

Partners In Learning Application

an AHRA Education Foundation program
generously sponsored by GE Healthcare

- *Rejuvenate your perspective on current work practices.*
- *Get innovative fresh ideas and proven strategies to help face your day-to-day job issues.*
- *Learn how another administrator has successfully implemented new technologies.*

Take this opportunity to learn and to achieve a higher level of personal and professional growth by participating in the Partners in Learning program and reviewing another facility's procedures and activities.

The Partners in Learning program invites radiology administrators *at any stage of professional development* to spend a few days at another healthcare facility learning how others tackle day-to-day operations and/or important issues such as PACS implementation, new imaging modalities, and new construction.

Partners in Learning hosts are waiting to exchange ideas, share experiences, and show you their solutions to your shared problems and concerns.

Application deadline is March 31, 2007; space is limited.

Partners in Learning program is open to current AHRA members only. Past guests are not eligible for repeat funding.

Candidate Information

Name: _____

Facility/Organization: _____

Title: _____ Years in Management: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Funding Information

Through a grant from GE Healthcare, up to \$1,000 per person is available to cover travel, hotel, and meal expenses in accordance within the policies of the AHRA Education Foundation. To qualify for partial or total funding, please provide the following information.

What other AHRA or AHRA Education Foundation sponsored scholarships have you applied for this year? _____

Have you ever been granted an AHRA or AHRA Education Foundation sponsored scholarships?

Yes No If so, which scholarship? _____

Have you participated in the Partners in Learning in the past?

Yes No Please specify year(s) _____

If yes, as a visitor? Yes No As a host? Yes No

If you have been selected as a past Partners in Learning guest but were unable to complete your visit and receive funding, please explain:

Note: Past Partners in Learning Guests are not eligible for repeat funding.

Site Choice

Please indicate your top 3 choices for a Partners in Learning Site:

1st Choice Site Number: _____ Host Name: _____

2nd Choice Site Number: _____ Host Name _____

3rd Choice Site Number: _____ Host Name _____

Dates and duration for each Partners in Learning experience will be scheduled by you and your host for a mutually convenient time.

Please note: although AHRA makes every effort to create satisfactory Partners in Learning matches, AHRA cannot guarantee you will be matched with one of your top choices.

Learning Areas

Please indicate in the list below all areas of expertise in which you hope to gain new skills or knowledge in from the Partners in Learning Program:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Angiography | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bone densitometry (DEXA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breast center | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac catheterization | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurodiagnostics (i.e. EEG, sleep center) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiology (i.e. EKG, stress, Holter, echo) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiopulmonary | <input type="checkbox"/> PACS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centralized scheduling | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient billing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centralized transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> PET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CT scan | <input type="checkbox"/> PET/CT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic radiology | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education—full R.T. program | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice billing services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education—R.T. program clinical site | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endoscopy | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation oncology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment purchasing | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility design | <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fusion imaging | <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital-wide CQI | <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Imaging department(s) in other facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Supply purchasing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory services | <input type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magnetic resonance imaging | <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent care center |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Vascular lab (non- invasive) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's health center |

How will this visit establish a platform for your future work or development in the areas checked above? (Please feel free to continue on a separate sheet to explain more fully.)

Describe your career path to this point and highlight your achievements as well as your past attempts to gain further skill and knowledge in this issue. (Please feel free to continue on a separate sheet to explain more fully.)

Partners in Learning Program Conditions

In the event that I am chosen to participate in the Partners in Learning program, I understand and agree that I am expected to write and/or contribute my program experiences to article(s) in *Link*, *Vision*, and/or *Radiology Management* within 90 days following completion of my visit.

Please note:

- Continued participation in the Partners In Learning is contingent on AHRA membership.
- Travel must be completed by 10/31/07 and reimbursement requests received no later than 12/15/07.
- GE Healthcare annually hosts a special function for Partners in Learning participants during AHRA's Annual Meeting & Exposition. Should you be selected, your attendance is strongly encouraged.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application Submission Information

Application Deadline: March 31, 2007

Mail or fax to:

AHRA Education Foundation
490-B Boston Post Road, Suite 101
Sudbury, MA 01776
Fax (978) 443-8046

Questions?

