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EDITOR'S NOTE

The winds of change are certainly blowing strongly as I write my final editor's note for the PARAD newsletter. My term ends in the fall, but that is the least impacting event by far. 2025 marks the retirement of long time PARAD executive director and lobbyist John Kline, whose positive influence on PA radiology will undoubtedly extend well beyond his tenure. His successor, Judy Eschberger, brings decades of experience in law and lobbying. Early in her relationship with PARAD, Judy has already tackled budget issues and government relations. I think we are in good hands.

On the national and world stage things are unsettling. We may be witnessing a fundamental change in the world order, as the new administration breaks from some long-held standards. President Trump has introduced substantial tariffs on adversaries and allies alike, with markets reacting with expected instability. U.S. support for Ukraine in its war with Russia has evaporated. One might have considered our country was withdrawing from the world stage, and then U.S. forces conducted airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities. Hitting closer to home from the standpoint of our profession, the United States is set to terminate its relationship with the World Health Organization in 2026. With the appointment of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. as Health and Human Services Secretary, U.S. health policy is shifting to de-emphasize vaccines

and other established methods of disease control in favor of alternative measures, such as restricting the use of possibly harmful food preservatives.

In the world of radiology, at least, there is some stability on the chief topics of concern. For several years now the issues dominating the annual national meeting are fighting declining reimbursement, managing the development of artificial intelligence in medicine, coping with the shortage of radiologists, and adjusting to the ongoing progression of consolidation. Every year smaller groups respond to economic and manpower challenges by merging with, or being absorbed by, larger groups, thus changing the nature of the workforce. Unfortunately, stability of topics doesn't translate to stability in the field, but these are the sorts of things that keep life interesting!

I have summarized meeting highlights from ACR 2025 in this newsletter, but I'll close out this note with my personal highlights: eating some good barbecue with long time PARAD colleagues and showing my surgical scar to another radiologist during dinner (she asked to see it); sharing a drink at the Washington Hilton with old friends Ryan Lee and Steve Thuahnai; and beating Texas at the ChAIpter AI competition! It has been a sincere pleasure.

And now...the news.

Kelly W. Biggs, MD

President 2024-2025

Dr. Ken Kurtz



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would first like to thank the executive committee, board, committee chairs, and our former executive director, John Kline for all that you have done since our fall meeting in

September '24. As you no doubt recall, following the fall meeting a dedicated search committee worked to review resumes and interview candidates to choose our new executive director, Judy Eschberger. Thank you also for helping to bring Judy up to speed as she takes the reigns of our Society leadership. Lastly, I appreciate you all beta testing a virtual board meeting this spring with the goal of saving PARAD money by spending one less day in the D.C. ACR 2025 meeting.

A great deal of work continues as we move the expenses associated with our students, residents and fellows to the Legacy Fund under the leadership of Dr. Terry York. The inaugural grants, fulfilling the Society's education mission, were approved to support participation in the ACR's Moorefield Fellowship this past January and the Rutherford-Levanty Fellowship during the second week of June. The Legacy Fund Board also recommended supporting the Annual Scientific Awards for our fall meeting and the regional resident's meeting. The distribution of \$20K budgeted for possible distribution during fiscal year 2025 has begun in accordance with the grant process we developed. I am proud of the work they have done to define and initiate the grant process and look forward to exploring how the Legacy Fund can continue to support the mission of PARAD.

Until his retirement, John Kline and Dr. Jeremy Sykes, and now Judy Eschberger and Jeremy Sykes, continue to represent PARAD in Harrisburg and Washington D.C. They have continued to work on several specific issues during the past legislative session as well as moving forward, including improving Act 112 and improving breast imaging insurance coverage. Further, they are looking forward to hosting this year's Resident Legislative Day, planned for June 2025.

Last year an exciting year for our trainees began through the amazing drive and leadership of Dr. Fatima Elahi. With her departure, Dr. Pam Spicer-Moehring and Bryant Chang took up where Dr. Elahi left off. PARAD hosted a virtual Medical Student Symposium in April bringing together 45 students to participate in a daylong discussion on topics spanning global radiology, advocacy, AI and advice on applying to radiology residency programs. So far, The Medical Student Section Leadership Initiative with representatives from each of Pennsylvania's nine medical schools continues to gain momentum. As of April 2025, the mentorship program has 107 unique mentee-mentor pairings and following the symposium, there are 12 new mentees, and two new mentors signed up for the program.

