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### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

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The fall and winter have been a busy time for our society, particularly on the legislative front. We have contributed commentary and have been an active resource for several bills which have moved this fall and winter. Active bills have been SB678/HB 1553 (ensure that patients do not receive a balance bill for an out of network service), HB 1884 (summaries or copies of patient test results sent directly to patients when the test has a significant finding), HB 1545 (establish a state Medical Imaging and Radiologic Therapy licensure board), HB 1344 (establish a state board for Medical Physicist licensure), SB780/HB1648 (establish a statutory definition for telemedicine and mandate reimbursement for telemedicine services), SB 869 (mandates insurance coverage for additional screening tests for women with the 2 higher categories of breast density). These bills are discussed further in the Legislative Report in this bulletin.

Our chapter has submitted applications for the ACR Chapter Recognition Awards again this year and my sincere thanks to the following members who managed our applications in 4 categories: Meetings and Education – Julie Gubernick, Membership – Josh Tice, Quality and Safety – Bob Pyatt, and Government Relations – John Kline. My thanks to all who completed the Chapter Member and Chapter Leader surveys for our chapter. It is valuable information to our Board of Directors for future planning.

Mary Scanlon, Chair of our Resident and Fellows Section and Chair of our RADPAC Chapter, has been prominent on the national scene as Treasurer of ACR RADPAC. Mary emphasizes that thanks to your contributions, RADPAC is always one of the top 3 Medical PACs in dollar amount in the country. Please consider contributing to RADPAC this year during the March Chapter Challenge Campaign, as we would like to see our state reach beyond the 20% membership contribution level. In addition, an ACR fundraising event will be held for Dr. Steve Ferrara in Reading at the home of Dr. Richard Gregor March 21, 2018. Dr. Ferrara has a good chance to be the first Radiologist elected to the US House of Representatives (representing a district in Arizona). Please consider contributing to Dr. Ferrara's campaign and attending the fund-raising event if you live in the vicinity. The following link can be used for contributions: <https://secure.anedot.com/ferrara/donate>.

Our residents have been active in the society and the ACR RFS section and have been preparing for the upcoming ACR meeting in Washington DC. Successful resident events were held in both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh this past fall. We plan to send 3 residents to the RLI leadership course this year and the application process will begin in the next few months. A new opportunity for resident leadership education is being developed by the ACR this year as a virtual course, Leadership Essentials, covering 10 leadership topics over 10 months with live webinar discussions on each topic. The course begins in August and we hope to support resident participation in this new course. My congratulations to Kim Rongo (University of Pittsburgh) and Ryan Cobb (Temple University) for being selected resident representatives to PRS 2018-2020. They join Stacey White (Einstein) and Ravi Kagali (Geisinger) who are doing an excellent job in their second year as PRS resident representatives.

The ACR meeting will again be held at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel in Washington DC May 19-23, 2018. We have obtained a discounted room rate at the Omni Shoreham hotel, a grand historic hotel next door to the Marriott. Our Councilor meeting, Board of Directors meeting, and dinner honoring our new Fellows will be held at the Omni Shoreham. I encourage everyone to consider the Omni Shoreham for their stay in Washington for the meeting.

The ACR meeting this year has changed its focus to concentrate on the ACR Council and its actions, economics, and legislation. The additional educational programs which have been added in recent years have been pared down to minimize conflict with attendance at the ACR Council. The ACR is sponsoring an excellent Chapter Leaders workshop Saturday May 19 12pm-4:30PM. It is my understanding that CME credit will be available for the course. I encourage all who have an interest to attend – seating is limited, so please sign up soon! PA Councilor caucus will be held Saturday May 19 3pm-5pm at the Omni Shoreham. Julie Gubernick, Senior Councilor, is doing an excellent job coordinating our talented Councilors and Alternates to have a strong contingent present at the meeting. The Resident and Fellow Section meeting will be Saturday May 19 8am-5pm. Last year, 15 residents were able to attend the meeting. This year, we encourage all residents to attend and hope to have a large group at the meeting. PA Board of Directors will meet Sunday May 20 8am-12pm at the Omni Shoreham.