Contact: Kathryn Keeler, Project Coordinator, AHRA
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2007 Partners in Learning Host Sites

Please see Host Site Learning Areas Grid for more information about each site

If you have questions or need further details on a particular host site location or its learning opportunities, please contact:

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Host Site Descriptions

Site 23. Banner Baywood Medical Center / Mesa, AZ
Wanda Casady, CRA, FAHRA – Director, Medical Imaging

- Not-for profit, multiple hospitals; part of the Banner Health system
- 2500+ facility employees; 350+ beds; 166,000 procedures annually
- We are completing an extensive construction (new tower) and renovation (MI) at our facility. We will be building a child care facility this year on our campus.
- www.bannerhealth.com

Site 1. Banner Desert Medical Center / Mesa, AZ
Alan L. Wildman, MHA, RT(R) – Director, Medical Imaging

- Not-for-profit, community hospital; part of the Banner Health system
 - 3200 facility employees; 602 beds; 160,000 procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: New construction (build out of shell space for nuclear medicine services) and renovation (\$10 million renovation of main department—slated to start March 2007)
 - www.bannerhealth.com
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Host Site Descriptions

Site 2. Scottsdale Healthcare / Scottsdale, AZ
Julie Hughes, CRA – Director Radiology Services

- Not-for-profit, community hospitals, part of the Scottsdale Healthcare System
 - 6000+ facility employees; Osborn campus: 400 beds, Shea campus: 380 beds, Thompson Peak campus (opening November 2007): 60 beds; 300,000+ procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: 64 slice CT, new construction (new hospital ongoing, opening Fall 2007), renovation and construction/expansion planning (all types)
 - We are a dynamic facility with many avenues to observe; please contact me with questions.
 - www.shc.org
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Site 3. University Medical Center / Tucson, AZ
Jeff Schaefer – Director of Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services

- Not-for-profit, stand-alone academic (medical school affiliate) hospital
 - 2500 facility employees; 355 beds; 185,000 procedures annually
 - www.azumc.com
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Host Site Descriptions

Site 4. Enloe Medical Center / Chico, CA
Debi Farnham – Manager, Medical Imaging

- Not-for-profit, stand-alone, community and rehabilitation hospital with multiple facilities
 - 1300 facility employees; 350 beds total (220 at main campus); 94,000 procedures annually
 - JCAHO inspection/readiness (1st quarter 2007); new construction and construction/expansion planning (2006-2010 “century project” see below); renovation (ultrasound will be changed to MRI suite); PACS purchase and implementation (April 1, 2007); multiple department responsibilities of administrator; corporate compliance planning
 - We are starting our century project that will double the size of our main campus. New projects for 2007: PACS, CR, MRI, 64 slice CT. Issues addressed: California OSHPD approval for projects, life after a consultant group.
 - www.enloe.org
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Site 5. Methodist Hospital of Southern California / Arcadia, CA
Dennis L. Oxton, RT(R), MBA, CRA – Director, Imaging and Diagnostic Services

- Not-for-profit, stand-alone, community hospital
 - 1900 facility employees; 350 beds; 85,000 procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: new construction (renovate rooms in department; new patient tower), renovation (radiology exam rooms, CT, MRI reading rooms), construction/expansion planning, PACS purchase and implementation (December 2001)
 - www.methodisthospital.org
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Host Site Descriptions

Site 6. Sutter Gould Medical Foundation / Modesto, CA
Roberta Edge, CRA, FAHRA – Director of Imaging Services

- Not-for-profit, multi-specialty physician office, part of the Sutter Health system
 - 1000 facility employees; 110,000 procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: new construction (replacement building in planning stages for 2008), multiple department responsibilities of administrator, outpatient imaging, and EHR
 - www.sutterhealth.org (then search for Sutter Gould Medical Foundation)
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Site 7. Broward General Medical Center / Fort Lauderdale, FL
Ron Barak, CRA – Regional Radiology Manager

- Community/government, academic (medical school affiliate), pediatric and community hospital; part of the North Broward Hospital District
 - 3000 facility employees; 714 beds; 220,200 procedures annually
 - www.browardhealth.org
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Site 8. Methodist Hospital of Indiana / Indianapolis, IN
Carlos Vasquez, CRA, MS – Administrative Director

- Not-for-profit, academic (medical school affiliate), pediatric, and shock trauma level I hospital, part of the Clarian Health system
 - 196 facility employees; 802 beds; 287,500 procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities: New construction (PET/CT – 3T MRI), renovation (radiology master plan)
 - 64 TF (time-of-flight) PET/CT going live July 2007, 3 Tesla magnet and Functional MRI (fMRI) dedicated to full clinical application
 - www.clarian.org
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Host Site Descriptions

**Site 9. Mercy Medical Center / Cedar Rapids, IA
Duane Dzingle – Director of Radiology**

- Not-for-profit, stand-alone, community hospital
 - 2,200 facility employees, 350 beds, 128,000 procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: JCAHO inspection/readiness, new construction and construction/expansion planning (CT, MR), renovation (general x-ray, reading rooms), corporate compliance planning; wireless phone badge, voice recognition; patient ER tracker; networked to other facilities; PACS implemented 1995, digital mammography, PACS web product, CD burner, multi PACS systems, Hologic Digital Mammography workstation, Vitrea workstation
 - www.mercycare.org
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**Site 10. North Shore Magnetic Imaging Center / Peabody, MA
Mary Ellen Tobey – Client Services Manager**

