



The Institute of Allied Medical Professions **NEWSLETTER**

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IAMP MEETING OF THE MINDS

On August 2nd and 3rd, 2007, the annual Campus Director's Meeting was held at The Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. Such topics as school policy, new programs, IAMP's on-line program and professional development were discussed. The meeting was chaired by IAMP President, Thomas Haggerty. Campus Directors Nancy Baer (Elmhurst), Terry Benson (Atlanta), Phyllis Greco (Westchester), and Karyn Vidal (Delray Beach) shared ideas and solutions. All Directors returned to their campuses ready to move forward and implement all of the new policies and procedures. Five heads are better than one!

IAMP WESTCHESTER

Congratulations to Westchester Graduates on passing the ARDMS registry:

Salvatore StaMaria RVT 2007 Vascular
Graduated 6/22/2006

Marissa Franco RDMS 2007 Breast
Graduated 9/15/2005

Victoria Mieras RDMS 2005 OB
Graduated 2004

Mariusica Catarau RDMS 2007 ABD
Graduated 3/22/2007

GREAT JOB TO ALL! More and more of our graduates are becoming registered. Please Contact Phyllis Greco @ (914) 345-0900 when you have passed an exam. We are proud of your accomplishments and would like to share it with others.

Welcome Our New Clinical Affiliates:

- Catskill Regional Hospital
- Vassar Brothers Medical Group
- Montefiore Medical Group
- Natividad Medical Center - California

IAMP Westchester looks forward to a long and rewarding relationship.



Letter from the President

Dear IAMP Students and Staff,

I hope everyone had a pleasant and enjoyable Summer. The Campus Director's meeting was held on August 2-3, 2007 at the Roosevelt Hotel. IAMP holds this meeting annually, as we strive to provide our students with quality education. I would like to thank the Directors for their insightful thoughts and input.

I would also like to extend congratulations to IAMP's first Radiation Therapy program graduates at the Atlanta campus. This is the first class to graduate from the program in the history of IAMP. Graduates, please keep us updated on your career as Radiation Therapists. In other news, IAMP's first on-line Associates in Science bridge program for Ultrasound graduates will begin in October.

IAMP has a very busy upcoming Fall/Winter 2007. Keep up to date by visiting our web site (<http://www.iamp.edu>) and checking our online Newswire often. We look forward to a successful and fruitful Holiday season.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Haggerty

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IAMP WESTCHESTER continued...

Earn CME Credits at the Westchester Campus

On August 23rd Charles Odwin, RDMS, PA-C, was guest speaker at our CME meeting on IUD and Pelvic infections in Ultrasound. All that attended found Charles to be very thorough, informative and a delight to engage in discussion. Attendees presented cases and the discussions continued.

On November 8th we will hold our last CME meeting for the year. This will be your last chance to receive 2 free CME's for 2007. The guest speaker and topic is to be announced. This is a great time to see some friendly faces and network. For reservations, directions, and topic suggestions call Phyllis Greco @ (914) 345-0900. See you then!



Charles Odwin, RDMS, PA-C

IAMP ELMHURST

REGISTRATION ANYONE?

Please contact Victoria or Brian in the NY office at 212-758-1410 if you or someone you know is interested in registering for the DMS Program at the Elmhurst Campus.

-October 23, 2007 Day Class

-November 13, 2007 Evening Class

Congratulations to Elmhurst Graduates on passing the ARDMS Registry:

Diana Agabs, RVT
Alla Aminov, RDMS (Breast)
Kenia Arias, RDMS (Breast)
Larisa Davidova, RDMS (Abdomen)
Lira Davila, RDMS (Breast)
Kye Hee Lee, RVT
Anna Shtamler, RVT
Shehla Aijaz, RDMS (Abdomen)
Emnonila Bircanj, RDMS (OB)
Narcisa Jorge, RDMS (Abdomen)
Alban Pepa, RDMS (Abdomen)

SUPER STUDENT...SUPER TECH...SUPER MOM.

The Elmhurst Campus has the great honor of claiming Penina Baumann Meth as a graduate of the DMS Program. As a student, Penina was always ready with an intelligent question. She tutored her classmates when they needed help. Penina's smiling face and warm words were a welcomed sight every day.