We are very proud to have a record 10 candidates approved for fellowship at this year's ACR meeting. My thanks to Marcela Bohm-Velez and the fellowship committee for all their hard work coordinating, approving and submitting the fellowship applications to the ACR. My congratulations to our members who will soon be ACR fellows: H Scott Beasley MD, Sanjeev Katyal MD, Benoit

Desjardins MD PhD, Jack D Shocker MD, Janet Ann Neutze MD, Marie A Ganott MD, Clara J Chudow MD, Susan Summerton MD, Donald Joel Flemming MD, and Peter L Davis MD. Our new fellows will be honored at a dinner Saturday May 19 at 7pm at the Omni Shoreham with cocktail hour at 6pm. Our residents attending the ACR meeting are invited to the cocktail hour Saturday evening.

I also congratulate Dr. Ron Hublall who has been named by the ACR as the Private Practice Representative to the ACR 2018-2019 Intersociety Conference.

An important part of the ACR meeting is the organized lobbying effort on Capitol Hill Wednesday May 23, 2018. The Capitol Hill visits with PA Legislators are very important to moving our initiatives forward in Washington and I encourage all who can to make arrangements to attend Capitol Hill Day, even if you cannot attend the ACR meeting. Mary Scanlon coordinates our delegation to Capitol Hill. Please contact Mary at [Mary.Scanlon@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:Mary.Scanlon@uphs.upenn.edu) if you plan to attend.

As a final note, John Kline and I have been working with the ACR staff to create and assemble ACR and PA state materials to encourage additional chapter enrollment and member and resident engagement. John met with the ACR governmental staff Eugenia Kramer and Rebecca Spangler in November and both John and I met with Katie Kuhn, Manager, Chapter Membership and Engagement, and other ACR division directors in December to plan and exchange ideas. We hope to visit residency programs across the state in the spring to give a short pitch for the benefits of ACR and PRS participation..

**Keith R. Haidet, MD, FACR**  
**Lancaster**

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***EDITOR'S NOTE***

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The Spring 2018 issue of the Bulletin will provide you a legislative update on a busy and important legislative spring session. In addition, this issue brings you a RADPAC update, and an ACR2018 preview. Finally, Dr. Pyatt presents reports from the PRS Quality and Patient Safety Committee and the ACR General, Small, Emergency and/or Rural Practice Commission.

I hope you enjoy this Spring issue of the PRS Bulletin. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns. I continue to welcome your ideas and suggestions for future topics.

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## **Legislative Updates**

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### **Legislative Affairs Early 2018**

It has been a busy winter season. Several of the bills important to our society have been active. The House and Senate are in recess for a month, which gives us time to regroup and catch our breath. A big note of appreciation for the interest and engagement of the Legislative Affairs Committee and several additional members of the society who have been involved in the legislative process this winter. Your input has been thoughtful, professional, and timely. Our teamwork has definitely strengthened our responses to both the House and Senate on key issues.

#### **Legislation:**

**SB 678/HB 1553** - Balance billing. These are companion bills which have been crafted to ensure that patients do not receive a surprise balance bill for an out of network service. All specialties will potentially be affected by this legislation; however, the specialties most affected are Emergency Care, Anesthesiology, Pathology, and Radiology. Multiple specialty organizations, including PRS, have formed the Out-of-Network Provider Services Coalition to combine and unify lobbying efforts on this important issue. SB 678 was introduced by Senators Judy Schwank (D-Berks) and Don White (R-Indiana). HB 1553 was introduced by Representatives Matt Baker (R-Tioga) and Tina Pickett (R-Bradford, Susquehanna). The Senate sponsors hold committee chair positions, increasing the chance that SB 678 will move out of committee. The house bill, HB 1553, has been amended and moved out of committee. However, Representative Baker, the house sponsor and committee chair, recently resigned his position in the House to take a job with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Although the amendments to the original house bill were an improvement, the coalition is continuing to advocate for additional significant changes, particularly with regards to the proposed payment model and the proposed dispute resolution process. Dr. Josh Tice has been a critical player for PRS and has represented our interests both with the legislature and as an active member of the Out-of-Network Provider Services Coalition. The bills are still in the legislative process. There is no immediate action foreseen with either, particularly with Baker's departure.

