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IAMP WESTCHESTER

Physics and Abdomen Review at the Westchester Campus

On Saturday March 8th and 15th, 2008, Charles Odwin, RDMS will host a Physics Review at the Westchester Campus from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This is the perfect time to strengthen the sections of physics that may need reinforcing.

Also, on April 19th and April 26th, 2008, Charles Odwin will host an Abdomen Review at the Westchester Campus. Sign up now to reserve a seat. Call Phyllis Greco for registration and directions @ (914) 345-0900.



Charles Odwin, PA-C, RDMS

IAMP DELRAY BEACH

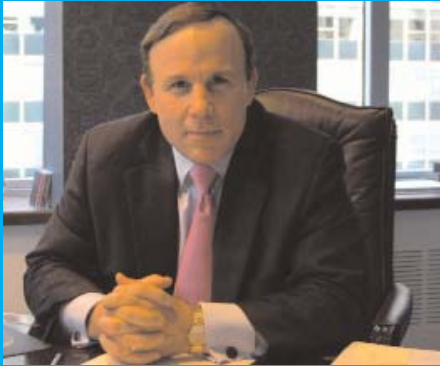
The Nuclear Medicine Technology Program Awarded JRCNMT Accreditation

November, 2007 was a memorable month for the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program at the Delray Beach campus. Not only did the program graduate its first class - it was affirmed programmatic accreditation through the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT). The announcement came during the fall JRCNMT board meeting, held on November 2nd and 3rd, 2007.

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Program first applied for accreditation in November, 2006. Following two successful Accreditation Visits from the JRCNMT, officials anxiously awaited the official outcome. The faculty and staff worked very hard and were pleased to receive the positive announcement that they were hoping for. This initial accreditation will be in effect for 3 years; after that time, the program will have to submit documentation for the re-affirmation process. Once granted the reaffirmation, the next accreditation will be for five years.

"Accreditation is a significant achievement, recognizing that the nuclear medicine technology program has met the standards established in the *"Essentials and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Nuclear Medicine Technologist"*, stated Jan Winn, M.Ed., RT(N), CNMT, Executive Director of the JRCNMT, in the congratulatory letter. IAMP's NMT program at the Delray Beach campus is now the 101st JRCNMT accredited program in the nation, and the 6th JRCNMT accredited program in the state of Florida. With this accreditation, the program will provide a high level of quality in order to meet the standards that the JRCNMT require. This accreditation allows all graduated nuclear medicine students to take the national registry and to become a registered technologist. Congratulations IAMP Delray Beach on the good news!

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Letter from the President

Dear IAMP Students and Staff,

I would like to start off by wishing everyone in the IAMP community a happy and healthy new year. Congratulations to all of our IAMP graduates of 2007 and also to all of our students who have recently passed a registry exam in their related area of study. Please keep in touch with us as IAMP is always looking to form solid working relationships with its former graduates.

In an effort to provide a comprehensive educational experience, IAMP is offering several CME meetings and registry review courses throughout 2008. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with your Campus Director or look on our website at <http://www.iamp.edu>. It is IAMP's goal to prepare you as much as possible for your registry exams and to provide a continued learning environment for our graduates.

In November, 2007, the Nuclear Medicine Technology Program at the IAMP Delray Beach campus was awarded JRCNMT (Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology) accreditation. Congratulations to Program Director Michelle Flint, Campus Director Karyn Vidal, and all of the staff at the Delray Beach Campus for the hard work and dedication.

Happy New Year 2008 and best of luck to all of IAMP and its affiliates.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Haggerty

Thomas J Haggerty

CAMPUS BULLETIN

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IAMP ELMHURST

Annual NYHQ Blood Drive at IAMP Elmhurst

Come join us at IAMP Elmhurst for the annual New York Hospital Queens Blood Drive on Wed. January 16, 2008 from 9am – 3 pm and on Thurs. January 17, 2008 from 5 pm – 9pm. The school is located at 91-31 Queens Boulevard, Suite 407, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Participate and help our community hospital serve those in need. Call us at (718) 779-7738 if you have any questions!

* Donors must be 17 years or older and weigh more than 110 lbs.