This hard working student took the Adult Echocardiography Cross Training class in the evening while she was a day student. She then moved on to the clinical component at Flushing Hospital and Eastside Cardiovascular. Penina continued to excel and leave a good impression. She graduated on April 24, 2004 from the Elmhurst campus with a 4.0 GPA and Highest Honors. This was just the beginning for this bright and energetic young woman.

Just before graduation in January 2004, Penina happily married Nathan Meth. Penina says: "Nathan is the best husband in the whole world". This wonderful couple now have 2 beautiful sons, Akiva, 2 years old, and Isaac who was born in July, 2007. This busy Mom became RDCS registered one week before her first child was born! Penina now works at Portasonix doing General, Vascular and Echo studies. She states "I enjoyed the program very much". She has given IAMP a terrific referral in her sister, Rivka Baumann, who attends the Delray Beach Campus. Nothing seems to stop this terrific graduate.

Penina Baumann Meth : Fills in the Blanks

When no one is looking : I'm reading

I can't stand it when : I have a difficult patient

I love it when: my children are happy

I'd rather be : eating!



left: Nancy Baer, Vice President of Operations,

right: Alumni, Penina Baumann Meth

So...You're taking a Registry Exam!

by Lori Green, BA, RT, RDMS, RDCS, RVT
Program Director, President, Gulfcoast Ultrasound
Institute Inc., from PROGRAM Magazine, Fall/Winter
2007, Vol. 16, No. 2

Preparing for an ultrasound registry exam can be quite intimidating. The following 12-step plan will assist you in preparing for the registry examination with minimal stress:

1. Adequate preparation requires a minimum of 3 months study time and is essential to your stress-free success.
2. When submitting the exam application, review other personal and work commitments to determine an appropriate exam date.
3. Review the ARDMS/CCI examination outlines and divide your study time according to the number of segments and percentage weights assigned to each category.
4. Assign study sections in 1-2 hour increments each day corresponding with a study completion date approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the exam.
5. Schedule your study time when it will not interfere with other important commitments (before work, after work, after kids are in bed).
6. Purchase study materials designed to prepare you for the exam.
7. Quiz yourself after each section. Further study will be required for identified areas of weakness.
8. Approximately 21-30 days prior to the exam date, participate in a mock exam in a timed setting to assess your ability to answer questions in an appropriate length of time and undergo a final assessment of areas requiring further study.
9. Complete final review and/or attend a registry review workshop.
10. Upon completion of the scheduled and structured study time...relax. Do Not review any material within 1 week of the exam. This will only create anxiety and questions.
11. Do not drink alcohol the day before the exam and go to bed at a reasonable hour to ensure a restful night sleep.
12. Go into the exam knowing you have completed a structured study plan and you are prepared to take and pass the exam!

Good Luck on your Exam!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES - ULEME 11/05!

On Friday, July 27th, 2007, IAMP staff, faculty, graduates, family, and friends gathered at Giardino Restaurant to celebrate the commencement of all the hard work and dedication of Ultrasound Evening, 11/05. Sounds of applause and cheering accompanied the grads as they came forward to accept certificates of completion. Charles Odwin, PA-C, RDMS gave the Graduation Address. Charles was inspiring as he encouraged all to work hard, continue learning everyday and give back to IAMP and the imaging community. Nineteen graduates received their certificates that evening. The ULEME 11/05 class was a great class who worked diligently and cooperatively. As a result, four students graduated with distinction.

Patrizia Faraci - Honors; GPA 3.55
Lubica Guzik - Honors; GPA 3.58
Tiffany Romero - Honors; GPA 3.61
Khatuna Twersky - High Honors; GPA 3.87



Stephanie Castro (left) receives certificate from Program Director Larisa Konshina, RDMS, RVT

In addition, the following awards were presented, with pleasure, by Nancy Baer, VP of Operations/Campus Director and Laura Spriggs, Clinical Coordinator.

