

The Report

News from the MRS

A quarterly publication of topics and events relevant to radiologists, radiation oncologists, and medical physicists that practice in Michigan.

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Andrew Woodrow, MD
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear MRS Members,

I'm honored and excited to serve as your President for the 2025–2026 term. It's a privilege to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Rocky Saenz, whose outstanding leadership over the past year strengthened our society's voice, expanded educational opportunities, and deepened connections among members. His work, along with the dedicated efforts of so many MRS volunteers, has laid a strong foundation for the years ahead.

I'm grateful to be joined by an exceptional Executive Committee: President-Elect **Evita Singh, MD**, Vice President **Shadi Azar, MBBS**, Secretary **Leah Davis, DO**, and Treasurer **Ashok Srinivasan, MD, FACR**. I also want to thank our past presidents, **Rocky Saenz, DO, FACR**, **Walt Sahjidak, MD, FACR**, and **Mark Weiss, MD, FACR**, for their ongoing wisdom, guidance, and unwavering commitment to Michigan radiology.

In May of this year, your Councilors and Officers traveled to Washington, DC for the ACR Annual Meeting. MRS was well represented at the Fellowship Convocation with four new Fellows inducted into the American College of Radiology. Please join me in congratulating these new FACR inductees: **Gauravi K. Sabharwal, Dean Hountras, Rocky Saenz, and Michael Kasotakis**.

Recently, the MRS Executive Committee met, as we are in the process of planning the agenda and programs for the upcoming year.

This year, we will focus on four key priorities:

1. **Advancing Advocacy:** We will continue to champion radiology at the state and national levels, protecting the integrity of our specialty and ensuring patients have access to the highest quality imaging care. Building on the success of our [MiRadiologists.com](https://www.miradiologists.com) campaign, we will further strengthen our presence in Lansing and increase public awareness of radiology's value.
2. **Deepening AI Education:** Artificial intelligence is reshaping medical imaging, bringing both exciting opportunities and new challenges. Our AI Ad Hoc Committee (pending board approval to a full fledged committee) will give members the tools and confidence to integrate AI thoughtfully into practice.
3. **Inspiring Future Radiologists:** We know the future of our specialty depends on attracting a diverse and vibrant next generation of radiologists. This year, we will continue our outreach and pipeline efforts to showcase the breadth and impact of radiology and highlight the critical role radiologists play in patient care.
4. **Strengthening Member Engagement Across Michigan:** Our society is strongest when every member feels connected and supported. As I mentioned briefly at the spring meeting, this is YOUR society. This year, we will endeavor to reach out to radiologists in every corner of the state to better understand their needs, identify opportunities for new programs, and ensure MRS is serving members effectively in all practice settings and career stages.

Our strength as a society lies in our shared commitment to advocacy, education, and professional connection. Together, we can ensure that Michigan radiology not only adapts to change but leads through it. I look forward to hearing your ideas, seeing you at our events, and working side by side to advance the future of radiology in our state. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of our board members with suggestions on how we can serve our members.

With gratitude,

Andrew J. Woodrow, M.D.
President, Michigan Radiological Society



Rocky Saenz, DO, FACR
Andrew Woodrow, MD
2025 Board Transition



Over the past year, the Michigan Radiological Society (MRS) has advanced radiology through education, collaboration, advocacy, and recognition of excellence.

Major Events & Conferences

- Breast Imaging Conference (November 2024): Featured national experts **Maxine Jochelson, MD**, **Debra Ikeda, MD**, and **Jessica Leung, MD**, focused on advances in breast imaging, patient care, and technology with statewide participation. The conference offered **15 Category 1 AMA Credits™**.
- Spring Summit (May 2025): A combined event that brought together the **88th Annual Preston M. Hickey Memorial Lecture**, the **MRS Annual Meeting**, the **Gold Medal Award** presentation, and the **Annual Resident & Fellow Section Conference**.
- Keynote speakers included **Christoph Wald, MD, PhD, MBA, FACR**, **Francis Deng, MD**, and **Chad Klochko, MD**, along with a panel on artificial intelligence.
- Gold Medal Award: Honored **Eric Spickler, MD, FACR** and **Mark Weiss, MD, FACR** for their outstanding contributions to radiology and the MRS.
- ACR Chapter Recognition Award for Excellence in Membership: Recognized the MRS for exceptional achievements in growing, engaging, and supporting its membership.

