

SUMMARY OF ABBREVIATIONS (ALPHABET SOUP) FOR RADIOLOGY COORDINATORS

ACRONYM	FULL NAME	PURPOSE	FUNCTION	URL
A ³ CR ²	American Alliance of Academic Chief Residents in Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that meets each year in conjunction with the annual AUR meeting, providing invaluable educational activities & networking opportunities to radiology residents.	http://www.a3cr2.org/
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges	Professional/ Education/ research	An association dedicated to the improvement of the nation's health through strengthening the quality of medical education and training, to enhance the search for biomedical knowledge, to advance research in health sciences and to integrate education into the provision of effective health care.	http://www.aamc.org/
AAPM	American Association of Physicists in Medicine	Professional/ Education/ Research	An association that advances the practice of physics in medicine and biology by encouraging innovative research and development, disseminating scientific and technical information, fostering the education and professional development of medical physicists, and promoting the highest quality medical services for patients.	http://www.aapm.org/
AAWR	American Association for Women Radiologists	Professional / Education/ research	A nonprofit corporation dedicated to provide a forum wherein radiologists can consider, discuss, develop & disseminate current knowledge & information concerning the fields of radiology & medicine and concerning issues unique to women in radiology.	http://www.aawr.org/
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties	Certifying/ Professional	Organization of 24 approved medical specialty boards. Coordinates the activities of its member boards and provides information to others concerning issues about specialization and certification of medical specialists.	http://www.abms.org/
ABR/ MOC	The American Board of Radiology	Certifying/ Professional	An incorporated organization that certifies doctors practicing Diagnostic Radiology, Radiation Oncology and Radiologic Physics. MOC (maintenance of certification) is for diplomates who are already ABR-certified, and who are working in the 10-year cycle of maintaining that certification.	http://www.theabr.org
ACER	Alliance of Clinician-Educators in Radiology	Professional/ Education/ research	An organization that provides a forum for clinician-educators to meet, exchange ideas, and learn new skills that promote and advance the careers of clinician-educators.	http://www.aur.org/Affiliated_Societies/ACER/index.cfm
ACGME/ RRC	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education	Accrediting	Responsible for the accreditation of post MD medical training programs within the US, through a peer-review process and based upon established standards and guidelines.	http://www.acgme.org

ACMP	American College of Medical Physics	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization in the United States devoted exclusively to the professional activities of medical physicists. It collaborates with both physician and other physics organizations in achieving this purpose. As an independent professional medical physics organization, the ACMP is able to fully represent the clinical medical physicist in complex health care issues.	http://www.acmp.org/
ACNM	American College of Nuclear Medicine	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that advances the science of nuclear medicine and improves its benefits to patients, encourages improved and continuing education for practitioners in nuclear medicine and allied fields and studies the socioeconomic aspects of the practice of nuclear medicine.	http://www.acnucmed.com/
ACNP	American College of Nuclear Physicians	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that represents the practice & socio-economic interest of those engaged in the use of radionuclides for the practice, prevention, diagnosis & treatment of disease and to promote the continuing competence of practitioners of nuclear medicine through a program of continuing medical education.	http://www.acnponline.org/
ACR	American College of Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	A organization that serves patients and society by maximizing the value of radiology, radiation oncology, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine and medical physics by advancing the science of radiology, improving the quality of patient care, positively influencing the socio-economics of the practice of radiology, providing continuing education for radiology and allied health professions and conducting research for the future of radiology. Conducts the annual resident ACR In-training exam.	http://www.acr.org
ACRO	American College of Radiation Oncology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that strives to ensure the highest quality care for radiation therapy patients and promote success in the practice of radiation oncology through education, responsible socioeconomic advocacy, and integration of science and technology into clinical practice.	http://www.acro.org/
AEIRS	Association of Educators in imaging & Radiologic Sciences	Professional/ Education	An organization that stimulates an interest in radiologic technology through collegiate and hospital based educational program faculty members in all of the imaging and radiation therapy fields, and provides a means for health care professionals to exchange expertise and ideas.	http://www.aeirs.org/
AHRA	American Healthcare Radiology Administrators	Professional/ Education	An association for medical imaging management, which offers a complete slate of professional development programs—including a comprehensive selection of	http://www.ahraonline.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home

