

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit Information

Activity Description

The 2012 AIUM Annual Convention and Preconvention Program is the most comprehensive, cutting-edge meeting for the entire medical ultrasound community. Our unique multidisciplinary program provides a collaborative environment for all specialties and disciplines, from beginner to advanced.

Accreditation Statement

The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide CME activities for physicians.

Designation Statement

The AIUM designates 2012 Preconvention Program for a maximum of up to 7.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. The AIUM designates the 2012 Annual Convention for a maximum of up to 24.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only those credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Credit for Sonographers

Sonographers participating in AIUM educational activities may earn credits toward maintaining their professional certification from the following organizations:

American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS)

The ARDMS accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)

The AIUM is a Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation Mechanism (RCEEM) for the ARRT. These educational activities are approved by the AIUM for ARRT Category A Credits.

Target Audience

This activity is designed to meet the needs of ultrasound professionals from various medical disciplines and specialty areas who perform and interpret ultrasound examinations.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this learning activity, participants should be able to:

- Demonstrate updated knowledge in: Basic Science and Instrumentation; Cardiovascular Ultrasound; Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound; Emergency and Critical Care Ultrasound; Fetal Echocardiography; General and Abdominal Ultrasound; Gynecologic Ultrasound; High-Frequency Clinical and Preclinical Imaging; Interventional-Intraoperative Ultrasound; Musculoskeletal Ultrasound; Neurosonology; Obstetric Ultrasound; Pediatric Ultrasound; Sonography; and Therapeutic Ultrasound.
- Discuss state-of-the-art ultrasound research.
- Practice updated ultrasound skills for more effective diagnosis.
- Apply updated knowledge and clinical skills in improving patient care.

Activity Designed to Change

- Competence
- Performance

Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Competencies

These courses are designed to meet one or more of the following ACGME competencies:

- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Medical Knowledge
- Patient Care and Procedural Skills
- Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Learning

Disclosure Policy

As a provider accredited by the ACCME, the AIUM must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its activities. Anyone involved in planning this CME activity is required to disclose to learners any relevant financial relationship(s) that have occurred within the last 12 months with any commercial interest(s) whose products or services are discussed in the CME content. Such relationships are defined by remuneration in any amount from the commercial interest(s) in the form of grants; research support; consulting fees; salary; ownership interest (eg, stocks, stock options, or ownership interest excluding diversified mutual funds); honoraria or other payments for participation speakers bureaus, advisory boards, or boards of directors; and other financial benefits. Individuals involved in planning will be asked to recuse themselves from any portion of the planning where a bias might exist.

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The AIUM has reviewed all disclosures and resolved or managed all identified conflicts of interest, as applicable.

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Documenting CME Credits

The AIUM provides CME certificates to those who have participated in an AIUM educational activity. The AIUM does not submit credits to regulation bodies or certifying organizations on behalf of the participant. It is the participant's responsibility to submit proof of credits on his or her own behalf.

Disclosures for this Activity

The faculty, committee members, and AIUM staff involved in planning this CME activity have completed a Disclosure of Financial Relationship. All disclosures are printed in the 2012 Annual Convention *Official Proceedings* under the speaker's name. All completed disclosure forms are on file and available for review at the AIUM office.

Educational Opportunities

- **Preconvention Program**—Attend courses providing in-depth coverage of ultrasound issues. Earn up to 7.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ (accepted by the ARDMS) or ARRT Category A Credits. Separate registration fee.
- **Special Interest Sessions**—Choose from concurrent sessions developed by Community of Practice chairs and the Annual Convention Committee and presented by distinguished ultrasound professionals.
- **Comprehensive Refresher Sessions**—Comprehensive Refresher sessions are venues for luminary speakers to present an overall review of a topic. These sessions run 1 hour each morning.
- **Hands-on Special Interest Sessions**—Participate in sessions covering basic and advanced obstetrics, emergency ultrasound, musculoskeletal ultrasound, and transcranial Doppler ultrasound. The cost for these sessions is \$25 each. Space is limited.
- **Back by Popular Demand! Three- and Four-Dimensional Volume Data Set Manipulation Sessions**—Participate in small-group sessions led by renowned ultrasound professionals. Space is limited. Three- and Four-Dimensional Volume Data Set Manipulation sessions are not included in convention registration fee. The cost for these sessions is \$25 each.
- **Oral Sessions**—Learn about the latest research in ultrasound in concise 7-minute presentations.
- **Just Images Sessions**—View and discuss unique cases with the physicians who made the diagnosis.
- **Film Panel Sessions**—A group of expert panelists will evaluate new and challenging cases in ultrasound.
- **New Format! Scientific E-Posters**—All scientific posters presented are displayed on large monitors. Peruse a variety of posters throughout the convention. Don't forget to attend the poster discussions on Saturday at 12:00 PM and Sunday at 12:30 PM.
- **Accreditation "Getting Started" Workshop**—Learn how easy it is to complete the ultrasound practice accreditation process and get answers to the most commonly asked questions regarding accreditation.
- **Case-of-the-Day Challenges**—Test your abilities each day by diagnosing unique case studies.

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