* Please bring photo ID and provide Social Security #

* Please eat within 3 hours prior to Donating

Congratulations to the following Westchester Campus Graduates on passing the ARDMS registry exam:

Salvatore StaMaria RVT
Graduated 6/22/2006

Marissa Franco RDMS (Breast)
Graduated 9/15/2005

Victoria Mieras RDMS (OB)
Graduated 2/4/2004

Mariusica Catarau RDMS (ABD)
Graduated 3/22/2007

Vesvolod Mikolaiski RVT
Graduated 9/25/2003

Glen Klami RVT
Graduated 1/20/2005

Daina DiPinto (OB/GYN)
Graduated 3/13/2003

GREAT JOB TO ALL! We are proud of your accomplishments and would like to share it with others. Please contact Phyllis Greco @ (914) 345-0900 or email pgreco@iamp.edu when you have passed an exam.

ALUMNI PROFILE



L : Daniel Engel, MSW, RDMS, RVT
R: Nancy Baer, Vice President of Operations

THE RIGHT ENGEL

Introducing IAMP Elmhurst campus graduate, Daniel Engel. Daniel graduated in August, 2004 with High Honors and a GPA of 3.99. It would also interest you to know that Daniel spent 21 years of his life in the NYPD, prior to his time at IAMP, and is now a retired lieutenant.

In 1998, Daniel graduated from Adelphi University with a Masters Degree in Social Work. It is no doubt clear that Daniel's education and experience correspond directly with his practical and compassionate character. He is a hard working sonographer with a positive approach. IAMP is sure that his patients appreciate all of his dedication and great sense of humor. Daniel comments on his experience at IAMP:

“When I finished my internship and was eligible for the ARDMS Registry exams, I passed both Physics and Abdomen/Small Parts with very high scores. I know there are other schools out there that have ornate campuses and high tuitions to pay for the frills. IAMP is a serious school. IAMP will provide you with the material needed and if you put your effort into it you will reap great returns. I have not one regret from the moment I met with an Admissions Representative to the day of graduation. I would like to extend special thanks to Nancy Baer and Deb Holcombe, as they make the Elmhurst campus a fabulous learning environment”.

Daniel Engel: Fills in the Blanks

When no one is looking, I'm: hanging out with my dogs, Tara & Heidi

I can't stand it when : people are ignorant

I love it when: I have time at home

I'd rather be : somewhere warm

My personal hero is : my mother

IAMP Baked Goods Anyone?

The delicious cupcake creations you see below were created by Kristina Gonzalez, student at the IAMP Elmhurst campus. IAMP is happy when its students have a strong sense of school spirit - and these cupcakes are a great example. Thanks for the positive message about IAMP Kristina!



Bodies Bodies Everywhere

On September 20th, 2007, the Westchester campus' April '07 day class spent the day at BODIES THE EXHIBITION in NYC. The students were greeted by a guide who explained the process in which the bodies are preserved and the history behind them. All of the students were in awe with the exhibit. Observing the anatomy of so many different kinds of bodies, embryos, and conjoined twins made ultrasound become much clearer to the students.

Pathology was displayed in every organ. The students found the circulatory system to be the most impressive part of the exhibit. To see 60,000 miles of blood vessels in the body, how they were preserved and displayed was a sight that will not soon be forgotten. All of the students submitted a report on the exhibition, and the winner (Nicole Chiarella) was given a “Bodies the Exhibition” Book. There is no doubt that every ultrasound student should see this wonderful exhibit.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !

Earn CME Credits at the Westchester Campus

The Westchester Campus is offering a series of Case Study CME meetings during 2008. Please mark the dates on your calendar and come with a case for you to review. It is a great way to network and see some friendly faces. Two CME credits will be given at each meeting, at no charge. In fact, ten credits can be earned toward fulfilling yearly registry requirements. Call (914) 345-0900 for directions.

Time 6:30 P.M. - Elmwood Hall

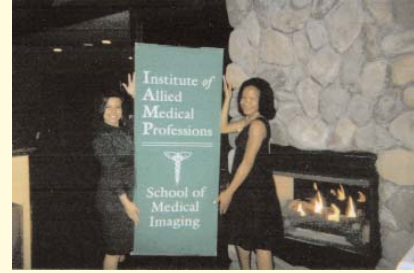
Thursday, February 21st
Thursday, April 24th
Thursday, June 26th
Thursday, August 28th
Thursday, October 23rd

Where in the World IsStephanie DeFilippis?