			education conferences and seminars, the AHRA Leadership Institute, networking opportunities, award-winning publications and the Certified Radiology Administrator credential.	
AIUM	American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine	Professional/ Education/ Research	A multidisciplinary association dedicated to advancing the safe and effective use of ultrasound in medicine through professional and public education, research, development of guidelines, and accreditation.	http://www.aium.org/
AMA	American Medical Association	Professional	National leaders in promoting professionalism in medicine and setting standards for medical practice and ethics.	http://www.ama-assn.org/
AMSER	Alliance of Medical Student Educators in Radiology	Professional/ Education	A group of Radiologists, which is a section of the AUR (Association of University Radiologists), that is actively involved in the education of medical students, encouraging excellence in Radiology education to medical students at a local, national and international level; and promoting Radiology as an essential component of the medical student curriculum.	http://www.aur.org/Affiliated_Societies/AMSER/
AOA	Alpha Omega Alpha	Honorary	National medical honor society.	http://www.alphaomegalpha.org
APCR	Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology	Professional/ Education	An organization of Program Coordinators in Radiology that promotes excellence in the administration of radiology residency and fellowship programs, provides educational opportunities in the field of graduate medical education and program administration, and provides forums for professional growth and exchange of information.	http://www.apdr.org/
APDR	Association of Program Directors in Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that advances the art and science of radiology by the establishment of an alliance of those who share the essential task of resident training in radiology and sponsors meetings, forums, seminars & other educational activities appropriate for this purpose.	http://www.apdr.org/
ARRS	American Roentgen Ray Society	Professional/ Education	An organization that seeks to advance medicine through the science of radiology and its allied sciences by enabling the creation and exchange of knowledge and information in the field through its journal, meetings and other means.	http://www.arrs.org/
ARRT	American Registry of Radiologic Technologists	Certifying/ Professional	ARRT is the world's largest credentialing organization that seeks to ensure high quality patient care in radiologic technology. They test and certify technologists and administer continuing education and ethics requirements for their annual registration.	http://www.arrt.org/

ASER	American Society of Emergency Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that advances the quality of diagnosis and treatment of acutely ill or injured patients by means of medical imaging and enhances teaching and research in Emergency Radiology.	http://www.erad.org/
ASHNR	American Society of Head & Neck Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that advances knowledge, interest & research in the field of head & neck imaging; promoting methods of teaching, providing meetings for presentation of papers & dissemination of knowledge.	http://www.ashnr.org/
ASITN	American Society of Interventional & Therapeutic Neuroradiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization in neurointerventional surgery procedures and practice that promotes excellence in patient care; provides education; supports research; influences health care policy; and fosters the growth of the specialty.	http://www.snisonline.org/guest/guest.php
ASNC	American Society of Nuclear Cardiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	A professional not-for-profit organization, international in scope, which provides its members with a variety of continuing medical education programs related to nuclear cardiology and cardiovascular computed tomography (CT), promotes accreditation and certification in nuclear cardiology and is the principal advocacy voice for the profession.	http://www.asnc.org/
ASNR	American Society of Neuroradiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that develops standards for training & practice in neuroradiology; fosters research; promotes networking; provides meetings for presentations & the dissemination of knowledge.	http://www.asnr.org/
ASRT	American Society of Radiologic Technologies	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that fosters the professional growth of radiologic technologists by expanding knowledge through education, research and analysis; promoting exceptional leadership and service; and developing the radiologic technology community through shared ethics and values.	https://www.asrt.org/
ASSR	American Society of Spine Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization in which the objectives and purposes of the Society shall be consonant with those of the ASNR but shall emphasize spine imaging and image-guided spine interventions.	http://www.theassr.org/
AUR	Association of University Radiologists	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that encourages excellence in radiological laboratory and clinical investigation, teaching and clinical practice; stimulates an interest in academic radiology as a medical career; to advance radiology as a medical science; and represents academic radiology at a national level.	http://www.aur.org/
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Regulatory Government Agency	Federal agency responsible for administering the Medicare , Medicaid , SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance), HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/default.asp