Abstract Winners

Congratulations to the 18th Annual Resident Research Forum winners! Three residents and one medical student presented their research on May 16, 2025, with two finalists presenting at the 88th Annual Preston M. Hickey Memorial Lecture.

Diagnostic/Interventional:

Younes Jahangiri, MD, Corewell Health West Michigan

Harmander Sandhu MHS, BEng, with Alhassan Alhasson, MD, Michigan State University

Radiation Oncology:

Jacob F. Oyeniyi, MD, Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital

Medical Student:

Macy Mitchell, Michigan State University

5th Annual Medical Student Symposium Winners

Hosted by the Medical Student Committee under Rocky Saenz, DO, FACR, and Kate Klein, MD, FACR, this inspiring event featured five exceptional students presenting educational radiology cases:

- **Tierra Byrd, MS3, UMich** — Abdominal Pain, Ovarian Torsion
- **Kyle Robison, MS2, OUWB** — Unilateral Hearing Loss & Otorrhea
- **Yutong Liang, BS, MS3, MSU** — Imaging and Coil Embolization of Gastric Varices
- **Parshva Salvi, BS & Haniyeh Zamani, MS3s, WSU** — Thrombin Injection to Pseudoaneurysm
- **Grace Tremonti & Hamza Kaakarli, MS3s, UMich** — Chest Pain in Pregnant Patient

Honorable Mentions:

- **Tannoz Norouzi, MS3, OUWB** — Rare Mediastinal Liposarcoma
- **Melis Ozkan, BS, UMich** — Type IV Hiatal Hernia

Advocacy & Legislative Efforts

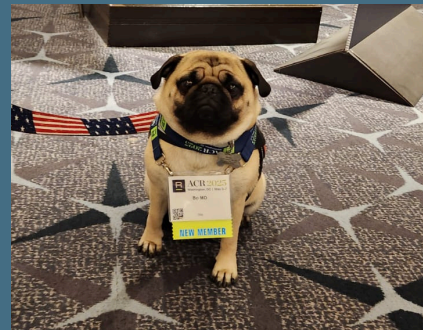
MRS advocated actively on nurse practitioner legislation, including **HB 4399**. Representatives testified before Michigan legislators and participated in Capitol Hill Day in Washington, D.C. The society was also represented at the American College of Radiology Annual Meeting to stay engaged on national radiology issues.

Ongoing Initiatives

The MRS has expanded educational offerings, boosted member engagement, and strengthened partnerships, with plans for future conferences and advocacy.

Looking Ahead

- Fall 2025 Social Mixer: A casual event to connect with colleagues; details coming soon.
- 2026 Spring Summit: Returning in spring with expert speakers, panels, and the continuation of the Gold Medal and Hickey Lecture presentations.
- 2026 Breast Imaging Conference (November 2026): Building on prior success with leading research, technology updates, and expert sessions to enhance skills and patient care.



ACR ANNUAL MEETING 2025



Washington, DC





Spring



2025
Ft. Pontchartrain, Detroit



Summit

MICHIGAN RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION



The MRS Foundation is making great progress. The foundation has been set, the pillars are raised, and we are moving forward to advance our mission today, tomorrow, and beyond for generations to come. Your MRS Foundation is pleased to share this report with the MRS Membership.

Because of your continued and generous support, educational opportunities are being provided to MRS Residents, Fellows, and Medical Students to advance their professional and leadership skills in Radiology.

In 2024, four residents received Scholarships to attend the 2024 ACR Virtual Leadership Accelerator Course. This is a four-month course beginning in January and ending in April. Below are the 2024 recipients and an excerpt of their comments regarding their participation in the Leadership Course.

