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H. Carisa Le-Petross, M.D., Travels to Vietnam through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (May31, 2012) — Radiologist H. Carisa Le-Petross, M.D., will bring her medical expertise to Vietnam 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. Le-Petross, associate professor in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, will be joined by a fellow radiologist as she embarks June 1 on the 11-day trip. She will spend her visit giving lectures and conducting site assessments at local hospitals.

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.

"The RSNA International Visiting Professor Program provides a wonderful opportunity for us to share techniques and skills with radiologists in other countries," Dr. Le-Petross said. "The program allows us to participate in the education of a new generation of radiologists from around the world. I look forward to building future global relationships and to the long-term benefits that I will receive from this experience."

Dr. Le-Petross will be accompanied by Eric J. Stern, M.D., from the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

Dr. Le-Petross will visit the Bach Mai University Hospital in Hanoi and Cho Ray Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City.

The International Visiting Professor Program was founded in 1986 and is administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education. This program is supported by Agfa HealthCare.

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