

## SUMMARY OF ABBREVIATIONS SPECIFIC TO RADIOLOGY

- AAMC - American Association of Medical Colleges, Washington, DC
  - NRMP – National Resident Matching Program
    - ROLIC (web ROLIC) Rank Order List Interactive Confirmation
  - ERAS – Electronic Residency Application Service  
(rhymes with “Sarah”)
- AMA – American Medical Association, Chicago, IL
  - FREIDA – Fellowship and Residency Education Interactive Database Access
  - Survey of Residents
  - Complete tracking database on all graduates of medical schools
- ABMS – American Board of Medical Specialties: An umbrella organization that represents the medical specialties
- ACGME – Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Chicago, IL
  - Green Book – Directory of Graduate Medical Education Programs
  - RRC – Residency Review Committee – Produces Program Requirements or standards that programs must meet to be accredited
  - PIF – Program Information Form
  - Site Visit – Representative from ACGME visits your program to see if you comply with program requirements (also use the most recent PIF you sent to them)
  - Institutional Review – outside review of your institution by ACGME: Results in LOR (Letter of Report) that indicates areas where the institution does not comply with Institutional Requirements of the ACGME
- ABR – American Board of Radiology - central qualifying board for the field of Radiology and Radiation Therapy. Physicians who complete radiology training take the exam to be Board Certified, which is renewable every ten years.
  - MOC – Maintenance of Certification
  - SAM – Self-Assessment Modules
- ACR - American College of Radiology
  - Administers yearly In-Training Exam
- DIO – Designated Institutional Official (Often the Dean of the Medical School)
- ECFMG – Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. Through its program of certification, the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®) assesses the readiness of international medical graduates to enter residency or fellowship programs in the United States that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).
  - CSA – Clinical Skills Assessment
- JCAHO - Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospital Organizations
- NBME – National Board of Medical Examiners
  - Administers the USMLE Steps 1, 2, 3 (replaced Parts I, II, III of NBME Exam)
  - Provides focused subject exams or “shelf copies” of old NBME/USMLE exams
- USMLE - United States Medical Licensing Exam – Medical students take Step 1 before their Jr year, and Step 2 in their Sr year. Step 3 is taken after 1 year of clinical

training (typically during internship). For many states, all three steps must be completed to obtain a permanent medical license.

#### RELATED RADIOLOGY ORGANIZATIONS

A<sup>3</sup>CR<sup>2</sup> - American Alliance of Academic Chief Residents in Radiology  
AAPM - American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
AAWR - American Association for Women Radiologists  
ACER - Alliance of Clinician-Educators in Radiology  
ACMP - American College of Medical Physics  
ACNM - American College of Nuclear Medicine  
ACNP - American College of Nuclear Physicians  
ACRO - American College of Radiation Oncology  
AERS - Association of Educators in Radiological Sciences  
AHRA - American Healthcare Radiology Administrators  
AIUM - American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine  
AMSER - Alliance of Medical Student Educators in Radiology  
APCR - Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology  
APDR - Association of Program Directors in Radiology  
ARRS - American Roentgen Ray Society  
ARRT - American Registry of Radiologic Technologists  
ASER - American Society of Emergency Radiology  
ASHNR - American Society of Head and Neck Radiology  
ASITN - American Society of Interventional & Therapeutic Neuroradiology  
ASNC - American Society of Nuclear Cardiology  
ASNR - American Society of Neuroradiology  
ASRT - American Society of Radiologic Technologists  
ASSR - American Society of Spine Radiology  
AUR - Association of University Radiologists  
RASHR - Radiology Alliance for Health Services Research  
RRA - Radiology Research Alliance  
RSNA – Radiologic Society of North America  
SBI - Society of Breast Imaging  
SCARD - Society of Chairmen of Academic Radiology Departments  
SCBTMR - Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance  
SIR - Society of Interventional Radiology  
SNM - Society of Nuclear Medicine  
SPR - Society for Pediatric Radiology  
SRU - Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound  
SSR - Society of Skeletal Radiology  
STR - Society of Thoracic Radiology  
SUR - Society of Uroradiology