- Not-for-profit, MRI/PET imaging center, a joint venture between Northeast Health Systems and the North Shore Medical Center
 - 70+ facility employees, 27,000+ procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: multiple department responsibilities of administrator and corporate compliance planning
 - www.nsmic.org
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**Site 11. Southcoast Hospitals Group / Fall River, MA
Robin Hodgkinson, CRA – Project Manager Radiology**

- Community hospital, part of Southcoast Hospitals Group
 - 1000+ facility employees; appx. 700 beds; appx. 450,000 procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: JCAHO inspection/readiness, new construction (reading room for PACS), PACS purchase and implementation (August 2006), planned PET/CT purchase
 - www.southcoast.org
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Host Site Descriptions

**Site 12. Bronson Methodist Hospital / Kalamazoo, MI
Brook Ward – Executive Director of Ambulatory and Clinical
Services**

- Not-for-profit, academic (medical school affiliate), pediatric, and community hospitals and imaging center; multiple hospitals and multiple facilities; part of the Bronson Healthcare Group
 - 4500+ facility employees; 370 beds; 250,000+ procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: JCAHO inspection/readiness, new construction (new imaging center), and multiple department responsibilities of administrator
 - www.bronsonhealth.com
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**Site 13. Fairmont Medical Center – Mayo Health System / Fairmont, MN
James Sutton, CRT, FAHRA, RT – Director of Radiology**

- Not-for-profit, community hospital; part of the Mayo Health System
 - 700 facility employees
 - Special learning opportunities include: JCAHO inspection/readiness, PACS purchase and implementation, outcomes measurement. Director has background in radiology and cardiology consulting.
 - www.fairmontmedicalcenter.org
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**Site 14. St. John's Mercy Hospital / Washington, MO
Vicki Kriete – Imaging Services Manager**

- Not-for-profit, community hospital, part of the Sisters of Mercy system
 - 800 facility employees; 190 beds; 64,000 procedures annually
 - PACS implemented January 2006, second MRI opened April 2006
 - www.stjohnsmercy.org
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Host Site Descriptions

Site 15. Saint Peter's University Hospital / New Brunswick, NJ
Michelle M. Wall, CRA – Director of Radiology

- Not-for-profit, stand-alone, academic (medical school affiliate) and pediatric hospital
 - 2800 facility employees; 458 beds; 110,000+ procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: renovation (MRI, reading areas, US and main tech work area, ED x-ray, film/office), PACS purchase and implementation (RIS/PACS, CR, DR 2004-2005), paperless/filmless environment, remote transcription, planning voice recognition install for early 2007
 - www.saintpetersuh.com
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Site 16. Crystal Run Healthcare / Middletown, NY
Ernesto A. Cerdana, CRA, MS, RT – Administrator, Diagnostic Imaging

- Investor-owned, stand-alone, multi-specialty physicians office
 - 800 facility employees; 105,000 procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: JCAHO inspection/readiness in an ambulatory setting, new construction (new ambulatory surgical/imaging center 2007-08), multiple department responsibilities of administrator, outcomes measurement
 - www.crystalrunhealthcare.com
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Host Site Descriptions

Site 17. Haywood Regional Medical Center / Clyde, NC
Russell L. Cain, CRA, RT – Administrative Director, Diagnostic Imaging

- Not-for-profit, stand-alone, community hospital
- 1000 facility employees; 200 licensed beds (160 operating); 80,000 procedures annually
- Special learning opportunities include: JCAHO inspection/readiness, new construction (ED/SDS), renovation (to permit install of 2nd CT and MR), and outcomes measurement
- Installed PACS in 2004, with voice recognition 6 month following completion of PACS instillation. Are completely on VR, all radiologists doing self-editing with immediate completion of reports and auto-sending of reports when electronic signature is appended. Did PACS update summer 2006 including a mirror system with second archive located off-site.
- In a period where we are evolving from PACS, etc... to “Medical Informatics”, an exciting time. The program has been on local news programs, and we host visitors from around the country to look at the VR piece. Our PACS Administrator (Systems Manager) has created worked to establish bench marks for retrieval from archive, image transfer, etc. One of the most significant elements is the working relationship with IT.
- www.haymed.org

Site 18. Mercy Memorial Health Center / Ardmore, OK
Jennifer L. Jones, CRA – Director of Radiology