Marisa Daniello - Director's Award for outstanding patient care skills and effort

Stacy Honovich - Outstanding Clinical Award for achievement in the clinical practicum

Khatuna Twersky - Outstanding Didactic Award for outstanding achievement in the classroom

Happily, more than half of the grads were employed on the date of graduation at premier medical centers and private imaging centers throughout the five boroughs, Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Queens Hospital Center, North Shore - Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New York Hospital @ Queens, Elmhurst Hospital and Main Street Radiology have welcomed these grads as new employees.

Graduation ceremonies were followed by a sumptuous Italian Feast! Family and friends toasted the grads and enjoyed a delicious dinner. We wish this very accomplished class continued success and are hopeful that they remain connected to IAMP as they advance in their profession.



ULEME 11/05 Grads, l to r: Christine Antoldi, Daniela McGee, Patrizia Faraci, Marisa Daniello, Stacy Honovich, Lubica Guzik, Stephanie Castro, Tiffany Romero, Leslie Reina, Lisa Vogt, Khatuna Twersky, Volodymyr Petryna, Nazira Davlenova, Malina Aviles

GET READY - 'CAUSE HERE WE COME!

ULEMD 10/06 is leaving for clinical assignment in early September, 2007. This class has been a pleasure to have here at the Elmhurst Campus from day one. This team cannot be beat - they work hard, achieve well and cooperate with staff and with each other. It's time for clinical and this class is ultrasound ready! These students look forward to being placed at many of the excellent internships available to this campus. Laura Spriggs, Clinical Coordinator, will do a great job as she places each student in the most appropriate site. Sandra Morales, RDMS, Elmhurst's other Clinical Coordinator, along with Laura, will be visiting these students at the clinical sites to evaluate scanning skills and to see how each student is managing the internship experience. IAMP wishes ULEMD 10/06 great success and fulfillment while on clinical!



UL EM D 10/06

IAMP Delray Beach

Where Our Graduates are.....

By Kara Latham, Clinical Coordinator

IAMP Delray Beach campus graduates of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program have successfully been hired for DMS jobs in the South Florida area since our first graduating class in January, 2005. Our graduates seek employment opportunities in many different facilities including hospitals, diagnostic centers, private doctor's offices, and mobile companies, many of which are also clinical affiliates -facilities that train our students during their clinical externship. On behalf of the faculty at IAMP's Delray Campus, we would like to congratulate our graduates for continuing to make us proud. Below is a list of graduates and where they are employed:

Graduating Class - January '05

Ileana Damiani-Wellness Associates, Atlantis, FL
Kerrie Eubanks-Sono Md, Greenacres, FL;
Stephanie Hager-Lifeline Screening, Port St. Lucie FL
Steve Janik-Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, Palm Beach Gardens, FL;
Melissa Jones-University Perinatal Associates, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Stacie Kuttler-Walton-JFK Medical Center, Atlantis, FL
Aline Medina-Independent Imaging, Royal Palm Beach, FL

Graduating Class - May '05

James DeGregorio-Vein Clinics of America WPB, FL
Stephanie Miller-Southeast Medical Imaging, Delray Beach
Laurie Poindexter-Qualitas Imaging Center, Wellington, FL
Maria Thompson-Boca Raton Community Hospital Imaging Center, Boca Raton FL;
Stephanie Wade-Wellington Regional Outpatient Center, Wellington, FL

Graduating Class - September '05

Trixie Bodden-St. Lucie Medical Center, Port St. Lucie, FL
Zuleika Bueno-Sono Md, Greenacres, FL;
Shatila Halum-Indian River Medical Center, Vero Beach, FL
Maureen Mansueti-Columbia Hospital, West Palm Beach, FL
Mary Ann Matthews-Good Samaritan Medical Center, West Palm Beach, FL

Graduating Class - December '05

Mandrachia Shannon-Women's Cancer Care and Outpatient Center, Boca Raton FL
Tamara McClain-OB/GYN Specialists of Palm Beaches, West Palm Beach, FL

Graduating Class - April '06

Todd Chamberlin-JFK Medical Center, Atlantis, FL
Maryam Hasan-Women's Cancer Care & Outpatient Center, Boca Raton, FL
Shannyn Lockwood-Institute for Women`s Health and Body, Wellington, FL

April '06 (continued...)

