
RSNA Press Release

RSNA Webinar Highlights Gender Penalty During COVID-19

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (June 8, 2020) — As part of its commitment to connecting radiologists and the radiology community to the most timely and useful COVID-19 resources and its ongoing responsibility to promote diversity and inclusion in the specialty, RSNA will present a new webinar addressing the impact of the pandemic on the gender gap in radiology.

[Is There a Gender Penalty for Women Professionals During COVID-19?](#)

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 12:00-1:00 p.m. CT

Depending on subspecialty domain, geographic region and practice/employment setting, radiologists, radiation oncologists and imaging scientists have all had their professional and personal lives altered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

While substantial gains have been made, women continue to make up a minority of the professional radiology workforce and hold fewer senior and leadership roles relative to their male colleagues. The literature supports that a disproportionate service burden – both professionally and in the home – falls to women.

Studies have shown that burnout disproportionately impacts women in radiology, presumably in part due to potential gender imbalances of service demands and sense of value and belonging in the professional arena. In this 60-minute webinar, experts explore whether the gender gap in professional advancement and productivity may be widened by circumstances surrounding COVID-19, including impacts on clinical service, educational activities and research, and the compounding stresses of caregiving and related pressures.

The webinar will be moderated by RSNA board liaison for science Carolyn C. Meltzer, M.D., William P. Timmie Professor and Chair of Radiology & Imaging Science and executive associate dean of Faculty Academic Advancement, Leadership, & Inclusion at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Speakers include:

- Judy Yee, M.D., university chair and professor of radiology at the Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York
- Susan Ackerman, M.D., professor of radiology, vice chair of clinical affairs, and division director of ultrasound at the Medical University of South Carolina
- Jeffrey S. Klein, M.D., A. Bradley Soule and John P. Tampas Green and Gold

Professor of Radiology, Division of Cardiothoracic Radiology at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, RSNA board liaison for publications and communications and editor of *RadioGraphics*

- Theresa M. Caridi, M.D., assistant professor of vascular and interventional radiology at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Viewing and participation in the live webinar is free, but [registration](#) is required. RSNA is offering CME credit for both the live and online versions of this webinar. There is a nominal fee for non-RSNA members to access the CME versions of the webinar.

From early on, RSNA has been a global leader in disseminating information and the latest radiology research on COVID-19 through its scientific journals, webinars, podcasts and best practices documents. Additional RSNA COVID-19 resources, including past webinars available on demand, may be found at [RSNA.org/COVID-19](https://www.rsna.org/COVID-19).

RSNA's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion is charged with evaluating the Society's activities and setting bold recommendations for raising awareness of the importance of diversity and inclusion in the profession, promoting outreach and mentorship and identifying resources for developing strategies and disseminating best practices.

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