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## **For Immediate Release**

### **AHRA Announces May 2003 Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA) Examination Results**

**(Sudbury, MA, June 17, 2003)** – The American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA) announced today that 88.89% of the 72 radiology administrators who took the May 17, 2003 examination received a passing score and are now Certified Radiology Administrators. They may be recognized by the credential, CRA, after their name. A complete listing of those who passed the examination is posted online at: <http://www.ahraonline.org/> and below.

The next administration of the CRA examination will be held in conjunction with the 31st AHRA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Anaheim, CA on August 9, 2003. The application to sit for this examination is due July 18, 2003. An application can be downloaded from AHRA's website at: <http://www.ahraonline.org/certification.htm>.

Prior to the May 2003 administration, over 200 people sat for the inaugural exam held during the AHRA 2002 Annual Meeting and Exposition. There are currently over 265 Certified Radiology Administrators nationwide.

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 concept 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 continues to develop test dates and locations for the CRA examination and will release new information as it becomes available. In addition, to help candidates prepare for the CRA examination, AHRA and CASTLE Worldwide recently announced the availability of an optional online practice test, built to the same specifications as the actual examination.

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

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The following radiology administrators passed the May 2003 examination:

Betty Kay Adams, CRA	Brandon	MS	Steven M. Herrmann, CRA	Brooklyn	NY
Mark Amato, CRA	Avon Lake	OH	Patricia E. Hlavinka, CRA	Manassas	VA
Kathleen A. Ambs, CRA	Springfield	IL	Debra A. King, CRA	Ogdensburg	NY
Ala A. Atari, CRA	Latham	NY	Roberta J. Klekotka, CRA	Duluth	MN
John A. Bailey, CRA	Richmond	VA	Timothy J. Lacny, CRA	Atlanta	GA
Jeffrey L. Barrett, CRA	Gainesville	GA	Scott S. Looper, CRA	Greenville	SC
Debra S. Beighley, CRA	Jacksonville Beach	FL	Janarban B. Makavana, CRA	Miramar	FL
Luis Bellmas, CRA	Miami	FL	Jay P. Mazurowski, CRA	Concord	NH
Richard L. Blattner, CRA	Waukesha	WI	Lois C. Neuwirth, CRA	Maineville	OH
Alan Jay Blier, CRA	Clarksburg	MA	Thomas J. Nitz, CRA	Elgin	IL
Emily M. Blomenberg, CRA	Kokomo	IN	Ronnie G. Owens, CRA	Seymour	IN
Jocelyn E. Bowman, CRA	Fort Lauderdale	FL	Juris Patrylak, CRA	Branford	CT
William R. Butts, CRA	Augusta	GA	Donna I. Perttu, CRA	Brainerd	MN
Connie S. Calvarese, CRA	Vidalia	GA	Estela I. Prieto, CRA	Washington	DC
William S. Casteel, CRA	Chattanooga	TN	Ann Regueiro, CRA	West Palm Beach	FL
John L. Cookman, CRA	Mason City	IA	B. Mitchell Richardson, CRA	Thomaston	GA
LaMont E. Coverstone, CRA	Louisville	KY	Elizabeth M. Roakes, CRA	Georgetown	SC
Jill C. Currie, CRA	Attleboro	MA	Jack L. Russell, CRA	Gadsden	AL
Connie A. Davis, CRA	Pendleton	IN	Jerry D. Ryans, CRA	Greenwood	SC
Sandra L. Davis, CRA	Sleepy Hollow	IL	Laurie Schachtner, CRA	McHenry	IL
Debra A. Desmarais, CRA	Fall River	MA	Beverly A. Shaeffer, CRA	Ames	IA
Jon A. Dew, CRA	Sebring	FL	John R. Shields, CRA	Lake Saint Louis	MO
Andrea Dietz, CRA	Camp Hill	PA	Stephen N. Shippee, CRA	McHenry	IL
Angela Eakins, CRA	Muncie	IN	Cindy Siegel, CRA	Hialeah	FL
Melody K. Ernsberger, CRA	Goshen	IN	Deborah S. Simmons, CRA	Manassas	VA
Karen L. Frank, CRA	Hamilton	OH	John J. Smith, CRA	Evanston	IL
Kevin Fusco, CRA	Boca Raton	FL	Daniel J. Steele, CRA	Watertown	NY
Doris B. Gentley, CRA	Newton Highlands	MA	Donald R. Thomas, CRA	Jackson	MS
Bonnie L. Graff, CRA	Austin	MN	David G. Thornhill, CRA	Carrollton	GA
Jeffrey E. Green, CRA	Dublin	GA	Carlos E. Vasquez, CRA	Dalton	MA
Mary A. Haltigan, CRA	West Islip	NY	Ivan Vinueza, CRA	Waco	TX
Sheila M. Harrison, CRA	Great Mills	MD	Kimberly J. Weick, CRA	Fort Lauderdale	FL

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