We found Stephanie at Bridgeport Hospital in the Antenatal Testing Unit. Stephanie joined the hospital in October, 2006. She provides excellent customer service and has received over 50 mentions in ATU patient surveys. She was selected as Bridgeport Hospital's Employee of the Quarter as well as employee of the month in July, 2007! The Hospital Employee Newsletter states: "Stephanie is calm and reassuring with her patients...She always puts patient satisfaction first. Her warm smile and can-do attitude make her a pleasure to work with".

Stephanie attended the Institute at the Yonkers Campus and graduated in August, 2006 with High Honors.

Congratulations on being recognized for an outstanding performance as a staff member at Bridgeport Hospital. Mary would be proud!



On October 25, 2007, the WMC Campus celebrated graduation of the April 3, 2006 evening class of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. The commencement ceremony was held at Blu, on the majestic Hudson River, with Stephanie Marotta and Ayodel Gabriel showing their excitement for IAMP.

The ceremony began with a warm welcome from the Campus Director, Phyllis Greco. Dunstan Abraham, the evening class instructor, gave an inspiring and motivational message of how to succeed and to strive for excellence in all that you do. Ayodel Gabriel (below) was the graduate speaker for the celebration. She reminded the class on how they were when they first came to IAMP - a little scared of the unknown, wondering if they would make it through this journey. Today, all of their perseverance, dedication and faith has paid off.



Certificates and Awards were presented by Dunstan Abraham, Kalani Fernando and Cathy Sullivan, clinical coordinator. The outstanding classroom achievement award was presented to Stephanie Marotta who achieved a GPA of 3.65, Ashley Komatz received the outstanding student award for her achievements in the classroom and clinical setting and Ayodel Gabriel received the outstanding clinical award.



Front L - R Dunstan Abraham and Kalani Fernando
Back L - R Christine Tassone, Ayodel Gabriel, Stephanie Marotta, Darragh Clarke, Lisa Ambrosio, Amanda Karner and Ashley Komatz

IAMP Atlanta

Song of the South

It may seem that the IAMP Atlanta campus has adopted the familiar graduation march, "Pomp and Circumstance" as their official theme song, as the Campus conducted its third graduation for 2007. On September 27, 2007, IAMP Atlanta hosted a graduation ceremony for its largest group of students to date. Ten students of the Radiography Program, and Twenty-two students of the Ultrasound Program proudly received their certificates to mark the successful completion of their courses of study.

As friends and family members looked on, guest speakers Loretta Evans from St. Joseph's Hospital, and IAMP's own Vernita Johnson addressed the students. Selected student speaker, Ruben Gomez of the Radiography Program, presented a heartfelt trip down memory lane and an uplifting send off to all of the new imaging professionals. The graduates were honored by a special welcome and address by the President of IAMP, Mr. Thomas Haggerty. Mr. Haggerty offered humorous anecdotes for success and sincere congratulations to all graduates. As a side note, upon graduation, nine of the Radiography graduates and sixteen of the Ultrasound graduates had already secured positions in their prospective fields. Congratulations and continued success to all of the IAMP Atlanta graduates!



L to R : Ultrasound Grads Jamie Brinkley, Abdul S. Kebe, Veronica Jefferson, Constance Boreland, Patricia Diniz, Yuli Shi



**L : Nancy Baer, Vice President of Operations,
R : Terry Benson, Campus Director**

Song of the South (continued)



**L : Vicky Nerette, RT(R), Radiography Graduate
C : Elaine Boone, St. Joseph's Hospital,
Radiology Department
R : Hung Nguyen, RT(R), Radiography Graduate**

.....May I have the Envelope Please.....

As is well known in the imaging community, once a candidate takes their ARRT Registry exam...they must wait for about ten agonizing days for the results to arrive by mail. Everyone awaits delivery of the large envelope, as it is the immediate indicator that you have passed because it contains your certificate. A small envelope is not a welcomed arrival.