			Accountability Act), CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments), and several other health-related programs.	
COMLEX	Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination	Certifying	In order to more accurately measure the knowledge required by today's physicians, the NBOME initiated the three-level Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) to replace the former three-part NBOME examination series. The COMLEX is a three-part exam. Each exam is administered over a two-day period, and employs an osteopathic primary care approach to patient care fully integrated throughout the examination.	http://www.nbome.org/
CSA	Clinical Skills Assessment, part of USMLE Step 2	Certifying	Prior to June 14, 2005, CSA was used to assess clinical skills and communication skills essential to diagnosing and treating patients, and communication with other health care professionals. Students from US and Canadian medical schools as well as international graduates took the CSA.	http://www.usmle.org
CSE or Step 2 CS	Clinical Skills Examination, Part of USMLE Step 2	Certifying	Replaced CSA, effective June 14, 2005. Replaces CSA (Clinical Skills Assessment) effective June 14, 2005. Used to assess clinical skills and communication skills essential to diagnosing and treating patients, and communication with other health care professionals. Students from US and Canadian medical schools as well as international graduates will take the CSE.	http://www.usmle.org
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration	Licensure	Governmental agency responsible for providing licensure/certification to physicians for dispensing all controlled substances.	http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/
DIO	Designated Institutional Official	Oversight	Individual who has the authority and responsibility for the oversight and administration of the GME programs.	http://www.acgme.org
ECFMG	Educational Comm. for Foreign Medical Graduates	Certifying	Assesses the readiness of international medical graduates to enter residency or fellowship programs in the US that are accredited by the ACGME.	http://www.ecfmg.org/
ERAS	Electronic Residency Application Service	Service	On line application service used by medical graduates or medical students in their final year of medical school to apply for specialized graduate training in residency programs in the US.	http://www.aamc.org/students/eras/start.htm
FCVS	Federation Credentials Verification Service	Service	Collects, verifies and maintains information and copies of documents and records that can be provided to professional licensing boards, hospitals and other entities when applying for licensure, staff membership, employment or other privileges.	http://www.fsmb.org/fcvs_program/cvrhome.htm
FREIDA or	Fellowship and	Information	Database with over 7,800 graduate medical education	http://www.ama-

AMA FREIDA	Residency Electronic Interactive Database		programs accredited by the ACGME, containing information about residency and fellowship training programs, affiliated teaching institutions, training statistics and graduate career plans statistics.	assn.org/ama/pub/category/2997.html
GME	Graduate Medical Education	Training	Specialized training for physicians after medical school graduation.	
GMED	Graduate Medical Education Directory	Resource Guide	Directory of graduate medical education programs, published by the AMA. (The "Green Book")	http://www.ama-assn.org/
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1966	Government	Protects health insurance coverage for workers and their families when they change or lose their jobs. Established national standards for electronic health care transactions and addresses the security and private of health data.	http://www.hipaa.org/
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	Accreditation	Independent non-profit organization that evaluates the quality and safety of care for more than 16,000 health care organizations. Evaluates the organization's performance in areas that affect care. On-site visits are done at least once every three years. Sets the standards by which health care quality is measured.	http://www.jcaho.org/
LCME	Liaison Committee on Medical Education	Education/ Certifying	Nationally recognized authority for medical education programs leading to the M.D. degree in U.S. and Canadian medical schools.	http://www.lcme.org/
NBME	National Board of Medical Examiners	Certifying	Independent, not-for-profit organization that provides high quality examinations for the health professions – accepted by medical licensing authorities as the standard to judge candidates for medical licensure	http://www.nbme.org/
NBOME	National Board of Osteopathic Medicine Examiners	Certifying	A non-profit corporation dedicated to serving the public and state licensing agencies by administering examinations testing the medical knowledge of osteopathic medical students and interns.	http://www.nbome.org
NRMP	National Resident Matching Program	Service	Private, non-for-profit corporation established to provide a uniform date of appointment to positions in graduate medical education in the US.	http://www.nrmp.org/
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	Oversight	Governmental agency with mission to safe lives, prevent injuries and protect the health of America's workers, by establishing protective standards, enforcing standards and providing technical assistance and consultations to employers and employees.	http://www.osha.gov/
RASHER	Radiology Alliance for Health Services Research	Professional/ Education/ Research	The goals of the Alliance shall be to encourage and promote health services research and education by and for radiology. The goals of the Alliance shall be furthered through: establishment of educational programs in health services research; establishment of forums for	http://www.aur.org/

