

APDR Achievement Award • Janet L. Strife, MD

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The Achievement Award of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology (APDR) is given to Janet L. Strife, MD, in recognition of her lifelong efforts to improve resident education and training, her strong mentorship of many residents and fellows, and her leadership in trying to improve the quality of care. Janet did her undergraduate training at Oberlin College and received her MD degree from the New Jersey College of Medicine. She married a classmate from medical school, and both were pediatric interns at Cincinnati Children's Hospital when call was every other night and every other weekend. The Viet Nam years created turbulence, and her first 2 years of radiology residency were at the University of Cincinnati; when her husband was drafted, she moved to Johns Hopkins, where she completed her residency. She stayed at Johns Hopkins, taking a pediatric radiology fellowship with John Dorst, MD, before joining the faculty for a few years. In 1978, Dr Strife and her husband both returned to Cincinnati Children's Hospital, where they have spent their careers.

Janet was the Fellowship Director of Pediatric Radiology and always had a strong interest in education and residency training. She was elected president of the APDR in 2003. During her years on the APDR board, she worked to incorporate the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) competencies into resident and fellowship training programs, particularly professionalism and interpersonal and communication skills. Janet states, "Being an APDR member helped change my direction and emphasis to be a strong advocate for improving education, interpersonal skills, and professionalism. I am grateful for the open sharing of ideas

that is unique to the APDR membership." Currently, she is a trustee of the American Board of Radiology and recently has been appointed to the Diagnostic Radiology Review Committee of the ACGME.

Janet was chair of the Department of Radiology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital from 1992 to 2002 during a time of great expansion and growth in imaging. Under her leadership, the faculty grew from 12 to 23, and their expertise flourished in an environment of diversity and professionalism. She was honored as a Fellow in Radiology by the American College of Radiology and worked with many local and national organizations. She was the president of the Society for Pediatric Radiology in 2000 and helped to organize the International Pediatric Radiology Meeting in Paris. She has been a mentor to many women in radiology and was an early member of the American Association for Women Radiologists (AAWR).

The AAWR honored her with the Alice Ettinger Distinguished Achievement Award in 2005.

Clinically, Janet has had a lifelong interest in cardiac imaging and understanding physiology as it applies to diseases. She has been a leader in the field of cardiovascular imaging of congenital heart disease. She is an accomplished academician, with 94 publications in peer-reviewed journals and nine book chapters, and has made multiple presentations at national and international medical meetings and scientific assemblies.

Janet and Fred have four adult children (the first was born 4 days into radiology residency), and their families enjoy outdoor sports together—with skiing, marathons, and summer holidays in the Poconos.



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