I would also like to thank Dr. Jeremy Sykes for leading our delegation to ACR 2025 as Senior Councilor. Dr. Sykes aptly led the delegation through the process of reviewing Practice Parameter and Technical Standards resolutions prior to the meeting. In addition, I would like to thank all our councilors and alternate councilors for taking the time to expertly review the many PP&TS proposals prior to the meeting and thoughtfully review the numerous additional resolutions at ACR 2025. Our delegation and caucus professionally discussed multiple

challenging topics. Further, I would like to thank all of those who gave up their time to attend and volunteer at ACR 2025.

While at ACR, PARAD also received an award this year for both membership and winning the AI Chapter Challenge. Thank you all for your continued efforts to make PARAD soar to new heights.

Finally, our Education Committee, led by Drs. Morgan and Cook, has been hard at work planning for the September meeting in Philadelphia. The program is coming together nicely, and we are excited to welcome panelists Dr. Elaine Lewis, Dr. Ryan Lee, Dr. Eric Rubin, Dr. Pam Spicer-Moehring and Saurabh Jha MBBS as several of our confirmed speakers. I hope that I will see many of you in Philadelphia this Fall '25 as we return to southeastern Pennsylvania.

Ken Kurtz, MD, FACR

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

After 10 years of distinguished service, PARAD executive director John Kline has transitioned into retirement. John worked tirelessly for radiologists during his tenure, and it goes without saying that both patients and physicians have benefited from his efforts. During his stewardship, PARAD grew financially by a magnitude that enabled the establishment of its foundation, which has financed the development of radiologists-in-training and will award grants for research and other radiology-related endeavors in the years to come. An accomplished lobbyist, John fought for years to prevent and then mitigate the negative impact of the Patient Test Results Information Act. It was on his watch that supplemental screening breast ultrasound and screening breast MRI became a right for Pennsylvania women at high risk for breast cancer.



John comments on his relationship with PARAD:

Kline Associates' (KA) work with the Pennsylvania Radiological Society (PARAD) goes all the way back to 1979 when PARAD leaders engaged my father Ernie Kline as the society's first

lobbyist. Over the years the PARAD name grew in the halls of the legislature and is now a permanent fixture when it comes to a physician's specialty group.

That role continued through the years until 2015. That's when the previous executive director departed, and I assumed the additional role as executive director. It was a tumultuous time as the separation from the previous executive director was less than amicable. As the years rolled on, I was able to get PARAD's finances in better order quickly as we stopped reaching into savings/investments for general operations and learned to live within our means. Like most of us, the COVID period was difficult and probably stands out as a memorable moment since we all had to adjust. PARAD continued to march right along, and I am proud of that.

Finally, and on a personal note, I am most thankful for the executive committee of 2015 for giving me the opportunity to take this role. I hope I have contributed positively. I also want to recognize the deep sincerity and concern for me and my sons when my wife passed away just last year. It was a real reminder of the importance of your vocation as physicians and it certainly showed through. I made many friends and have the highest respect for the organization, the specialty, and the ACR. I officially left in March 2025 after ten great years. I also want to mention Sharon Johnson and Kim Goodlavage for their role in PARAD. Their efforts behind the scenes make the whole operation run 😊

John, we thank you for all you have done!

John's successor, Judy Eschberger, is off to a strong start judging by her efforts in navigating the chapter through her first ACR national meeting. Welcome Judy!