**HB 1884** – Introduced by Representative Marguerite Quinn, this bill provides for summaries or copies of patient test results to be sent directly to a patient or the patient's designee when there is a significant abnormality. This legislation has been reintroduced by Representative Quinn for 10 years despite the opposition of both PRS and PMS. Last year, the bill passed the House, but was stopped at the Senate Committee on Health, chaired by Senator Pat Vance. The bill has passed the House again this year despite a strong letter of opposition sent by Keith Haidet to each House member in December reiterating problems with:

1. The ambiguity of the term "significant abnormality"
2. The significant cost to Radiology departments of the program
3. The unnecessary patient alarm caused by language in reports directed to referring physicians (which should be explained to patients by their physician in context of their clinical condition)

4. The unnecessary circumventing of the communication of test results to patients by their personal physician in the context of their disease and clinical condition
5. The reality that most health systems have electronic medical records and portals which make legislating this issue unnecessary

The bill is now in the hands of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, chaired by Senator Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming). We have been in close communication with Mike Cortez, senior legislative director for Senator Baker's office and have been informed that Senator Baker is inclined to move the bill forward, as both the bill and Representative Quinn are popular with other legislators. We have submitted changes to the bill that address all of the problems mentioned above and have amended the bill language to more appropriately comply with the ACR Practice Parameter for the Communication of Diagnostic Imaging Findings. It is our hope that our changes will be accepted and that the bill, if passed with our changes, will have little impact, if any, on diagnostic imaging practices in Pennsylvania operating under the ACR communication guidelines. This bill is now receiving national attention and is on the watch list of both the ACR and RBMA (who have both pledged their support).

**HB 1545** – Introduced by House Majority Whip Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster). This bill establishes a statewide Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Board of Examiners which would oversee education, training, examination and certification for individuals operating medical imaging or radiation therapy equipment. Keith Haidet wrote a letter of support for the bill to the House Professional Licensure Committee at the request of Representative Cutler. He was also asked to testify at a hearing for the bill on February 28. He invited Anthony Montagnese MS DABR, Chief Radiation Safety officer and Medical Physicist, Lancaster General Health, to testify with him. The testimony went very well and all of the issues covering radiation safety and appropriate training were covered. PRS also made several new friends on the committee who perceived us as qualified and competent. PMS has written a letter of support for the bill. Movement of the bill will depend on convincing the Committee that Hospital personnel oversight by JACHO and private office personnel oversight by DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) is currently not stringent enough in PA to prevent radiation overdoses and imaging mishaps by unqualified agents.

**HB 1344** – Introduced by Representative Harry Readshaw (D-Allegheny), Democratic Chair of the Professional Licensure Committee. This bill establishes a State Board of Medical Physicist Licensure. We have been in contact with the AAPM (American Association of Medical Physicists) about the bill. The physicist community is divided concerning the need for additional regulation of an already highly regulated specialty. A hearing was held on the bill February 27 and testimony was divided on the need for a licensing board. It is unlikely that the bill will move out of committee because of the small number of medical physicists in PA (400 estimated) and the prohibitive cost of a licensing board given the small number of licensees. There was discussion after the hearing for HB 1545 by several legislators about merging HB 1344 with HB 1545.

**SB 780/HB 1648** – Companion bills that establish a statutory definition for telemedicine and mandate that telemedicine services are reimbursed by insurance. HB 1648 was introduced by Representative Marguerite Quinn (R-Bucks) and SB 780 was introduced by Senator Elder Vogel Jr. (R-Beaver, Butler, Lawrence). PMS strongly supports a telemedicine bill. The Senate bill was recently

modified to prohibit audio only services (video must be available if either the provider or patient requests it). The Senate bill has been referred to the Banking and Insurance Committee and had been scheduled for a vote prior to the Senate's holiday recess, but is currently on hold. The House bill has been referred to the Insurance Committee.

