom round tables in February and June!

Wellness Committee Update

Lori Deitte, MD

Your APDR Wellness Committee has been actively working for you. We would like to share the following updates:

- Mark your calendars for the AAR/APDR Wellness Webinar scheduled for 2 PM EST on 1/30/25: Leading with C.A.R.E: Community, Advocacy, Recognition and Empowerment that Support a Culture of Belonging (*joint webinar hosted by AAR Well Being Committee and APDR Wellness Committee*). [Register here.](#)
 - Wellness questions are included in the APDR 2024-25 annual survey. Please be sure to complete the survey. We greatly value your input!
 - A link to the AAWR Paid Family and Medical Leave webpage <https://www.aawr.org/Paid-Family/Medical-Leave> has been added to the APDR website. We invite you to check this out!
 - We are starting to explore wellness content ideas for the 2026 AAR annual meeting. Please feel free to email your ideas to Lori Deitte at lori.deitte@vumc.org.
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Faculty Development Committee Update

Steven Harris, MD, PhD

The faculty development committee completed a review of the APDR website, cataloging its contents, and updating the list of faculty development articles. We are compiling shared resources as well as exploring the ability to assess resource

utilization and highlight those that are most popular. Finally, we will again curate a list of high-yield content to APDR members at RSNA.

APCR Update

Ranitta McDowell

A Celebration to Remember

Next year's AAR meeting promises to be particularly special as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the APCR. Amanda Hicks and Samantha Schnitzer, along with the Special Events committee, have been working tirelessly to ensure that our anniversary at the AAR meeting is the best yet. This milestone represents commitment and excellence in the field of Program Coordinators. The anniversary will be filled with festivities, and we invite you to join us in commemorating this significant achievement, there is no better time to connect and celebrate our shared successes.

A link to the [APCR Fall Newsletter is here.](#)