			the presentation of research and the dissemination of knowledge; collaboration of its membership in health services research and education projects; encouragement of the development of careers in health services research; dissemination and communication of members' research findings; and cooperation with other organizations whose purposes and goals include health services research and the evaluative sciences.	
RRA	Radiology Research Alliance	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization to encourage interdisciplinary research in radiology and the radiological sciences by helping departments establish and improve their research programs. At research symposia at the AUR, the RRA stimulates innovative interdisciplinary approaches to research and addresses the challenges of radiological research at the various stages of career development.	http://www.aur.org/Affiliated_Societies/RRA/
RRC	Residency Review Committee	Accreditation	Under the policies and procedures of the ACGME, the RRC reviews residency programs to determine whether they are in substantial compliance with the Essentials of Accredited Residencies.	http://www.acgme.org
RSNA	Radiologic Society of North America	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that promotes and develops the highest standards of radiology and related sciences through education and research. The Society seeks to provide radiologists and allied health scientists with educational programs and materials of the highest quality, and to constantly improve the content and value of these educational activities. The Society seeks to promote research in all aspects of radiology and related sciences, including basic clinical research in the promotion of quality healthcare. The Society seeks to foster closer fellowship among all radiologists and greater cooperation among radiologists and members of other branches of medicine and allied healthcare professionals.	http://www.rsna.org/
SBI	Society of Breast Imaging	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization, that improves and disseminates knowledge, improves the quality of medical education, fosters research, provides a medium for the exchange of ideas among professionals, provides meetings for presentation and discussion of papers and the dissemination of knowledge, and establishes a channel for publication of scientific reports in the field of breast imaging.	http://www.sbi-online.org/
SCARD	Society of Chairman of Academic	Professional/ Education/	A nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of the art and science of radiology by the promotion of	http://www.scardweb.org/

	Radiology Departments	Research	medical education, research and patient care, the development of methods of undergraduate and graduate teaching in radiology and the provision of a forum for discussion of problems and mutual interest among radiology department chairpersons.	
SCBTMR	Society of Computed Body tomography & Magnetic Resonance	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that is committed to improve patient care through the appropriate use of CT and MR by fostering innovative research and educating radiologists.	http://www.scbtmr.org/
SIR	Society of Interventional Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	A national organization of physicians, scientists and allied health professionals dedicated to improving public health through disease management and minimally invasive, image-guided therapeutic interventions.	http://www.scvir.org/
SNM	Society of Nuclear Medicine	Professional/ Education/ Research	An international scientific and professional organization founded to promote the science, technology and practical application of nuclear medicine.	http://www.snm.org/
SPR	Society for Pediatric Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	A professional medical organization dedicated to being the leader in advancing pediatric health care through medical imaging and image-related therapy.	http://www.pedrad.org/
SRU	Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that is the only ultrasound society in North America, which solely represents issues from the perspective of the radiologist. The Fellows of the society are leaders in the field who promote the advancement and involvement of radiologists in ultrasound.	http://www.sru.org/
SSR	Society of Skeletal Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that is dedicated to the goal of encouraging and supporting the development of expertise in the subspecialty of musculoskeletal radiology. The organization's CME efforts shall be to provide continuing medical education for practicing musculoskeletal radiologists via an annual scientific meeting.	http://www.skeletalrad.org/
STR	Society of Thoracic Radiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization that promotes and fosters excellence in Cardiothoracic Imaging and clinical care through research and education.	http://www.thoracicrad.org/
SUR	Society of Uroradiology	Professional/ Education/ Research	An organization to promote interest in the advancement of urinary tract and gynecological imaging and to stimulate the study of both normal and abnormal processes with emphasis upon the integration of conventional radiography, sonography, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine and interventional procedures.	http://www.uroradiology.org/
TAGME	Training Administrators of Graduate Medical	Certifying/ Education/ Professional	To assure a comprehensive level of services, training, knowledge and leadership through certification for the administration of graduate medical education programs	http://www.tagme.org

	Education		for physicians-in-training	
USMLE	United States Medical Licensing Examination	Certifying	Three step examination that assesses a physician's ability to apply knowledge, concepts and principles that are important in health and disease, and that constitute the basis of safe and effective patient care. Used by medical licensing authorities in the US for granting initial license to practice medicine.	http://www.usmle.org