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## **BENEFITS OF MRS MEMEBERSHIP**

The MRS is a proactive society that has seen many successes over the years. MRS has worked cooperatively with the <http://www.msms.org/> and the State Legislature to ensure that diagnostic imaging studies continue to be performed by medically trained specialists, specifically trained in radiology. The MRS has also received national recognition by the American College of Radiology for overall excellence and excellence in meetings and education, since 2004.

### **What Are the Benefits of MRS Membership?**

#### **Government Relations - the Voice of Radiology in Michigan**

If we do not negotiate and represent radiologists on the following issues, no other organization will.

- The MRS is the only voice for radiology at the state level, and one of the primary purposes of the MRS is to represent the interests of our members before the legislature when it meets at the Capitol in Lansing. Chapter membership provides the representation necessary to effect state legislation and regulations.
- Through our legislative arm, the Michigan Radiology PAC, we have a lobbyist to assist our chapter with state legislation and regulations. The lobbyist works directly with the MRS Legislative Affairs Committee in monitoring and leading state action to ensure that our profession remains strong and vibrant, and that our patients are provided with safe and high quality care. [www.mrpac.org](http://www.mrpac.org)
- Continuing Education
- The MRS fulfills an important function by providing educational opportunities for its members at convenient Michigan locations.
- The Voice of Michigan at the ACR
- The MRS is well represented in the Council of the ACR with 11 councilors and 11 alternate councilors. When the ACR Annual Meeting is held, these chapter Councilors and Alternate Councilors express the needs and interests of you, our local members.
- Through the MRS, members have the opportunity for input into the ACR Guidelines and Technical Standards that are approved by the Council of the ACR. These ACR Guidelines and Technical Standards have become very important to hospitals, the courts, third party payers, and the practice of radiology in general.

#### **ACR Fellowship**

Although there are many pathways to ACR-Fellowship, by providing opportunities for leadership and involvement, the MRS gives it's members an opportunity to be recognized as an ACR Fellow. One of the highest honors the ACR can bestow on a radiologist, radiation oncologist or medical physicist is recognition as a fellow of the American College of Radiology. Approximately 12% of ACR members achieve this distinction. The MRS serves as a vital link for recommendation of candidates for ACR Fellowship to the ACR Committee on Fellowship.

## Shaping the Future of Radiology

- The MRS has an active resident section that provides an opportunity to influence the education, formation and future career of the backbone of the specialty. Residents are automatically members of the MRS.
- The MRS also facilitates an annual meeting and research forum that is attended by residents from across the state.
- Committees.
- The MRS provides an array of opportunities for volunteerism and leadership development within the chapter committee structure. This committee involvement can provide members with direct experience with various issues that are important in determining the overall success of the chapter in fulfilling its mission. For a full list of MRS committees visit the MRS website at [www.michigan-rad.org](http://www.michigan-rad.org).

## Cultivating the Radiology Community through Professional Involvement & Communications

- Perhaps the greatest benefit of chapter membership rests in the camaraderie and professional sharing which takes place at meetings of the MRS. Members know that they are not alone in attempting to find solutions to problems facing radiology today. They work together in an attempt to effect solutions to mutual problems.

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### SEVEN REASONS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY

1. WE SHARE A COMMON VISION to serve patients and society through quality radiological care. Representing nearly 38,000 radiology professionals, the ACR advances the profession through advocacy, economics, education, research, and quality and safety. Our advocacy efforts include proactive engagement with Congress, federal agencies, and state legislative and regulatory bodies.
2. WE ARE AN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP that sustains successful programs and activities and shapes ACR policy through volunteerism and governance.
3. WE ARE THE LEADERS in informing and equipping our members to respond to the ever-evolving socioeconomics of health care.
4. WE PROVIDE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES for members at all career stages — from residency training to retirement — a value that far exceeds the cost of membership.
5. WE PROTECT AND SUPPORT THE VALUABLE INVESTMENT you made to reach your professional position. ACR's leadership and foresight protect that investment by upholding and advancing all fields of radiology.
6. WE CONDUCT GROUNDBREAKING CLINICAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC RESEARCH, providing the evidence necessary for coverage of lung, breast and colon cancer screening. The ACR utilizes socioeconomic data to advance our legislative and regulatory goals.
7. WE REPRESENT THE GOLD STANDARD in advancing and promoting high quality, safe, and effective diagnostic imaging, interventional radiology, and radiation oncology.

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER AND THE PROFESSION OF RADIOLOGY