Go Large!

Congratulations to the following IAMP Atlanta graduates who recently received the Large Envelope!

Radiation Therapy:

Sonya Halsey, RT(T)
Casey Quimby, RT(T)
Tony Palmer, RT(T)
Florence Chika, RT(T)
Chad Rouse, RT(T)

Radiography:

Shawn Towns, RT(R)
Bruce Inglis, RT(R)
Hung Nguyen, RT(R)
Ruben Gomez, RT(R)
Vicky Nerette, RT(R)
Michael Jones, RT(R)
Wilson Poon, RT(R)
Boniface Fon, RT(R)
Bilal Lowndes, RT(R)

**Congratulations to the following Elmhurst Campus
Graduates on passing the ARDMS
registry exam:**

Kusum Lata RDMS (OB)

Svetlana Malachov RDMS (ABD)

Najeeba Roya RDMS (ABD)

Vesna Talanga RDMS (Breast)

Lyudmila Leman RDMS (ABD)

Nina Leviyeva RDMS (ABD)

Marianna Lyubinsky RDMS (OB)

Mohammad Rahman RDMS (ABD), RDCS (AE),
RVT (VT)

Let's have a look at some IAMP Testimonials....

Below are some testimonials from IAMP alumni about how IAMP has helped them to achieve their career goals.

“Looking back on my career as a sonographer, I can site one factor that helped me reach the highest levels in this field. The solid clinical and didactic training that I received at The Institute of Allied Medical Professions attribute to this success. This is a key element when considering an Ultrasound program. Many programs offer didactic training with clinical rotations or clinical (on-the-job) training but no didactic experience. Few offer the excellent facilities and background that is provided by IAMP's course of study.”
—Shannon Chamber, RDMS

“I received a high quality education, and attribute much of my success to the excellent mentoring from the program. Both the didactic portion and the clinical rotations can be commended. Six years after graduating, I am now in a position of leadership in my organization, performing the roles of clinician, researcher, teacher and administrator in a world-class health care organization, as well as being dual-credentialed in the fields of Pediatric and Adult Echocardiography. I am also pursuing my Masters degree in Health Care Administration. IAMP provided the “springboard” for my satisfying career.”
—Wendy Sowa-Maldarelli, BS, RT, RDCS

**US-based minimally invasive treatments prove
feasible for uterine fibroids**

By Shalmali Pal, AuntMinnie.com staff writer, 11/20/07

It could be called the Goldilocks effect: When it comes to the ultrasound-based treatment of uterine fibroids, clinicians should target patients whose benign tumors are not too big or not too small. In the latest issue of the American Journal of Roentgenology, researchers from Italy determined that percutaneous sonography-guided radiofrequency thermal ablation (RFA) was particularly adept at shrinking medium-sized fibroids.

And in the December Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Research, a Japanese team found that MR-guided focused ultrasound (MRgFUS) surgery was an optimal therapy option for fibroids with characteristics that are "just right" on preoperative imaging.

Compared with other ablation techniques, such as cryotherapy, RFA is relatively inexpensive and easy, wrote Dr. Chiara Recaldini and colleagues from the departments of radiology, anesthesiology, and ob/gyn at the University of Insubria in Varese, Italy. In their prospective analysis, "the primary end point was feasibility of radiofrequency ablation as (a) single procedure performed percutaneously under sonographic guidance," they explained (AJR, December 2007, Vol. 289:12, pp. 1303-1306).

The research began with six women (median age of 41.2) undergoing preoperative suprapubic and transvaginal sonography to assess the number, size, and location of myomas. All the patients had one symptomatic uterine myoma each. The median volume was 58.57 cm³ and the median diameter was 4.87 cm.

Percutaneous RFA (RF3000 Generator, Boston Scientific, Natick, MA) was performed under moderate sedation. The target temperature in the tissue was set at 85° C. Contrast-enhanced, microbubble-specific suprapubic ultrasound (Sonovue, Bracco Diagnostics, Princeton, NJ; Technos MPX, Esaote Biomedica, Genoa, Italy) was used as a real-time guide for the transabdominal procedure. The operative time came in at a median of 20 minutes. The mean follow-up period was nine months and included transvaginal sonography as well as quality-of-life (QOL) questionnaires. According to the results, no repeat intervention was needed during the follow-up period. Based on the last follow-up visit, the median fibroid volume was reduced to 8.07 cm³ while the median diameter shrunk to 2.3 cm. The median QOL score 63.92.

