
RSNA Press Release

Thomas W. Hash II, M.D., Travels to Brazil through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. – Radiologist Thomas W. Hash II, M.D., from Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C., will bring his medical expertise to Brazil 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. Hash, assistant professor of radiology at Duke, will be joined by two fellow radiologists as he embarks October 7 on the nine-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.

"I applied to the International Visiting Professor Program to further an interest in global radiology. I look forward to exchanging ideas with Brazilian radiologists and orthopedic surgeons, as well as understanding the challenges they face and the opportunities that exist," Dr. Hash said. "The ultimate goal is, hopefully, to improve diagnosis and care. I thank the RSNA for this opportunity."

In addition to speaking at the Brazilian Congress of Radiology (CBR) conference in Rio de Janeiro, Dr. Hash will spend his trip teaching and attending meetings at the Clinical Hospital of the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Dr. Hash, who is also a musculoskeletal imaging specialist, will be accompanied by Franz J. Wippold II, M.D., from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo., and Emily F. Conant, M.D., from Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

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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