Dr. Molly Pantelic, University of Michigan



"With the generous support of the Michigan Radiological Society, I was privileged to participate in the Winter 2024 Radiology Leadership Institute (RLI) course through the American College of Radiology. Throughout the class, expert radiology leaders shared insights into essential leadership concepts, the business of radiology, and strategies to be successful as a leader in medicine. As a first-year radiology resident at the University of Michigan, this course allowed me to gain exposure to essential healthcare business and leadership concepts from an early stage of training. The course also inspired me to think reflectively about what I hope my radiology career to look like, and how I plan to accomplish my goals. As a resident, it can be easy to feel that you are "just" a resident, but after taking the course, I feel both empowered and prepared to embrace my role as a radiologist-in-training and seek opportunities to lead whenever I am able—both in the reading room and on a larger scale."

Dr. Nicholas Rasmussen, University of Michigan



"I really enjoyed the course, and I learned so many things that will influence the rest of my career. I am lucky to have been exposed to this type of teaching early on and hope to be able to bring this knowledge to my future workplace, where I am certain it will have a positive impact. I am incredibly grateful to have been able to attend this very worthwhile and impactful course. Many thanks to the MRS through the MRS Foundation for providing the scholarship to attend."

Dr. Chalone Forbes, University of Michigan



"Attending the Radiologic leadership institute course introduced me to many concepts and challenges to improve and hone my leadership skills. A session discussing the distinct types of leaders and their leadership style particularly stood out to me. This course brought to light many weaknesses I hope to improve upon as I move forward in my career. Thank you for the opportunity to take part in this course – this was an enriching experience!"



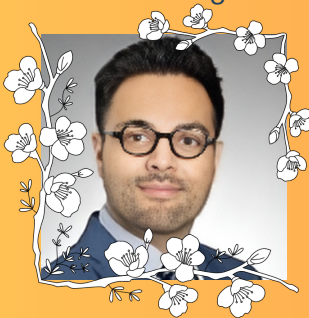
Dr. Mitchell Reitsma, Oakland University William Beaumont

"The most valuable part of the course for me was the other radiologists I had the privilege to learn from. I found the entire course as a "fellowship training" of sorts in the business of radiology that built off the skills gained during my MBA, sharpening and fine tuning them to the world of radiology. Overall, I found the course gave me an incredible set of radiology-specific tools that will facilitate my development as a radiology leader as I progress throughout my residency and into my career as an attending radiologist."

Below are three residents who were awarded scholarships to attend the 2025 ACR Virtual Leadership Accelerator Course. We look forward to hearing about their experience while attending this course.



Elmira Taghi Zadeh, MD
Detroit Medical Center



Arif Musa, MD
Detroit Medical Center



Maxwell Ofori, MD
Detroit Medical Center

In addition, you sponsored the 2024 and 2025 MRS Medical Student Symposium and awarded Scholarships to Medical Students to attend the ACR and RSNA Annual Meetings.

Your sponsorship of the Annual ACR Medical Student Radiology Workshop provides an opportunity for medical students to participate in interactive radiology focused educational workshop stations and interface with students and radiology leadership from Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University and Central Michigan University.

In 2024 and 2025 two Naming Scholarships were established:

The Dr. Nancy Gregory Scholarship

The Dr. Duane Mezwa Scholarship

All these exciting sponsorships, scholarships and opportunities are made possible because of you!

Whether you are an individual, private practice group or corporation, there are opportunities and options for you to financially support the Foundation.

The simplest way is:

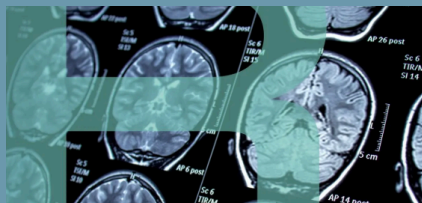
By Check - Payable to: Michigan Radiological Society Foundation. Mailed to P.O. Box 448, Swartz Creek, MI 48473.

By going to <https://michigan-rad.org/foundation/> and click on the [Donate Now button](#).

Other options include Endowments, Memorial/Honor Gifts or Naming Opportunities. Details for these are located on our website or by contacting any of our Board Members.

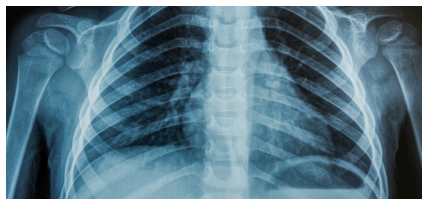
The Michigan Radiological Society Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible.
A receipt will be mailed to you.