Donald Melchior-Fort Lauderdale Mobile Ultrasound, Plantation, FL
Maggie Miller-Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Gainesville, GA
Patricia Perales-Sono Md, Greenacres, FL
Lenes Perez -Palm Beach Obstetrics and Gynecology, West Palm Beach, FL
Balmatee Singh-Columbia Hospital Center, West Palm Beach, FL
Kevin Tison-Jupiter Medical Center, Jupiter, FL
Catalina Valdez-Lopez-Focus Imaging Group, Pompano, FL
Ingrid Veres-Phillip-Sono Md, Greenacres, FL

Graduating Class - October '06

Julie Burrows-Indian River Memorial Hospital, Vero Beach, FL;
Rebecca DeAngelo-Boca Raton Community Hospital, Boca Raton, FL
Jessica Hand-Radiology Imaging Associates, Port St. Lucie, FL
Lauren Hunt-RM Imaging, Boca Raton, FL
Nikki Jaeger-Heartworks, Boca Raton FL
Maria Jimenez -Sono Md, Greenacres, FL;
Kaisa Luna-Midtown Imaging, West Palm Beach, FL
Sherri McDavitt-Sono Md, Greenacres, FL
Sharon McDermott-Ultrasound and Radiology Specialties, Coral Springs, FL
Reinaldo Pineiro-Fish Memorial Hospital, Orlando, FL
Allison Ribaric-Sono Md, Greenacres, FL
Tracii Rodriguez-Fort Lauderdale Mobile Ultrasound, Plantation, FL
Casey Smith-Hallandale Imaging Center, Hallandale, FL
Shaina Tison-Lifeline Screening, Port St. Lucie FL
Cindy Torres-Palm Beach/Wellington Women's Care, West Palm Beach, FL

Graduating Class - May '07

Alissa Austin-Framingham Union Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts
Gina Deal-Sunset Imaging, North Carolina
Priscilla DeCastro-Institute for Women`s Health & Body, Wellington, FL
Kristen Kalbac-St. Lucie Medical Center, Port St. Lucie FL
Geronne Lormont-Florida Medical Diagnostic Imaging, Pembroke Pines, FL
Brenda McDonald-Boca Raton Community Hospital, Boca Raton, FL;
Laurie Petritis-South Florida Heart Institute, Delray Beach, FL
Mark Shapiro-Palm Beach Open Imaging, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Slobadanka Stijak-Vascular Surgeons, Boynton Beach, FL

Registry Eligible, Registry Ready!

The Institute of Allied Medical Professions will graduate its first Radiography class on September 27, 2007 at the Atlanta Campus. The Senior class, pictured below, spend several hours each week focusing on the content and structure of Registry type questions. The review includes questions relative to all coursework completed within the 24 month curriculum, and critical thinking exercises to help the students synthesize their knowledge.

As graduates of a JRCERT (Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology) accredited program, these students will be able to sit for the Registry immediately upon graduation. With careful coordination between the student, Program officials, and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), a student could take the Registry as soon as the day after graduation.

The ARRT is responsible for administering the primary examination for Radiography, as well as other specialty areas such as Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging. The primary exams consist of questions designed to measure the knowledge and cognitive skills underlying the intelligent performance of the major tasks typically required within the profession.

The mission of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists is to promote high standards of patient care by recognizing qualified individuals in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and radiation therapy.

Sister M. Beatrice Merrigan was the first person to pass the Radiography Exam on November 17, 1922. We predict that these 10 Radiography students will be added to the list of over 275,000 Registered Technologists by the end of 2007.

IAMP congratulates the Radiography class on their upcoming graduation and future careers as Radiologic Technologists!



Radiography students at IAMP Atlanta prepare for the Registry Exam with Timishia Gonzalez, Clinical Coordinator/Instructor

IAMP Atlanta's 1st Radiation Therapy Graduation

The familiar sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" filled the St. Joseph's Hospital auditorium for the second time this year, as the Atlanta campus presented the 2007 graduates of the Radiation Therapy Program. Six graduates proudly received their diplomas on June 7, 2007, as friends and family members looked on. Each of the graduates took a moment to summarize what the past 20 months meant to them, and to generally express their thanks and gratitude to the individuals that helped see them through.

