
RSNA Press Release

RSNA Annual Meeting Goes Virtual for 2020

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (May 26, 2020) — The Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) announced today that its [106th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting](#), previously scheduled to be held Nov. 29 – Dec. 4, 2020, at McCormick Place in Chicago, will be held as an all-virtual event Nov. 29 – Dec. 5.

“As RSNA holds the world’s largest radiology meeting with over 50,000 attendees from 137 countries, our ability to conduct RSNA 2020 in Chicago is impacted by global public health considerations,” said RSNA President James P. Borgstede, M.D. “With a mission that focuses on health and patient care, the primary consideration for RSNA is the health and safety of attendees, presenters, exhibitors, staff, and by extension, the global community. Therefore, we concluded it would be impossible to safely conduct RSNA 2020 in person and have decided to hold *RSNA 2020: Human Insight/Visionary Medicine* as an exclusively virtual event. While we are disappointed we could not safely meet in Chicago this year, we continue to stand proudly in partnership with the many physicians, health care professionals, researchers and companies doing their part to stop the pandemic and preserve public health, and we look forward to a successful virtual program.”

As a virtual event, RSNA 2020 promises to deliver an outstanding program for radiology professionals from around the world. RSNA will be enhancing its already successful virtual meeting to offer a rewarding experience for attendees, presenters and exhibitors. With more than 11,000 scientific and educational abstract submissions, the radiology community is looking to RSNA as its anchor for learning and sharing science and education this year, despite the pandemic.

“We proudly recognize that our attendees rely on the RSNA annual meeting as a source for the latest research, premier professional education and cutting-edge radiologic innovation,” Dr. Borgstede said. “Connecting medical imaging professionals from around the world is more important than ever during this time, and RSNA is doing this in the best and safest way possible.”

The RSNA 2020 Virtual Meeting will ensure the opportunity for participation for all of those who have been impacted by institutional, corporate or national travel restrictions.

“Fortunately, [RSNA 2020](#) is still several months away, which will allow us the opportunity to prepare a robust virtual experience for our attendees and exhibitors,” said RSNA Executive Director Mark G. Watson.

Since the inception of the RSNA annual meeting more than a century ago, the Society has

canceled the physical meeting only twice before – in 1943 and in 1945 – due to transportation and gasoline supply issues during and immediately following World War II.

Registration for RSNA 2020 opens July 22nd and will be free to members. Visit [RSNA.org](https://www.rsna.org) for more information and to sign up to receive future annual meeting updates.

From early on, RSNA has been a global leader in disseminating information and the latest research on COVID-19 through our scientific journals, webinars, podcasts and best practices documents. To learn more about RSNA's COVID-19 activities, visit [RSNA.org/COVID-19](https://www.rsna.org/COVID-19).

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RSNA is an association of radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical physicists and related scientists promoting excellence in patient care and health care delivery through education, research and technologic innovation. The Society is based in Oak Brook, Ill. ([RSNA.org](https://www.rsna.org))