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IAMP Delray Beach

Internship - A challenge and a blessing

By Narayana Prasad, RDMS, RDCS

Program Director DMS, Delray Beach Campus

IAMP students are given a clinical internship in order to increase their perception of competence in their chosen career, teaching/collaboration, planning/evaluation, professional development, leadership/interpersonal skills, and communication. The didactic and clinical portions of the program are two phases of diagnostic medical sonography education that share a common goal - to produce a competent sonographer.

Primarily, an internship should provide several job-related experiences. These experiences should be progressive in nature - not a repetitious learning experience. Your experience at clinical internship should include:

- Rotation through different functional areas or departments - including the observation of several different types of sonographic modalities
- Multiple assignments or projects within the same functional area. These assignments should require a variety of skills, outcomes, and exposure to different aspects of an individual department's operations
- Fulfilling a set of goals for your own professional development. This can be more general (e.g. to gain a sense of the work environment within a clinical facility) or more specific (e.g. to learn a particular field-related skill). This experience may range from a simple observation to performing a complete study with limited supervision.
- A system for feedback and communication. Regular feedback sessions should be formally arranged to facilitate consistent supervision, guidance, and constructive criticism on a periodic basis.

What are the positive aspects of a clinical internship?

- It is an opportunity to witness classroom theories and principles applied in real world situations.
- You learn more about a specific industry/field
- You gain work experience and develop professional competence
- You become more familiar with specific work functions and career-related skills
- You develop confidence, become more assertive, become a better decision maker
- You work as part of a team
- You develop specific skills such as communication, problem solving, teamwork, using computer applications, and networking
- You increase your marketability
- You gain experience in job-seeking skills such as resume/cover letter preparation and interviewing
- You have the ability to network and meet with company managers, executives and peers within the industry

Delray's Nuclear Medicine Technology Program

Graduates its 1st Class

By Michelle Flint AS, CNMT

Program Director NMT

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Program located at the Delray Beach, FL campus held its first graduation ceremony on November 16, 2007 at 6 p.m. at the Dawson Theater in Boca Raton, FL. Students from Port St. Lucie, Wellington, Miami and surrounding cities received their Nuclear Medicine certificates. With these certificates, the students are now eligible to take the national registries.

During her motivational address to the students, Karyn Vidal, Campus Director said, "I hope you find that in giving to others you will also receive. I would like you to be confident of your own abilities, yet to be humble enough to listen to the experience of others. I want you to believe that you are unique and have something special to offer your new professional world". During her closing, Karyn gave further inspiring words, "All we ask is that you fulfill your potential and, judging by your graduation results, there is enough potential here today to change the world. So go on out there and make a difference".

George Herfield, BA, CNMT, RT (N) of Boca Raton Community Hospital gave the keynote address to the graduates, family, friends, staff, and dignitaries in attendance at the ceremony. George gave an inspirational speech to the graduates about "The Future of Nuclear Medicine". He further quoted Winston Churchill, "never, never, give up".

There were encouraging words and words of thanks given to all in attendance by the Nuclear Medicine Program Director, Michelle Flint, the Clinical Coordinator, Sandy Apwisch, and Kerry Korchman, the class Valedictorian. The Outstanding Clinical and Student Award was presented to Kerry Korchman. Marcela Brady received the Outstanding Didactic Award as well as the Certificate of Achievement and Honors. Matthew Logan graduated with Honors and Ana Khosravani received the Certificate of Achievement award. Congratulations to our first Nuclear Medicine Graduating class of 2007!



L to R: Michelle Flint - Program Director, Claire Hart, Matthew Logan, Darlene Hadden, Kerry Korchman, Nasim Alavi, David Thorpe, Ana Khosravani, Richard Kaplan, Marcela Brady, and Sandy Apwisch - Clinical Coordinator.

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