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RSNA Press Release

Dushyant V. Sahani, M.D., Travels to Mexico through International Education Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (July 1, 2015) — Radiologist Dushyant V. Sahani, M.D., 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. Sahani, staff radiologist in the Division of Abdominal Imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in Boston, will be joined by a fellow radiologist as he embarks July 5 on the seven-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 International Visiting Professor Program gives me an opportunity to serve as a diplomat of the RSNA and share my experience, knowledge and passion for teaching with my host institution," Dr. Sahani said. "Mexico is our border nation and a strategic partner, but their healthcare model faces various challenges; there remains a wide knowledge gap with the application of modern technologies, standardization of imaging protocols and their appropriate use. This issue is compounded further by limited resources, lack of skilled teachers and mentors. On a positive note, Mexico has a wealth of young radiologists and trainees who are eager to learn and contribute to their society."

Dr. Sahani, who is also director of CT at MGH, will be accompanied by Thomas C. Winter, M.D., director of body imaging and radiology professor at University of Utah Health Care in Salt Lake City.

In addition to speaking at the Mexican Federation of Radiology and Imaging (FMRI) meeting in Cancun, Dr. Sahani will travel to Monterrey to teach at local hospitals.

"I wish to make a small impact on their learning of modern technology. I also look forward to making new friends and gaining wisdom from their unique healthcare experience and rich culture. I am confident that this outreach visit will foster stronger partnerships and collaborations. I remain thankful to the RSNA for choosing me for the program."

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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The RSNA Committee on International Relations and Education was established in 1986 to advise the RSNA on how the Society might provide international assistance to enhance radiologic education in countries requesting and requiring assistance. (<u>RSNA.org/International/CIRE</u>)