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Harris L. Cohen, M.D., Travels to Kenya through International Education Program

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Radiologist Harris L. Cohen, M.D., will bring his medical expertise to Kenya, Africa, 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. Cohen, professor and chairman of radiology, professor of pediatrics, and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, will be joined by two fellow radiologists as he embarks May 31 on the 14-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.

"The exchange of clinical imaging information across borders be they neighborhoods, cities, states or countries can only help all radiologists involved in that exchange," Dr. Cohen said. "Each of us can help the other and often help look at things from a different paradigm."

Dr. Cohen, who is also radiologist-in-chief at LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, will be accompanied by Leanne L. Seeger, M.D., from the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California-Los Angeles, and Kathirkamanathan Shanmuganathan, M.D., from the University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore.

Dr. Cohen will begin his trip by attending meetings hosted by the Kenya Association of Radiology in Shaba, Kenya, as well as the Kenya Association of Radiologists in Isiolo. He will end his trip in Nairobi visiting the radiology departments of Aga Khan University Hospital and University of Nairobi.

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 Fujifilm Medical Systems.

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