**SB 869** – Introduced by Senator Bob Mensch (R- Berks, Bucks, Montgomery), a member of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. This bill would mandate that insurance companies pay for screening women with the 2 higher categories of breast density with additional imaging including breast ultrasound and MRI. The bill has been referred to the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee. Marcela Bohm Velez, Chair of our Breast Imaging Committee, has submitted a PRS letter of support for the bill to Senator White, the Committee Chair. We are trying to persuade Senator White to move the bill to a committee hearing. The bill was moved to a hearing 2 years ago with testimony by the Insurance industry against the bill and testimony by Wendi Berg of our Breast Imaging Committee and the PA Breast Cancer Coalition for the bill.

**Resident Legislative Days** – The PRS will host 2 resident days in Harrisburg (2 residents each day) at the Capitol April 10 and 17, organized and run by John Kline, our Lobbyist and Executive Director. Interested residents should forward **contact information to John before March 30**. The day will begin with a briefing on legislative operations at John's office followed by a meeting with a committee chair who manages bills relevant to our specialty, attendance at a committee hearing, attendance at a Senate or House floor session and a behind the scenes Capitol tour. Past resident participants have enjoyed this great opportunity.

Since our last report, we have attended or will be attending fund raisers for:

Senator Bob Mensch (R-Berks, Bucks, Montgomery) Health and Human Services Committee,  
Sponsor of Breast Density Legislation  
Senator Don White (R-Armstrong, Butler, Indiana, Westmoreland) Chair Banking and Insurance  
Committee  
Senator Tom Killion (R-Chester, Delaware) Banking and Insurance Committee,  
Communications and Technology Committee, Professional Licensure Committee  
Senator Judy Schwank (D-Berks) Minority Chair Health and Human Services Committee  
Representative Carolyn Comitta (D-Chester) Professional Licensure Committee

and a meet and greet as invited guest of PMS for:

Senator Mike Regan (R-Cumberland, York) Vice Chair Communications and Technology  
Committee, Professional Licensure Committee

**John Kline**  
**Executive Director**  
**Pennsylvania Radiological Society**

**Keith Haidet, MD, FACR**  
**President, Chair Committee on**  
**Legislative Affairs**

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## **Pennsylvania Medical Society: Specialty Leadership Cabinet**

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As members of the legislative committee, Dr. Terry York and I are splitting the duties of representing PRS at the Specialty Leadership Cabinet (SLC). Dr. York attended the most recent session on February 6, 2018 at which time a few key issues were discussed, and a regulatory update was provided.

### **Regulatory Update:**

#### Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP):

An amendment to the PDMP law now exempts Schedule V controlled substances used to treat epilepsy and seizure disorders as of February 20, 2018.

#### Medical Marijuana Regulations:

The Department of Health temporary safe harbor regulations expire on May 17, 2018; however, new proposed regulations are expected in early 2018 in anticipation of formal implementation of the Act. PAMED will continue to monitor the process and update members as information is released.

#### Naturapathic Registration Regulations:

The PA State Board of Medicine will soon begin working on regulations based on Act 128 of 2016 (relating to registration of naturapathic doctors in Pennsylvania).

### **Legislative Issues:**

#### CRNP Scope of Practice:

In opposition to PA Senate Bill 25, which would expand the CRNP Scope of Practice, PAMED and the SLC continues to advocate for the preservation of physician-led, team-based care in Pennsylvania. The legislative effort is focused on educating legislators on the strengths of a physician led-team, the training differences between the various provider types, and the advantages of maintaining collaborative requirements between physicians and CRNPs.

[www.pamedsoc.org/docs/librariesprovider2/pamed-documents/reasonstooppose.pdf?sfvrsn=60771a04\\_2](http://www.pamedsoc.org/docs/librariesprovider2/pamed-documents/reasonstooppose.pdf?sfvrsn=60771a04_2)

#### Involuntary commitment for individuals in need of substance use treatment:

Over the past several legislative seasons several bills or amendments have been proposed, which would mandate involuntary commitment for substance use treatment for any individual presenting in emergency departments with symptoms consistent with drug overdose. SLC members, Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society (PaPS) and Pennsylvania College of Emergency Physicians (PACEP), formally requested the PAMED Board of Trustees strongly oppose all proposed legislation and policy initiative seeking to mandate involuntary commitment for drug overdoses.