Yearly reminders for MRS members in 2025



Don't forget the ACR practice parameters and technical standards are available online as a valuable resource.

<https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Practice-Parameters-and-Technical-Standards>



Field review for 2026 practice parameters and technical standards is open from 8/4/25-9/26/25. Participation for MRS members is encouraged!

<https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Clinical-Tools-and-Reference/field-review>



The ACR appropriateness criteria are available to help guide appropriate imaging or treatment decisions.

<https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/ACR-Appropriateness-Criteria>



The manual on contrast media is available online. The manual is available for download.

<https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Contrast-Manual>



ACR Manual on MR safety is available online.

<https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Clinical-Tools-and-Reference/radiology-safety/mr-safety>



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Michigan Radiology Job Bank

Find the latest job openings for radiologists, radiation oncologists, and medical physicists across Michigan. Whether you're looking for full-time, locum, or consulting roles, this is your go-to resource. Employers can post jobs to connect with qualified professionals dedicated to advancing patient care. Check back often for new opportunities!

Accountable Healthcare Staffing

- [Breast Imaging—on-site w/procedures – SE Michigan](#)
- [Multiple Opportunities- SE MI Physician Led Group](#)
- [Locums/1099 Opportunities- Michigan](#)

[Advanced Radiology Services, PC](#)

Breast Imaging

- [Breast Kalamazoo](#)
- [Breast Grand Rapids](#)
- [Breast Holland](#)
- [Breast/Gen Rad St. Joseph](#)

Body

- [Body/US Grand Rapids](#)
- [Body/US Remote Standard/Days](#)
- [Body/US Remote Evenings](#)
- [Body/US Remote 9 p to 4 a 7/7](#)

ER

- [ER Grand Rapids](#)
- [ER Remote Evenings 7/7 or 39/11](#)

Interventional Radiology

- [IR Grand Rapids](#)
- [IR St. Joseph](#)

MSK

- [MSK Grand Rapids](#)
- [MSK Remote](#)

Neuro

- [Neuro Nights Remote 7/14](#)
- [Neuro Days - Remote or Grand Rapids](#)

Nucs

- [Nucs Grand Rapids](#)

Pediatric

- [Peds Grand Rapids or Remote](#)

General

- [General Rad DR/Light IR Alpena/Alma](#)
- [General Rad DR/Light IR/Breast Procedures Alpena](#)

Botsford Medical Imaging, Farmington Hills

- [Cross-sectional Imaging and Vascular Interventional](#)

Corewell Health Farmington Hills Hospital

- [General Radiology Hybrid](#)
- [Interventional Radiology Hybrid](#)

Detroit Medical Center Children's Hospital of Michigan

- [Pediatric Radiologist](#)

Drs. Harris, Birkhill, Wang, Songe and Associates

- [Neuro Hybrid](#)
- [Body Remote](#)
- [MSK Hybrid](#)

Huron Valley Radiology

- [Daytime Body Radiologist](#)
- [Off-Hours Remote Body Radiologist](#)
- [Daytime Neuro Radiologist](#)
- [Off-Hours Remote Neuro Radiologist](#)
- [Pediatric Radiologist](#)
- [Breast Radiologist](#)
- [Interventional Radiologist](#)

Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor

- [MSK Radiologist](#)

Radiology Partners

- [Breast Radiologist Saginaw](#)
- [General Remote Saginaw](#)

Regional Medical Imaging – SE/MID MI

- [Body Imaging MSK](#)
- [Breast Imager](#)
- [Breast Imager – Hybrid](#)
- [MSK Radiologist](#)
- [Neuroradiologist, Hybrid](#)
- [Cardiothoracic Radiologist, Hybrid](#)

To post an open position contact Shannon Sage at shannon@michigan-rad.org



THANK YOU *for your support*

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors from the 2025 Spring Summit, whose support helped make our events and initiatives possible. Your partnership enables us to provide valuable educational opportunities, advocate for our profession, and connect members across the state. We are truly grateful for your commitment to the success of the Michigan Radiological Society and the radiology community.



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