



INDIANA RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY *Connection*

From the President

Dear Colleague,

Exciting things are happening at the Indiana Radiological Society. The 2015 fall meeting will take place at the NCAA headquarters in beautiful White River State Park in downtown Indianapolis on October 24. Featured speakers will include James Thrall, former chair of radiology at Harvard and chair of the board of chancellors of the American College of Radiology, and Neil Lall, the chair of the Resident and Fellow Section of the ACR. In addition, we will be offering CME at the meeting for the first time in a number of years. It promises to be a great meeting, and we strongly urge you to attend.

Our state chapter's membership roster has recently dropped below 500 members, which has reduced the number of councilors we can send to the annual ACR leadership conference, so we have developed a new membership campaign to restore our fifth councilor by bringing back the Indy 500. We are reaching out to past members and radiologists who have not been members to join ACR and IRS and increase our state's representation in these particularly challenging times for our field. Please share with you



Indiana 500 Membership Drive

As the only organization that advocates, promotes and advances the field of radiology, the ACR is front and center working for you each and every day to ensure the ongoing vitality of the profession.

For every 100 members, each state ACR chapter is allotted a delegate to represent their state at the ACR Annual meeting. Among the many new initiatives our state chapter has undertaken is a goal to increase our membership to over 500. Help us cross the finish line and bring the 500 back to Indiana!

Sign up today: www.inrad.org/membership.html

colleagues the membership link: <http://www.inrad.org/become-a-member.html>

Finally, major initiatives are underway to enhance the quality of our meetings, member support and engagement, educational programs, quality and safety, and government relations. One sign is this first issue of our newsletter. Many thanks to Lauren Ladd and our residents for making it happen! We look forward to seeing you in October!

-Richard

Fall Meeting

The Indiana Radiological Society fall meeting is almost here. This is a great opportunity to showcase our state chapter and to network with radiologists from around the state. As further incentive, this year's meeting will feature continuing medical education credits. Additionally, there will be special programming for residents and fellows. We hope to see you Saturday morning on October 24th.



Keynote Speaker

Dr. James Thrall is one of the pre-eminent radiologists of his generation and will be joining us at our Fall Meeting! He has held several impressive leadership positions in radiology including being a past president of the American Roentgen Ray Society, serving on the Board of Trustees of RSNA, and chairman of the Board of Chancellors of the American College of Radiology. He has authored

over 400 scientific publications and reviews and is the founder and editor of The Requisites Radiology series. It is our honor and privilege that Dr. Thrall will be imparting some of the wisdom developed during his remarkable career at the Indiana Radiological Society meeting on Oct. 24.

Events

Join us at the bi-annual fall meeting:



Saturday, October 24, 2015 The NCAA Headquarters
8:30 am - 1:30 pm 700 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RSVP: www.inrad.org/fall-2015-meeting.html

Questions?

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Close to Home

Accreditation requirements put small practices in a pinch.

Xray Physicians of Shelbyville is a small, 3 radiologist, hospital-based practice experiencing some trepidation about the upcoming ACR accreditation requirements. These radiologists have been performing stereotactic breast biopsies for over 15 years and are the unofficial referral center for such procedures in their area. According to their records, they have never had a non-diagnostic sample and have a very low complication rate. In other words, they have been performing well. However, because of their small size, they will likely not be able to meet the new volume requirements set forth by the ACR. And losing the ACR's accreditation will be detrimental not only to their practice, but to their patient base as the next closest referral center is 30 miles away. While studies demonstrate that patient outcomes are improved at centers where a high volume of procedures are performed, the topography of Indiana's medical centers may make attaining that volume challenging for many more rural locations. At what point is it reasonable or unreasonable for patients living in these areas to have to make the pilgrimage to a major medical center? Should there be caveats or exceptions made for smaller practices based on past performance? If so, what would those standards look like and how could they be measured to ensure patient safety? Join the discussion at: <http://www.inrad.org/member-forum.html> Password: IRS

New Resident and Fellow Section

In addition to supporting and promoting Indiana's network of radiologists and radiation oncologists, the Indiana Radiological Society is invested in empowering the next generation through its newly added Resident and Fellow Section (RFS). This fledgling group has been enthusiastically transforming resident opportunities at Indiana University Radiology. At the local level, they have launched quarterly meetings to discuss local legislative issues and forward-thinking radiology practice initiatives. They have also been involved at the national level, having recently sent two members to the Radiology Leadership Institute Summit (RLIS).

Dr. Kerridge called his time at the RLIS a “transformative experience in my growth as a resident,” noting that “the Indiana Radiological Society should be proud to be one of the only societies in the country that sends residents to the leadership summit. “



The insights they gleaned regarding the importance of fostering leadership in our field have proven influential during subsequent resident-training discussions. You can read more about their experience at <http://www.inrad.org/newsletter.html>.