#### Out-of-Network (OON) Billing:

PRS continues to be an active member of the Out-of-Network Provider Services Coalition. A summary of the effort can be found above in the PRS legislative update.

#### Opioid Crisis Update:

Dr. Rachel Levine gave an update on the opioid crises and ongoing state approach to this difficult issue. Of note, in the first year since the institution of the PDMP, there has been a 12.6% drop in the number of opioids dispensed. Naloxone access was and will continue to be expanded. Further, programs are in development to improve access to treatment

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## **RADPAC**

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### **Update on Congressional Race for Interventional Radiologist Dr. Steve Ferrara**

Steve Ferrara is an Interventional Radiologist and retired Navy Captain currently running for United States Congress from his home state of Arizona. His policy interests arose during a distinguished 25-year career where he completed multiple deployments with the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps and went on to help lead one of the nation's finest health care systems of ~9.5 million beneficiaries as the Navy's Chief Medical Officer. His career was defined by pioneering achievements including the introduction of endovascular therapies to the battlefield and leading Navy Medicine's transition to becoming a High Reliability Organization.

Ferrara honed his policy skills during the 113th Congress where he served as a National Academy of Sciences Congressional Health Policy Fellow. He served as a health staffer on the Energy and Commerce Committee and became instrumental in the repeal of the SGR. He was a member of the Society of Interventional Radiology's Executive Council where he served as Councilor and Chair for Health Policy and Economics. He also served on the Government Relations Committee for the American College of Radiology.

#### Campaign Fast Facts

- \* Dr. Ferrara is aiming to be the first-ever elected radiologist to Congress.
- \* AZ-09 is an open Congressional seat with the incumbent, Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, having announced her run for Senate.
- \* There are three other Republican primary candidates - Dr. Ferrara has a strong fundraising advantage compared to his opponents and is viewed as the frontrunner.
- \* Dr. Ferrara has already garnered several endorsements of state/local elected officials.
- \* Dr. Ferrara has already been endorsed by seven sitting Members of Congress who have also contributed substantially to his campaign.
- \* Dr. Ferrara has the endorsement and financial support of numerous medical specialty groups including:

- American College of Radiology
- Society of Interventional Radiology

American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society of Anesthesiology  
American Association of Neurological Surgery  
American College of Emergency Physicians  
American Academy of Dermatology

You can learn more about Dr. Ferrara's campaign at: [www.ferraraforcongress.com](http://www.ferraraforcongress.com) and you can watch this brief video about his background: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYeGMD3iRf4>.

## **Donate**

PA Radiology Society Can Win \$500 With Your Help

Arguably the most exciting time of year in college sports will soon be upon us: March Madness. This also means it's time for RADPAC's annual March Chapter Challenge Campaign where residents, fellows, and attending Radiologists from each of the state radiological societies face off to claim the title!

The rules have slightly changed this year:

The campaign starts March 1st and ends March 31st. Instead of each new RADPAC contributor in the first 2 weeks of March earning 1 point towards his/her state radiological society and each new RADPAC contributor in the second 2 weeks of March earning 2 points, each contributor in the entire month of March will earn 1 point. What will remain the same is that states will continue to be broken into brackets (based on chapter size) to determine which state can come out on top with the most contributors. There will be 5 divisions instead of 4 like previous years. Pennsylvania will compete in Division E against the following chapters: California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and Texas.

The winning chapter in each division will win \$500 from RADPAC!

No contribution amount is too small to count in the Campaign.

For more information on the March Madness Campaign, click here: <https://www.radpac.org/News-and-Events/2018-March-Chapter-Challenge>.