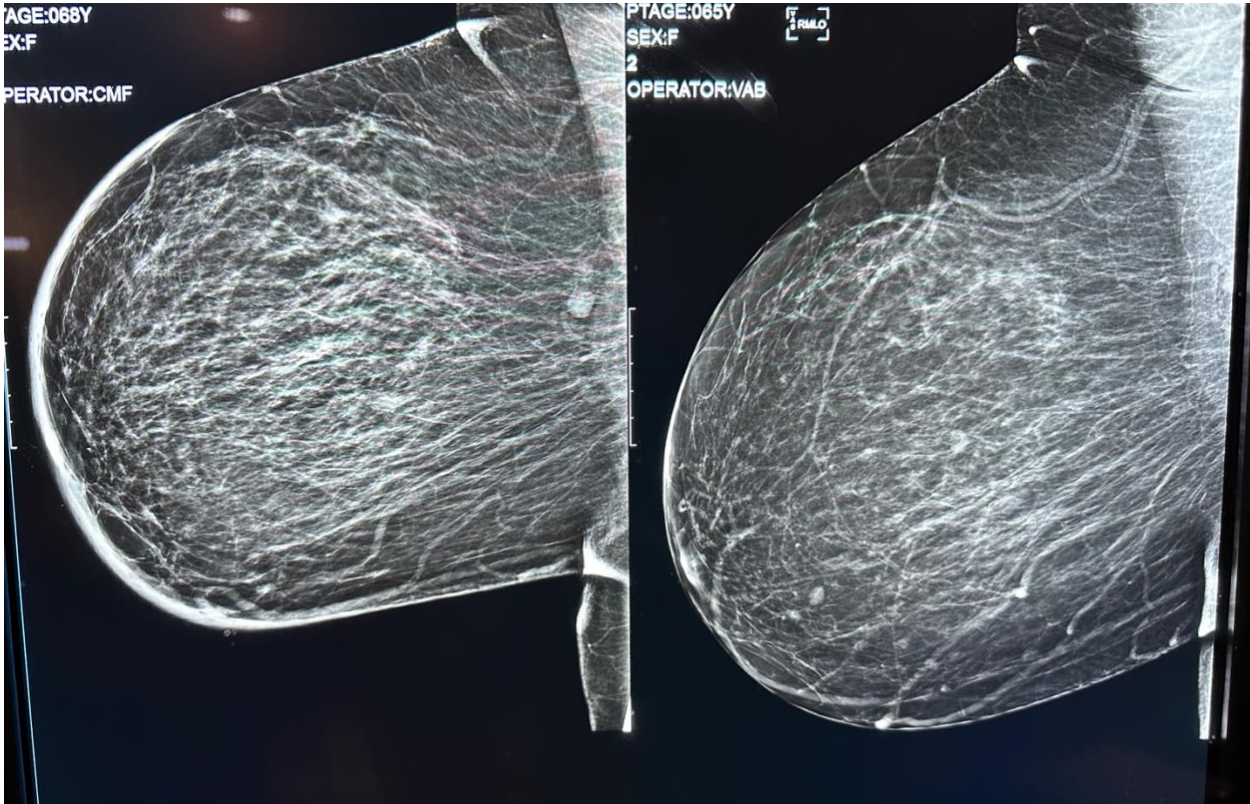
Judy Eschberger, Esquire President/Owner JAE Government Relations

Attorney, lobbyist and over 30 years of experience in state government and state government relations means Judy is always in the know and willing to tell it like it is. Born and raised in the suburbs of Buffalo, New York, she graduated from a small Jesuit school, Canisius University, before leaving for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to attend Duquesne University School of Law. Following her graduation from law school, she litigated as an insurance defense litigation attorney representing large and small business interests and those insured in the areas of workers' compensation, products liability, medical malpractice and personal injury. She was trained to analyze information, to read witnesses and juries and to learn detailed information and boil it down to simple terms that could be easily explained to a jury. These skills are formidable and essential when working in the Capitol.

After four years of private practice, she moved to Harrisburg after accepting a position as an attorney in the Senate of Pennsylvania in the Majority Leader's office. As counsel to five legislative committees for the entire caucus, she became skilled not only in the legislative process, but also making and maintaining lifelong contacts in the Senate, House, various state agencies as well as with stakeholders in a variety of industries. She honed her negotiation skills and developed a hyper-sensitivity for the value placed on ethics and learned the importance of delicately balancing the interests of constituencies. She found that it was the politics that made the practice of law most interesting and challenging. It is this unique skill set and expertise she took to build a thriving career in government affairs - giving her a perception and a rolodex that make her advocacy effective and artful. Following 18 years as a lobbyist at small Government Affairs firms in positions ranging from Senior Associate all the way to a partner leading the firm's Lobbying Division, she founded her own firm combining her passion for politics and the law.

Judy is a past President and current Board member for the Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations (PAGR), has provided 15 years of pro bono representation of a non-profit organization, is a member of the Women in Pennsylvania Government Relations (WPGR), member of The Pennsylvania Society, a 15 year volunteer Company Advisor for the Pennsylvania Foundation for Free Enterprise Education (FFEE/PFEW), a volunteer for the Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine events, participates in charity walk-a-thons, tree-planting events, community clean-ups, community education and outreach events and poll working for various Congressional and General Assembly candidates throughout the Commonwealth. When she's not working or volunteering, she's an avid Buffalo Bills fan, enjoys traveling, cooking, interior decorating, gardening, entertaining friends and family and she considers a great shopping trip for just the right outfit, accessory, home furnishing or gift an Olympic-type event.

