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Thomas B. Kinney, M.D., Travels to Myanmar through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (November 1, 2011) — Thomas B. Kinney, M.D., from the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Medical Center, will bring his medical expertise to Yangon, Myanmar, as part of the International Visiting Professor Program offered by the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). The program fosters international relations among radiology societies to assist with medical education in developing and newly developed nations.

Dr. Kinney, interventional radiologist at UCSD Medical Center, will be joined by two fellow radiologists as he embarks November 2 on the 11-day trip. He will spend his visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to radiology residents, as well as attending conferences and meetings.

The program is mutually beneficial. The visiting team of radiologists informs local doctors and hospitals about the latest advances in diagnostic and therapeutic radiology. In turn, the visiting professors experience firsthand the obstacles faced by medical professionals in the host countries.

Dr. Kinney is accompanied by Jeffrey J. Peterson, M.D., from the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., and Howard A. Rowley, M.D., from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Dr. Kinney will visit the radiology departments of Yangon General Hospital, Yangon Children's Hospital and the Central Women's Hospital. Dr. Kinney will conclude his trip by attending the Myanmar Radiological Society Meeting.

The International Visiting Professor Program was founded in 1986 and is administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education. This program is supported by Agfa HealthCare.

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