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AHRA Announces Inaugural Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) Examination Results

(Sudbury, MA, September 24, 2002) – The American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA) announced today that 86.44% of the 236 radiology administrators who took the inaugural CRA examination received a passing score and are now Certified Radiology Administrators. They may be recognized by the credential, CRA, after their name. The first examination was administered on July 27, 2002, the day before the start of the 30th AHRA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. A complete listing of those who passed the examination is posted online at: <http://www.ahraonline.org>.

The CRA is the industry's first certification program for radiology administrators and is administered by the Radiology Administration Certification Commission of the AHRA. The CRA program is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance and recognize administrators who demonstrate knowledge essential to the practice of radiology management. The program is funded by a five-year grant from Eastman Kodak Company, Health Imaging Division.

To sit for the examination, candidates were required to meet experience, education, and other credential requirements. AHRA's web site (<http://www.ahraonline.org>) contains a description of the eligibility requirements. The test consisted of 185 questions. Approximately 30 percent of the questions were based on knowledge, 40 percent tested application skills (problem solving) and 30 percent involved analysis. The test questions focused on five domains: human resource management, asset resource management, fiscal management, operations management, and communications and information management.

The idea to create a certification program was born from a market research survey conducted by AHRA in which an overwhelming majority of radiology administrators reported that a certification program would support and advance their professional roles.

AHRA is currently developing test dates and locations for CRA examinations in 2003 and will release that information as soon as it becomes available.

AHRA is extremely grateful to Kodak, who committed \$1 million over five years to fund this exciting new opportunity.

The American Healthcare Radiology Administrators is a resource and catalyst for development of professional leadership in imaging sciences.

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