Tony Palmer and Casey Quimby were selected by their class to give the audience an even better understanding of how the Program enriched their lives and prepared them for their professional future. Special thanks was extended to the Program Director, Anthea Stamelatos. As graduates of a JRCERT accredited program, the Radiation Therapy Students can sit for the Registry as administered by the ARRT, immediately upon graduating from the Program. As this edition of the Newsletter goes to print, please note that Tony Palmer, Casey Quimby, and Chad Rouse have successfully completed and passed the Registry, and can proudly display their credentials as Registered Technologists.



Congratulations to graduates - Sonya Faulkner-Halsey, Florence Chika, Chad Rouse, Tony Palmer, Casey Quimby, and Roxanne McIntosh.

FILL US IN...LET US KNOW...

IAMP is always looking to put the spotlight on our students, alumni, clinical affiliates, and medical imaging/therapeutic science family.

Students/Alumni: Tell us about your career and educational experience at IAMP.

Clinical Affiliates/Employers: Tell us about your department and let the community know who you are.

The more we know, the better IAMP can serve the allied health community at large. Drop us a line and contribute to the IAMP Newsletter!

Thanks for reading,

Christopher J. Baer
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"KEEPSAKE ULTRASOUND SCANS" - THE DEBATE CONTINUES

By Deborah Ridolfo, RDMS
Program Director, Westchester Campus

Keepsake ultrasound scans are spreading across this country as consumer demand for this service is increasing. Sonography is delving into a new realm: fetal entertainment ultrasound scanning.

A "keepsake" ultrasound is usually a high resolution scan that consists of 3D and 4D images of the developing fetus. Many facilities looking to cash in on this demand are opening up in malls across the country as expectant mothers are lining up to see their unborn babies before they deliver.

These scans may cost \$100 or more but many soon to be parents feel this is a small price to pay to get a first glimpse of their new baby.

Since these scans are not considered to be diagnostic, many of them are performed by inexperienced and unqualified people who are not able to tell the parents if there are any problems with the fetus. This could be dangerous, especially if the parents don't understand the difference between a diagnostic scan and one that only looks at its entertainment value.

Many sonographers and the FDA are concerned about this new trend and feel that it may have a negative impact on the field and ruin sonography's reputation. Also of concern are the potential hazards to the fetus that may occur because of inexperience of the technician performing the scan.

On the other hand, some imaging centers are finding creative ways to fill this need and at the same time address the concerns of the FDA and the AIUM. They hire RDMS (OB) sonographers that are qualified to perform these scans who would also be able to pick up any anomalies that they may see. They offer a medically safe and supervised environment and assure quality imaging.

So, are "keepsake" scans here to stay? It will be interesting to see what the future holds for this new venue.



Where in the World Is Kim Abruzese?

We found Kim in New York City! Kim graduated from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at the Westchester IAMP Campus in 2006, and has been working in the Maternal Fetal Medicine Department at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine ever since.

When asked what she loves about ultrasound, Kim states, "Helping my patients. It's a great feeling when you go home at the end of the day knowing you've helped someone."

Kim works in the high-risk obstetrics department at Mount Sinai, as well as the General Ultrasound Department, on-call hours at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, New York where she completed her clinical rotation. "I love that I'm getting a taste of two different fields of ultrasound" says Kim. "I feel like I'm discovering something new every day!"

Kim graduated with high honors from IAMP and was a model student. Her dedication to the program continues to prove that with a solid work ethic, hard work and a good attitude, your goals can be achieved. Kim is now RDMS registered in OB/GYN and has her goals set to pass many more registries.

Kim's advice to students is to keep learning because the medical field is always changing: "With constant advancements in both technology and healthcare, there will always be more that you can learn". IAMP can be sure that this is not the last we will hear about Kim Abruzese.

We are proud of all our graduates. Call the Westchester Campus Director Phyllis Greco @ 914 345-0900 and let us know "Where in the World" you are so we can share your story with the IAMP community.

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