CAR 2010 Annual Report
Your CAR 2010 Annual Report - Collaborating for the Future of Radiology is now available on the CAR website.

CAR 2012 Dues and New Membership
Your CAR is only as strong as its membership! To renew your membership for 2012, contact the CAR office at 613 860-3111, ext 0. Being a member of the CAR helps to strengthen the united voice needed to help shape our future and defend our interests as radiologists. Together, we can make a difference.

New CAR Standards, Guidelines & Papers
In keeping with our mission to promote safe, efficient and quality healthcare for Canadians, the CAR has developed, in close collaboration with its dedicated volunteers, recognized experts and other professional bodies, the following publications:

- CAR Standard for Performing Scrotal Ultrasound Examinations
- CAR Standard for Performing Thyroid and Parathyroid Ultrasound Examinations
- CAR Standard for Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- CAR Standards for Irreversible Compression in Digital Diagnostic Imaging within Radiology
- Consensus Guidelines for the Prevention of Contrast Induced Nephropathy
- CAR Guide to Peer Review Systems
- Maximizing the Effectiveness of Clinical Audits: A Step-by-Step Guide
- CAR Position Statement on the Use of Thyroid Shields

Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines Summit
The CAR, together with Dr. Martin Reed, Chair of the CAR Guidelines Working Group, collaborated with the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH), Centre for Effective Practice and Health Council of Canada to offer a successful Canadian Practice Guideline Summit, which was held in Gatineau, Quebec, on November 3rd and 4th.
Guideline stakeholders from across the country shared ideas on how to improve the quality of patient care by collaborating on a pan-Canadian guidelines strategy. The keynote speakers of the event were Dr. Jeremy Grimshaw (*What the Peer-Reviewed Literature Tells Us about CPG Development, Dissemination and Implementation*), and Dr. Dave Davis (*Toward a National Guidelines Strategy: Better Evidence, Better Integration, Better Health*).

**CAR Volunteers**

The CAR plays an integral role in the quality assurance of radiology services in Canada through the preparation of standards, guidelines and advisories and its accreditation programs. These services are only possible because of member involvement.

The CAR is pleased to announce that Dr. Julian Dobranowski has accepted to represent the CAR on the Wait Time Alliance Committee, and Dr. Bob Miller on the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) Advanced Practice Framework Committee.

Volunteering in the core services of the CAR gives you an opportunity to directly influence the future of radiology in Canada. The CAR is still in need of volunteers for the following areas:

- **2013 Annual Scientific Meeting working group**
  Contact Josée Roy-Pilon at jroy-pilon@car.ca

- **BMD Accreditation Program** – radiologist reviewers for the new BMD program
  Contact Andrea Nelson at anelson@car.ca

- **Referral Guidelines** – opportunity to be mentored by Dr. Martin Reed, Chair
  Contact Andrea Nelson at anelson@car.ca

- **DI wait time benchmarks working group**
  Contact Andrea Nelson at anelson@car.ca

**CAR National Collaborations**

**Wait Time Alliance (WTA)**

In June 2011, the WTA came out with its *WTA report card 2011: Time out!* From the report, the CAR was highlighting as a Leading Practice on the WTA website with its The CAR Experience in Increasing Appropriateness in Imaging through Computerized Clinical Decision Support. The WTA website received six million hits during the release of the report, providing the CAR with great exposure of its work.

In September 2011, the CAR worked with the WTA in preparing a presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology. For a full transcript, visit [www.parl.gc.ca/Content/SEN/Committee/411/soci/49055-e.htm?Language=E&Parl=41&Ses=1&comm_id=47](http://www.parl.gc.ca/Content/SEN/Committee/411/soci/49055-e.htm?Language=E&Parl=41&Ses=1&comm_id=47)

**Royal College of Surgeons and Physician of Canada (RCPSC)**

As one of its National Specialty Societies, the CAR has a direct alliance with the RCPSC. As such, the CAR was asked by the RCPSC to provide its comments on the current application of recognition of a diploma discipline for adult echocardiography. Chaired by CAR Board member Dr. Scott Harris, a CAR working group was formed in order to ensure
that radiologists’ perspectives from all provinces were considered. The CAR subsequently submitted its observations and, as a result, clarifications have been requested from the applicant and the application will be revisited in spring 2012.

The CAR is also working with the RCPSC on the possible development of a national standard outlining the qualifications radiologists require in order to practice radiology in Canada.