**Mary H. Scanlon, MD FACR**  
**Philadelphia**

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**ACR:**  
**General, Small, Emergency and/or Rural Practice (GSER)**  
**Commission**

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*This Commission's purpose involves some aspect of almost every radiology group in Pennsylvania.*

The updated purpose/goal of the GSER Commission is to:

- Identify, promote, and address issues of concern and to provide support to radiologists practicing general radiology (fellowship trained subspecialty radiologists who spend a significant portion of their time interpreting studies in multiple areas outside of their subspecialty), general radiologists (those who did not complete a fellowship), and/or who are members of small groups, and/or who serve facilities in small communities and/or rural areas, VA and military hospitals and including those radiologists in a teleradiology capacity serving these communities, facilities, and/or practices.
- Identify, promote, and address issues of concern and to provide support for radiologists practicing emergency radiology as subspecialists (emergency radiologists) or as general radiologists, in any practice setting, from solo practice to tertiary/academic centers, teleradiology practices, and including Military and VA facilities.
- Deal with topics outside the purview of single subspecialty areas of radiology and support committees that are not necessarily aligned with other ACR commissions.

The GSER Commission is pleased to report that the BOC has Approved two **new** subcommittees within the Network Committee of the GSER. These **new** subcommittees are:

- the **Military Radiologist Committee**: representing the current active duty radiologists, as well as former active duty radiologists
- the **VA Radiologist Committee**: representing radiologists working in the VA Health System.

The GSER Network Committee is also developing a greater knowledge of the issues facing **Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Radiologists**, as well as **Teleradiologists** (full time or part time). CAH radiologists and teleradiologists represent a number of radiologists in Pennsylvania.

The GSER Commission is also responsible for overseeing the many aspects of Quality & Safety, Economics, Advocacy, Education, Human Resources and Practice Parameters/Technical Standards, as well as issues related to **Emergency Radiology**. Dr. Mike Bruno, Penn State Hershey and PRS member, chairs the Emergency Radiology committee. The activities of this committee potentially involve most of the radiology practices in Pennsylvania, if you are performing any emergency radiology in your practice.

**Interventional Radiology**: Issues involving a decreasing supply of broad skilled interventional radiologists with general and IR skills for smaller groups and community hospitals was discussed at the recent Winter Meeting of the BOC. Expect more reports and information in the months ahead. Many Fellowship trained IR Radiologists are seeking 100% IR time in Radiology groups, but

recently published peer reviewed articles indicate that this is only available in 25% of practices (with 90% or more time entirely in IR). In fact, 25% of self-identified IR radiologists only perform IR 10% of the time, and 75% of self-identified IR radiologists perform IR less than 90% of the time. This means that most self-identified IR radiologists (75%) perform DR (Diagnostic Radiology) a significant percentage of their time.

**Radiologist Burnout** is a significant issue nationwide. This is being assessed in the Workforce survey currently underway. This is the entire focus of this coming summer's **Intersociety Meeting**. The GSER leader in this area is Stuart Sorkin, MD, FACR. Human Resource Commission Chair, Clair Bender, is also very interested in this workforce issue. Expect a greater discussion on radiologist burnout in the next year across the ACR and in our GSER Commission.

If you are interested in serving on a committee in the GSER Commission in the upcoming 2018-2019 year, please let me know at: [bob\\_pyatt@hotmail.com](mailto:bob_pyatt@hotmail.com). Our available committees are: Economics, Quality & Safety, Practice Parameters & Technical Standards, VA Radiology, Military Radiology, and Emergency Radiology. Further, we have work groups involving Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) and Teleradiology.

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## ***ACR 2018: Preview***

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The ACR Annual Meeting will again be held at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC from May 19-23. All ACR members and guests are welcome to attend.

A few changes to the meeting have been made to re-focus on the activities of the ACR Council. The ACR Annual Meeting will feature the activities of the ACR Council along with programming designed to support the needs of Council members, Chapter leaders, the RFS and YPS. The keynote speaker, Dr. Keith Dreyer, will discuss Artificial Intelligence and the ACR Data Science Institute. The ever-informative Economics Forum will be highlighted on Monday. Further, state government relations, current challenges in Emergency Radiology, and leadership within VA Radiology will be discussed as featured topics. The meeting will culminate with Capitol Hill Day on Wednesday.

