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Spencer B. Gay, M.D., Travels to Mexico through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (October 7, 2009) — Radiologist Spencer B. Gay, M.D., from University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, will bring his medical expertise to Mexico 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. Gay, professor of radiology and residency program director at University of Virginia Health System, will be joined by a fellow radiologist as he embarks October 14 on the 10-day trip. He will spend his visit giving presentations and teaching intensive seminars to members of Mexico's radiology societies and hospital radiology departments.

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.

"This visit gives me the opportunity to share ideas on the best radiological practices with my colleagues in Mexico," Dr. Gay said. "I am really looking forward to visiting these particular institutions to see how teaching methodology is different than in the U.S."

Dr. Gay is accompanied by Alisa D. Gean, M.D., from San Francisco General Hospital. Locations of the presentations in Mexico include the University Hospital in Monterrey as well as the Hospital de Especialidades and FMRI Meeting — 3rd International Course in Cross-Sectional Imaging in Mexico City.

The International Visiting Professors Program was founded in 1986 and is administered by RSNA's Committee on International Relations and Education (CIRE). This program is made possible by the generous support of Fujifilm Medical Systems.

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