CRACK THIS CASE!



68-year-old woman presents for a routine screening mammogram. Current view on the left. Previous image on the right. Answer at the end of the newsletter.

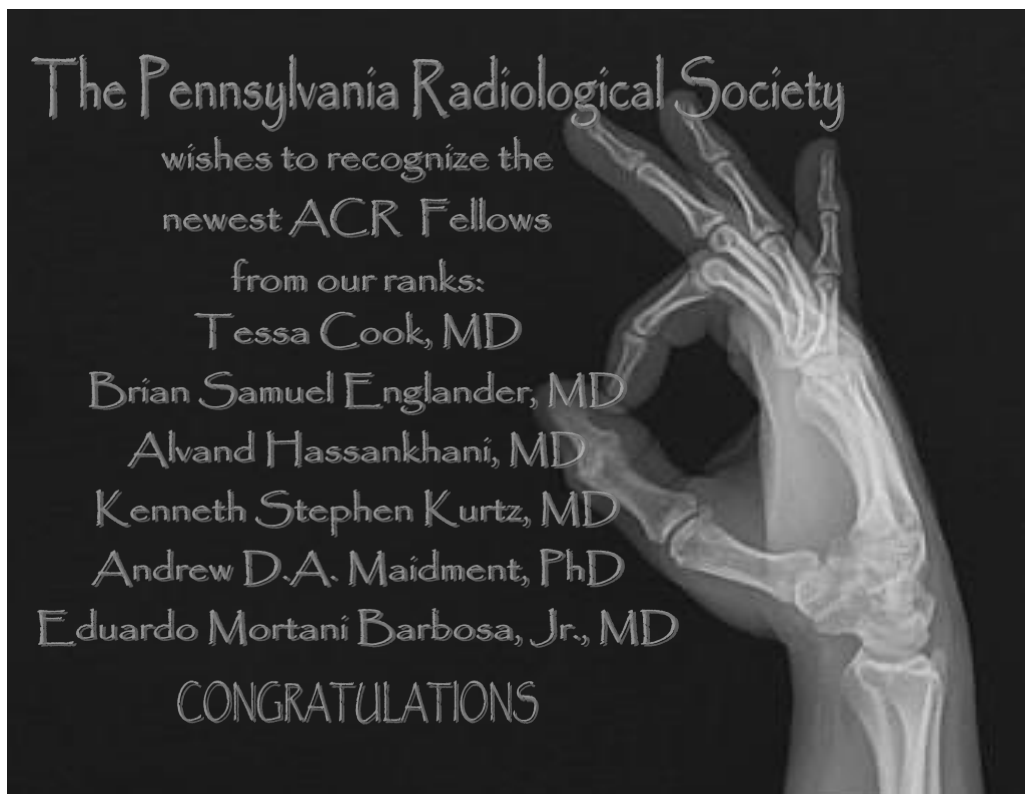
MEMBER NEWS

As PARAD experimented with a virtual spring board meeting this year, for most the first on-site gathering in D.C. was the annual dinner honoring this year's ACR fellows on Saturday, May 3rd. Always a merry affair, the fellows' dinner was made more joyous by the introduction of bottomless margaritas!

The fellows were subsequently inducted on Sunday, May 4th at the Washington Hilton. ACR fellows are awarded based on a history of service to the college, organized radiology, teaching, and/or research. Only 15 percent of current ACR members have been awarded this honor. Eligibility criteria are available at www.acr.org. Additional guidance is available by contacting the PA Rad Fellowship Committee at prs@paradsoc.org.



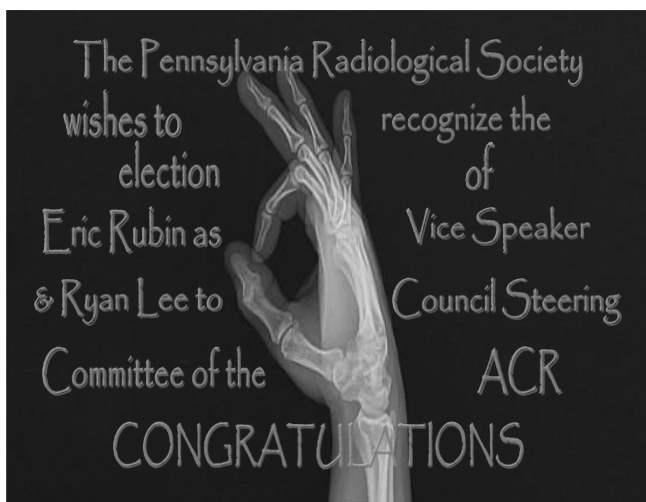
PARAD Secretary Linda Kloss shows off her selfie skills at the 2025 fellows' dinner.





