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Medical Societies Unveil CME Gateway

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (Feb. 1, 2005) - The Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), along with three other national and international medical societies, is offering members a new benefit that allows them to collect and report all continuing medical education (CME) credits earned from each of the participating organizations.

The CME Gateway (<http://www.CMEgateway.org>), developed over the past year with the American College of Radiology (ACR), Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) and American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS), allows members to view, print and generate reports of their credits from these organizations from a single online access point. Members can also print a compilation of their individual CME certificates from each organization.

"We are delighted to be able to offer our members this convenient, time-saving mechanism for tracking their CME activity and we have plans to provide additional help as stringent maintenance of certification (MOC) requirements are implemented," said R. Gilbert Jost, M.D., RSNA Chairman of the Board.

Until now, each organization has tracked only CME earned through its own activities, leaving doctors who are members of multiple societies with the chore of collecting their CME credit information from several different places.

"CME Gateway benefits members from all participating societies by providing secure, reliable and convenient access to and tracking of continuing medical education records," said SNM President Mathew L. Thakur, Ph.D.

To use the CME Gateway, members simply go to <http://www.CMEgateway.org> and click on Sign Up Now at the bottom of the page. After creating an account with a name, e-mail address, user name and password, the member will be able to enter login information for each society to which he or she belongs.

To see CME credits from RSNA, the member would click on the Organizations tab at the top of the page, check the box beside Radiological Society of North America, enter the appropriate RSNA user name and password and then click on Register. This information needs to be entered only once per organization. Users of CME Gateway may register for any

or all of the organizations of which they are members.

Once registered, a user may click the Reports tab at the top of the page and set the start date and end date for credits the user would like to view and/or print. Similarly, to view or print a certificate from each organization, the member would click on the Certificates tab and select the organization and date range desired.

"With the advent of maintenance of certification and the need for accurate and detailed documentation of lifelong learning activities, the CME Gateway is a welcome tool for all radiologists, and one that the American Roentgen Ray Society is delighted to support," said ARRS President Christopher R. B. Merritt, M.D.

"The American College of Radiology is constantly searching for ways to improve the process by which our members can receive continuing medical education. We are very proud to offer our members this convenient new tool by which they can keep track of their CME activity. Our members, and ultimately their patients, are better served by this improved process," said ACR Executive Director Harvey L. Neiman, M.D., FACR.

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RSNA is an association of more than 37,000 radiologists, radiation oncologists and related scientists committed to promoting excellence in radiology through education and by fostering research, with the ultimate goal of improving patient care. The Society is based in Oak Brook, Ill.