For registration information please visit [www.acr.org/Lifelong-Learning-and-CME/Meetings-and-Course-Calendar/ACR-Annual-Meeting#Overview](http://www.acr.org/Lifelong-Learning-and-CME/Meetings-and-Course-Calendar/ACR-Annual-Meeting#Overview).

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## **Quality and Patient Safety Committee Report**

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The PRS Quality & Safety Committee continues their collaborative work with HAP (Hospital Association of Pennsylvania) and the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority on the HIIN (Hospital Improvement Innovation Networks) CMS Project related to “Errors Between the Emergency Department and Diagnostic Imaging”. This project is now collecting data as part of Phase II of the project. Participating radiology groups across PA, including a number of PRS members, have been identifying patients in the ED who have **significant, unexpected** imaging findings, **unrelated** to their ED visit.

In addition, there is a bill in the PA legislature which has been passed by the House and now awaits Senate review, requiring communication of significant imaging findings to the patient by the Imaging Department. More details on this pending bill are available thru the PRS office and Legislative Update above.

The Pennsylvania Radiological Society has also taken the **Imaging Wisely** Pledge for Associations and encourages your group practice and associated radiologists to do the same (<https://www.imagewisely.org/About-Us>).

The PRS also advocates groups to join the **Imaging Gently** campaign and take the pledge (<http://www.imagegently.org/>).

The PRS Quality & Safety Committee encourages members to review the many key issues facing radiology practices on Q & S. This includes issues such as the new updated ACR Contrast Manual, new ACR Contrast Reaction Card, the ACR Appropriateness Criteria (AC), the PAMA legislation and CDS implementation, and ACR Select. Further, the committee encourages groups to consider utilizing the ACR registries, such as DIR (Dose Index Registry), which offer a superb method to comply with MIPS measures.

The latest update for the Quality Payment Program (**QPP**) has been released for 2018. See resource hotlinks below for more detailed information.

**Resources:** Here are several valuable hotlinks to help get you the answers and resources for Quality & Safety Compliance:

<http://www.radiologybusiness.com/topics/care-delivery/acr-introduces-new-contrast-reaction-card-help-actue-patient-reactions>

<https://www.acr.org/Practice-Management-Quality-Informatics/Medicare-Value-Based-Programs/PQRS>

<https://www.acr.org/Practice-Management-Quality-Informatics/Medicare-Value-Based-Programs/QPP>

<https://www.acr.org/Practice-Management-Quality-Informatics/Registries>

<https://www.acr.org/Practice-Management-Quality-Informatics/Quality-Care-News>

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***RESIDENT AND FELLOW SECTION:***

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**ANNUAL RADIOLOGY RESIDENT & FELLOWS DINNER SYMPOSIUM**

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Radiological Society

"Finding the Right Job in Radiology: How to ask the tough questions nobody wants to ask"

This past fall, the PRS once again sponsored their Annual Radiology Resident & Fellow Dinner Symposium. A symposium was held in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. The topic of the Philadelphia symposium was titled "Finding the Right Job in Radiology: How to ask the tough questions nobody wants to ask".

Once again held at Ristorante La Buca, the symposium was a tremendous hit with over 60 residents and fellows from the region in attendance! A delicious 4 course meal was complemented by interactive talks by new attendings and current fellows who had recently undergone the job hunt process. Lecturers shared their personal stories, interview experiences and insider tips on how to navigate the current job hunt landscape.

Next year's symposium topic will be tentatively focused on "Malpractice in Radiology" and will be held in the fall of 2018. The symposium is open for all members to attend! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions for future dinner symposiums ([akashmpatel4@gmail.com](mailto:akashmpatel4@gmail.com)).

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**Eastern PA PRS Resident Representative**

***NON INTERPRETIVE SKILLS ABR CORE  
EXAM REVIEW***

***SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018***

***8 AM TO 4 PM***

**WEBINAR**

*registration link to follow*

***ALL RESIDENTS and FELLOWS***

***INCLUDING THOSE TAKING THE 2018 CORE/CERTIFYING  
EXAMS***

***INVITED TO ATTEND***

***NO REGISTRATION FEE***

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