**Your Feedback Needed**

The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) is developing an *Issues in Emerging Health Technologies* bulletin regarding diagnostic imaging. This report will be used to help support health care decision-makers on this emerging health technology.

The draft bulletin will be posted on the CADTH website in the coming weeks and will be seeking feedback on: completeness of the scientific evidence; accuracy of the content; and usefulness. To provide feedback, [click here](#).

The [CADTH Communiqué](#) will announce the start of the feedback period. If you are not a subscriber to this e-bulletin, you may sign up on the CADTH website at [www.cadth.ca/en/subscribe](http://www.cadth.ca/en/subscribe).

**CAR in the News**

The CAR works on several fronts to disseminate information to radiologists and the public on radiology, patient safety initiatives, CAR programs and issues of interest to radiologists. Seeing as October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, issues surrounding breast cancer were of particular interest to the media. The interest was further heightened with the release of the Canadian Task Force’s *Screening for Breast Cancer* recommendations. The CAR issued a [news release](#) on the latter, and was consulted for numerous articles including:

- Breast cancer’s stumbling block
- Special Toronto Star Breast cancer supplement
- Breast-screening guidelines fuel firestorm
- Experts divided over benefits of mammograms
- As barbs fly over breast screening divide, women left to decide what’s best for them

**CAR 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)**

Mark your calendar for the CAR 75th anniversary celebration of its Annual Scientific Meeting!

The [2012 ASM](#) will take place from April 26th to 29th, 2012 at Le Centre Sheraton in Montreal, Quebec.

With the theme of *Innovation in Imaging*, the event programme will address current key issues that affect radiologists and radiologists-in-training. Among the excellent speakers, this year’s keynote speakers will be [Dr. Marcia Javitt](#) from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and [Dr. Robert Novelline](#) of Harvard Medical School. The event will also host a Spondyloarthritis Simulation Workshop.
CAR 2012 Advanced Cardiac Life Support for Radiologists (ACLS-r)
The 2012 ACLS-r will take place at Le Centre Sheraton, Montreal the evening of April 24th, 2012 and at the new state-of-the-art simulation-based training centre located at the Université de Montréal throughout the day on April 25th. Designed by radiologists for radiologists, this course addresses the specific radiologist scenarios and ACLS management.

Other CME Events
Please visit our website for the list of other upcoming radiology-related events.

CAR Member Successes
We want to take the opportunity from time to time to highlight the contributions to Canadian Radiology and Healthcare that many of our CAR members are making. We highlight two such members below.

“Imaging project wins $1.4 million grant” – Canadian Healthcare Technology
Dr. David Koff, Chair of the Department of Radiology at McMaster University, Faculty of Health Sciences, will receive a $1.4 million grant from the province of Ontario to lead a team in developing technologies that will accelerate how large data sets – diagnostic and medical images such as X-rays, ultrasounds and MRIs – are shared among healthcare providers.

Dr. Raquel del Carpio-O’Donovan, Professor of Radiology at McGill University and Associate Director of Radiology at McGill University Health Centre, was selected as the recipient of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada 2010 Mentor of the Year award for Region 4 (Quebec). The nominations received in 2010 were of extremely high caliber, however Dr. del Carpio-O’Donovan stood out amongst her peers. The overarching theme with all Dr. del Carpio-O’Donovan’s nominators was a selfless dedication to her profession and mentorship to countless individuals.

Congratulations to both of our outstanding members for their achievements!

Please send suggestions of other colleagues to highlight in future correspondences to Tania Da Costa at tdacosta@car.ca.

CAR 2011 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Board of Directors
The CAR’s AGM was held on April 30th during the CAR ASM. At the meeting, the CAR Board of Directors for 2011-2012 was elected by the CAR members in attendance. The board, pictured below, has been hard at work for several months now. We extend our deepest gratitude to the board members who completed their term this year: Dr. David Vickar, Dr. John Kachura and Dr. Julien Rhéaume-Lanoie. Among the highlights reported at the meeting was a positive financial position for the CAR for 2010. For more details, refer to the CAR 2010 Annual Report.
Donate to your Canadian Radiological Foundation (CRF)
The mission of the CRF is to promote the art and science of radiology by funding projects which help to shape the future of radiology in Canada. In 2011, the CRF financed two current research studies: Teaching Breast Examination through Sonographic Palpation and Learning Styles in Diagnostic Radiology. Please provide a donation when you pay your CAR dues, or at anytime by contacting the CAR office at membership@car.ca or 613 860-3111, ext 0.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Your Canadian Association of Radiologists

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