



Arkansas Radiological Society  
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### **ACR Opposition to CMS Budget Neutrality**

As you have likely heard, CMS has budget neutrality plans for 2021. The bottom line, the plan to shift reimbursement from Diagnostic Radiology to other specialties is estimated to decrease Medicare payments by approximately 11%. It is estimated to cut Interventional Radiology by 9%. We urge you to send out the letters to our Senators and Congressmen through the [ACR Call to Action link](#). Email your Members of Congress and ask them to STOP CMS Cuts to Imaging!

Additionally, inform your colleagues in our state and in other states to do the same. Other providers, Arkansas BCBS in particular, will likely follow suit. This would be a major detriment to our field currently and for years to come. Please act now!

### **Upcoming Chapter Conference**

The Arkansas Chapter was very disappointed when we had to postpone our conference on **Breast Imaging of "TOMO"rrow** scheduled this past May at UAMS in Little Rock. Our plans are to continue with the same conference on **Saturday, May 1, 2021**. Guest speakers are Sarah M. Friedewald, MD, FSBI; Etta D. Pisano, MD, FACR; local speakers are Kevin Pope, MD, Sharp Malak, MD and Stacy Smith-Foley, MD. Radiologic Technologist's are invited to attend as well. We will update you with the details to register as time gets closer. **Please SAVE THE DATE! May 1, 2021.**

### **Women and Diversity Luncheon**

Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, MD, and Amanda J Ferrell, MD have plans developing for a Women and Diversity luncheon for all women radiologists in the state. We planned to have it this past spring until the pandemic forced its postponement. Email invitations will go out when plans are firm in the coming months.

### **FUTURE Annual ACR Meetings**

**Upcoming dates for ACR are:**

2021 - May 15-19

2022 - May 21-25

## Joseph D. Calhoun, MD, FACR Fund

Thanks to your generosity to the Calhoun Fund, up to four residents will be able to attend many events at the ACR conference each May. The Calhoun Fund was established in 2015 to honor Joseph Calhoun, MD's legacy and dedication to the state of Arkansas and the American College of Radiology. The Calhoun Fund is a vehicle to sponsor UAMS Radiology Resident education. You may contribute to: <https://www.acrarkansas.org/calhoun-fund/>

Since 2015, 17 residents have attended the ACR meetings and offered their appreciation to all that support them.

### Did You Know?

- The Arkansas Chapter has a Resident-Fellow Section (RFS) which promotes resident participation in the activities of the ARS Executive Committee. Serving this year are Meshaal Nadeem, DO and Ronald Mora, MD. They have established a Journal Club that meets twice yearly.
- The ACR offers a Senior Retired Section (SRS) that you may be interested in. The mission is to enhance the experience of senior (over age 65 and/or retired) members in the ACR by promoting fellowship and interaction amongst the members; communicating opportunities for continued professional involvement including mentorship, career transition, and leadership training. You may also contact them at [srs@acr.org](mailto:srs@acr.org) for more details.
- If you have recently **retired**, please advise Sue White at [arradsoc@gmail.com](mailto:arradsoc@gmail.com) and she will assist you with a form to update your status and you will not have to pay dues for the ACR or the Chapter.

### Fellowship (FACR)

- There are two ways to obtain FACR status: (1) You may be nominated by the Executive Committee or (2) you may self-submit. Spring is the time to consider nominations as applications must be completed on-line by June 1 each year. If you are considering applying, please review the guidelines first under the ACR website. You will need assistance from the ACR, the Arkansas Chapter, and endorsement letters from current FACR members.

Link to locate FACR application information:

<https://www.acr.org/Member-Resources/Fellowship-Honors/FACR>

For assistance in the application process, email the FACR office at [FACR@acr.org](mailto:FACR@acr.org). They will answer any questions a potential candidate may have.

## Fellowship (FACR) (cont'd)

- 2021 Dues statements for ACR and the Arkansas Chapter will be sent out by the ACR this fall. The Arkansas Chapter dues are payable through the ACR either by mail or utilizing the ACR website after you log in.
- Be sure and review our website as a resource to stay in touch: <https://www.acrarkansas.org/>
- We welcome you to our Newsletter and for information not yet discussed; please contact Sue White at [arradsoc@gmail.com](mailto:arradsoc@gmail.com) or review our website.
- Executive Committee for 2020-2021:
  - ❖ President: Stephen P Penor, MD
  - ❖ Vice President: Amanda J Ferrell, MD
  - ❖ Secretary-Treasurer: Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, MD
  - ❖ Councilors: Stephen Penor, MD; Amanda Ferrell, MD; Cade Martin, MD
  - ❖ Alternate Councilors: Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, MD; John Burda, MD; Zeke Shotts, MD
  - ❖ Young Alternate Councilor: Stephen Routon, MD
  - ❖ Fellowship Chair: Kenneth V. Robbins, MD, FACR
  - ❖ Government Relations Committee: J Greg Baden, MD
- The following have served as President of the Arkansas Chapter for the past 10 years. Their dedication is most appreciated!

Stephen P Penor, MD (Current)  
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