

Introducing the Alliance for Physician Certification & Advancement (APCA), the physician-centric certification council spun out of ARDMS

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(Rockville, MD: June 17, 2016) Inteleos™, the newly formed non-profit umbrella organization to the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®), is proud to announce the official public launch of the Alliance for Physician Certification & Advancement™ (APCA™), www.APCA.org and the secure online portal [MY APCA](#). All physicians who received certifications from ARDMS are now part of the APCA community.

APCA, already supporting nearly 20,000 physicians worldwide, was created to meet the specific certification needs of physicians in the rapidly expanding field of medical imaging. In support of its mission to recognize physicians' enduring commitment to the highest quality of patient care through rigorous assessments and continual learning, APCA presently offers the following physician-centric certifications:

- RMSK (Registered in Musculoskeletal Sonography)
- RPVI (Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation)
- RPVI-China (Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation-China)
- CBNC (Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology)
- CBCCT (Certification Board of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography)
- Latin American Ultrasound Certificate Program (in abdominal and obstetrics and gynecological sonography)
- Ultrasound Point-of-Care Program (coming soon)

What the APCA Launch Means for Physicians

Physicians holding or seeking the RPVI, RPVI-China, RMSK, CBNC and CBCCT certifications as well as physicians within the Latin American Ultrasound Certificate Program have been transitioned to APCA. Additionally, as APCA is a companion council to ARDMS, physicians holding the ARDMS-awarded RDMS, RDCS and RVT sonographer-level certifications will now manage and maintain these certifications through APCA. The APCA website (www.APCA.org) and secure online portal ([MY APCA](#)) are the resources for physicians to apply, prepare for, and maintain both their APCA and ARDMS certifications.

APCA is governed by a physician-led volunteer Council fully committed to the development of assessments and the advancement of patient care. The APCA Council will also identify new areas of practice that would benefit from assessment programs. All APCA examinations are managed by Assessment Oversight Teams made up of physician volunteers who are subject matter experts. APCA Council Chair, Luciana Young, MD, states: "I'm excited to be a part of APCA and help guide it into the future as we continue to meet the needs of physicians and work to advance patient care through excellence in diagnostic medical imaging."

APCA and ARDMS are part of a family of certification councils under the new umbrella organization, Inteleos. Dale Cyr, Inteleos CEO explains, "Creating APCA expresses our commitment to the physician community and to helping them further establish standards in public safety."

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Please visit and bookmark our family of websites (www.APCA.org, www.ARDMS.org and www.Inteleos.org) for up-to-date information about the new structure.

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ORGANIZATION AND COUNCIL DESCRIPTIONS

Inteleos™ is a non-profit certification organization that delivers rigorous assessments and cultivates a global community of professionals dedicated to the highest standards in healthcare and patient safety. Inteleos is the umbrella governance and management company of the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) and the Alliance for Physician Certification & Advancement™ (APCA™) which together represent nearly 105,000 certified medical professionals throughout the world.

The Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement™ (APCA™) administers examinations and awards certifications in the areas of physician vascular interpretation (RPVI and RPVI-China), musculoskeletal sonography (RMSK), and cardiovascular imaging (CBNC and CBCCT). The RPVI and RMSK certifications are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024. In 2016, APCA will begin awarding certificates in the areas of point-of-care ultrasound as well as abdominal*and obstetrics and gynecological sonography* (*exclusively for physicians in Latin America). APCA has nearly 20,000 certified physicians throughout the world and is part of the non-profit Inteleos™ family of certification organizations.

The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) administers examinations and awards certifications in the areas of diagnostic medical sonography (RDMS), diagnostic cardiac sonography (RDMS), vascular technology (RVT), and musculoskeletal sonography (RMSKS). ARDMS credentialing programs are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024. ARDMS has over 85,000 certified sonographers throughout the world and is the recognized international standard in sonography credentialing. ARDMS is part of the non-profit Inteleos™ family of certification organizations.