- Not-for profit, community hospital; part of the Sisters of Mercy Health System
 - Appx. 900 facility employees; 250 beds; 80,000 procedures annually
 - Special learning opportunities include: new construction (medical office building (in progress), bedtower (January 2007)), PACS purchase and implementation (December 2006)
 - www.mercyok.net
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Host Site Descriptions

Site 19. Wayne Memorial Hospital / Honesdale, PA
Robert Brzuchalski, CRA – Imaging Services Manager

- Not-for-profit, stand-alone, community hospital
- 700 facility employees; 100 beds; 50,000 procedures annually
- Special learning opportunities include: new construction (new ER, inpatient rehab, sleep lab—November 2005), renovation (redesigned space and relocated: 1.5 T MRI, 64 Slice CT, Womens Imaging, Ultrasound, Vascular Lab, R & F –2006), PACS purchase and implementation (2004)
- Rural healthcare setting offering full radiology service line: with the exception of mammography, completely filmless AND paperless. Plans for adding digital mammography in 2007.
- www.wmh.org

Site 20. Childrens Hospital and Regional Medical Center / Seattle, WA
Bret McManus – Operations and QI Manager

- Not-for-profit, academic (medical school affiliate) hospital; part of the University of Washington health system
- 3300 facility employees; 250 beds; 80,000 procedures annually
- Special learning opportunities include: JCAHO inspection/readiness, new construction (ACB), construction/expansion planning (3 new OP centers, research, women's and infant center), and outcomes measurement
- www.seattlechildrens.org

Site 21. Providence Centralia Hospital / Centralia, WA
Bob Hake, CRA – Imaging Services Manager

- Not-for-profit, long-term care, community, and rehabilitation hospital; multiple hospitals and multiple facilities; part of the Providence Health and Services system
 - 750 facility employees; 160 beds; 54,000 procedures annually
 - www.providence.org
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Host Site Descriptions

Site 22. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin / Milwaukee, WI
Jeffrey Palmucci, CRA – Director, Radiology Services

- Not-for-profit, stand-alone, academic (medical school affiliate) and pediatric hospital
 - 4100 facility employees; 236 beds; 120,000 procedures annually
 - www.chw.org
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2007 Partners in Learning Host Site Learning Areas Grid

Site Number	23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Host Name	Casady	Wildman	Hughes	Schaefer	Farnham	Oxton	Edge	Barak	Vasquez	Dzingle	Tobey	Hodkinson	Ward	Sutton	Kriete	Wall	Cerdena	Cain	Jones	Brzuchalski	McManus	Hake	Palmucci
Angiography	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■		■	■			■		■	■		■		
Bone densitometry (DEXA)	■		■	■			■	■		■		■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	
Breast center (*site 10 is MRI only)	■			■				■	■		*■	■	■	■	■			■	■				
Cardiac catheterization	■			■	■	■				■		■			■			■	■		■		
Cardiology (i.e. EKG, stress, Holter, echo)	■			■	■	■						■					■	■		■	■		
Cardiopulmonary												■					■	■					
Centralized scheduling		■	■	■					■		■	■	■	■		■			■				
Centralized transportation	■	■		■															■		■		
CT scan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Diagnostic radiology	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Education—full R.T. program										■									■				
Education—R.T program clinical site			■	■	■	■		■	■			■	■	■		■		■	■	■	■	■	■
Endoscopy	■			■	■			■									■	■		■			
Equipment purchasing		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■		■	■	■		■	■	■	
Facility design		■	■	■	■	■	■			■			■			■							
Fusion imaging										■				■									
Hospital-wide CQI				■	■	■						■		■		■		■	■				
Imaging department(s) in other facilities	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■		■		■					■	
Laboratory services	■			■	■	■						■	■							■		■	
Magnetic resonance imaging	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Mammography	■		■	■		■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■		■	■	■			■	
Marketing				■		■		■			■	■	■	■					■	■		■	
Mobile services	■											■							■	■			■
Neurodiagnostics (i.e. EEG, sleep center)	■			■	■							■	■				■			■	■		
Nuclear medicine	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
PACS	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Patient billing							■				■	■		■			■			■	■		
PET																				■			
PET/CT (*site 11 planning purchase)	■				■		■	■	■	■	■	*■	■								■		■
Pharmacy	■			■	■	■						■							■	■			
Practice billing services				■													■						
Radiation therapy		■		■	■					■													
Radiation oncology				■	■	■				■												■	
Radiology practices				■	■		■												■		■		
Rehabilitation	■			■	■							■									■		
Respiratory therapy	■			■	■	■														■	■		
Satellite				■	■						■	■									■		■
Supply purchasing				■	■		■				■	■		■						■	■		■
Ultrasound	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Urgent care center					■								■				■	■			■		
Vascular lab (non-invasive)	■				■							■			■				■	■	■		
Women's health center	■		■					■		■		■		■					■	■			