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Alisa D. Gean, M.D., Travels to Mexico through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (October 7, 2009) — Radiologist Alisa D. Gean, M.D., from University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), will bring her medical expertise to Mexico as part of the International Visiting Professor Program offered by the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). The program fosters international relations among radiology societies to assist with medical education in developing and newly developed nations.

Dr. Gean, professor of radiology, neurology and neurological surgery at UCSF, will be joined by a fellow radiologist as she embarks October 14 on the 10-day trip. She will spend her visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to members of Mexico's radiology societies and hospital radiology departments.

The program is mutually beneficial. The visiting team of radiologists informs local doctors and hospitals about the latest advances in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology. In turn, the visiting professors experience firsthand the obstacles faced by medical professionals in the host countries.

"What a fabulous opportunity it is to participate in this program," Dr. Gean said. "It allows me to share my many years of neuroradiologic experience with our neighbors in Mexico and to learn new things from them."

Dr. Gean is accompanied by Spencer B. Gay, M.D., from University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Locations of the presentations in Mexico include the University Hospital in Monterrey as well as the Hospital de Especialdades and FMRI Meeting — 3rd International Course in Cross-Sectional Imaging in Mexico City.

The International Visiting Professors Program was founded in 1986 and is administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education (CIRE). This program is made possible by the generous support of Fujifilm Medical Systems.

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