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William M. Thompson, M.D., Travels to Mexico through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (August 27, 2014) — Radiologist William M. Thompson, M.D., will bring his 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. Thompson, vice chair and professor of radiology at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, will be joined by a fellow radiologist as he embarks September 2 on the 10-day trip. He will spend his visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to radiology residents, as well as attending conferences and meetings.

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.

"This program is important, as it provides an opportunity to teach radiologists and residents from other countries and to help improve patient care worldwide," Dr. Thompson said.

"Personally, I have always enjoyed teaching in other countries and find that I learn many things about the practice of radiology outside of the U.S."

Dr. Thompson, who is also chief of imaging service at Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center in Albuquerque, will be accompanied by Ramon Sanchez, M.D., assistant professor of pediatric radiology at the University of Michigan Hospital and Health System in Ann Arbor, Mich.

In addition to speaking at the Mexican Society of Radiology and Imaging's 13th Annual Ultrasound Course in Mexico City, Dr. Thompson will spend his trip teaching at local hospitals.

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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