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Society of Interventional Radiology Debuts New Online Learning Center

Interventional Radiologists, Scientists and Allied Health Professionals May Register for Educational Courses; Resource Centralizes Access for CME/SAM Certificates, Transcripts

FAIRFAX, Va.—The Society of Interventional Radiology debuted its new, convenient online SIR Learning Center—easing the way for medical professionals to participate in critical educational activities and access credit transcripts for continuing medical education and self-assessment modules—at the society's 35th Annual Scientific Meeting March 13–18 in Tampa, Fla..

The SIR Learning Center (<http://learn.SIRweb.org>) provides a central location for both SIR members and nonmembers to access educational content; print CME and SAM certificates; and track CME and SAM credits earned from both SIR and SIR co-sponsored programs (including in-person meetings, printed learning materials and Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology CME credits). Participants will be able to access recorded online programs, as well as self-assessment tools to assist with the maintenance of certification process. Over time, the SIR Learning Center will provide live online programs; archived on-demand content; self-paced courses; and program evaluations, self-assessments, knowledge assessments, outcome surveys and needs assessments. On completion of self-assessment modules, the answers will be displayed to the user along with comparison to other learners. Participants will be able to exit streaming and self-paced content and return to his or her previous progression point when returning to the content. SIR programs may include video, audio, images and text; all educational programs will link to other suggested materials on the topic as a convenient feature to users.

The SIR Learning Center was developed with the assistance of SIR members, including Daniel B. Brown, M.D., Post-graduate Education Division Councilor, and Daniel A. Siragusa, M.D., Graduate Medical Education Division Councilor. Members both education divisions are working closely with those in SIR Interventional Oncology and Peripheral Arterial Disease service lines to develop relevant and timely educational content for the center.

SIR is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide AMA PRA Category 1 credits and serves as a co-sponsor for related organizations' meetings by providing CME credit for meeting attendees. Demonstrations of the SIR Learning Center will be available at the 35th Annual Scientific Meeting at SIR Booth 1822 and in Room 25 of the Tampa Convention Center. For more information about the Society of Interventional Radiology and the SIR Learning Center, visit online at www.SIRweb.org.

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About the Society of Interventional Radiology

Interventional radiologists are physicians who specialize in minimally invasive, targeted treatments. They offer the most in-depth knowledge of the least invasive treatments available coupled with diagnostic and clinical experience across all specialties. They use X-ray, MRI and other imaging to advance a catheter in the body, such as in an artery, to treat at the source of the disease internally. As the inventors of angioplasty and the catheter-delivered stent, which were first used in the legs to treat peripheral arterial disease, interventional radiologists pioneered minimally invasive modern medicine. Today, interventional oncology is a growing specialty area of interventional radiology. Interventional radiologists can deliver treatments for cancer directly to the tumor without significant side effects or damage to nearby normal tissue.

Many conditions that once required surgery can be treated less invasively by interventional radiologists. Interventional radiology treatments offer less risk, less pain and less recovery time compared to open surgery. Visit www.SIRweb.org.

The Society of Interventional Radiology is holding its 35th Annual Scientific Meeting March 13–18 in Tampa, Fla. The theme of the meeting is "IR Innovation," celebrating the remarkable inventiveness of SIR members and highlighting the contribution made to both creating the field of interventional radiology and to improving patient care.