From left to right: Drs Kurtz, Hassankhani, Barbosa, Cook, Englander, and Maidment

PARAD will be well represented at the national level thanks to election victories of Dr. Eric Rubin and Dr. Ryan Lee!



Dr. Eric Rubin

Dr. Ryan Lee

2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

ACR 2025 convened on Sunday, May 4 with an overview of the College's activities by Board of Chancellors Chair Dr. Alan Matsumoto. As the ACR continues to face challenges in the wake of the pandemic, it has established a relationship with McKinley Advisors, a Washington, DC-based consulting firm, to address issues related to long term strategy, efficiency, and budget. Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Dana Smetherman, followed with a summary of the ACR Impact Report, highlighting efforts to address workforce shortages and effect reimbursement reform. She focused particularly on the College's work in the development and oversight of artificial intelligence in radiology. ARCH-AI, the first national AI quality assurance program, was launched by the ACR in June, 2024. In November 2024 ASSESS-AI was launched, the first quality registry for AI. These programs will promote proper use and monitoring of AI tools. Treasurer, Dr. Amy Kotsenas, noted that dues, which account for 12% of annual revenue, were down by 2% from last year, and that there is a projected \$2.3 million operating loss in 2025. However, the rainy-day fund remains strong with over \$90 million in assets in reserve.

The ACR Council met on Monday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 6 to review, debate, and vote on resolutions. With practice parameters largely addressed in virtual sessions held earlier in the year, the Council focused on policy. As has been typical over the past several years, there was lengthy discussion of the increasing role of non-physician providers (NPPs) in radiology. Traditionally and appropriately, the ACR combats efforts to enable NPPs to interpret imaging. Nonetheless, NPPs remain an important if not critical asset in radiology departments, particularly given the chronic shortage of radiologists. For example, a resolution that proposed physician residents be trained only by attending physicians in light interventional procedures (such as paracentesis) met with significant resistance given that these procedures are, in practice, now largely performed by NPPs. There was also extensive debate about supporting and promoting the interests of Registered Radiology Assistants (RRAs). Some argue that these professionals, as radiology technologists, are members of the radiology family and deserve to be treated accordingly within the parameters of their training. Others expressed concern that RRAs may ultimately threaten radiologists by assuming duties normally reserved for physicians.

The issue of venue selection in medical malpractice was highlighted by PARAD President Ken Kurtz, who addressed the Council on its impact in Pennsylvania. When venue selection is permitted, malpractice attorneys can file and try a case in a different location from where the alleged offense took place in order to increase the odds of assembling a more sympathetic jury and earning a higher damage award. Dr. Kurtz noted that since 2023, when

Pennsylvania resumed allowing venue selection, malpractice cases in Philadelphia doubled over a one-year period due to its history of favoring plaintiffs.

Other key topics included management and development of AI applications in radiology, and acceptance of certifying bodies other than the American Board of Radiology. The latter initiative to allow alternative board certification was rejected by the Council over quality concerns.

In addition to Council business, Tuesday included the annual economics forum. ACR lobbying efforts in reimbursement were highlighted, among them a 15-year long fight for Medicare coverage for CT Colonography, which was finally won. Dr. Eric Rubin hosted a microphone session on the impact of consolidation of radiology groups.

PARAD was awarded the 2025 Division E **Excellence in Membership** award for exceptional efforts in member engagement, recruitment, and support of radiologists. In a stunning victory led by Dr. Tessa Cook, PARAD took the first ever trophy in the **ChAIpter AI Competition**, beating out other chapters including uppity Texas for this coveted prize. In this event, attendees were challenged to review cases for accuracy following interpretations by human radiologists and artificial intelligence applications.



CHAPTER CHAMPIONS

The following excerpt is from the article “Chapters Champions” published in the February 11, 2025 edition of the American College of Radiology Bulletin. It features new PARAD Executive Director Judy Eschberger!

ACR leadership believes it is critical to work with and support ACR state chapters in their advocacy work through legislative, regulatory and administrative action. The College has chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Canada as well as representation from the Council of Affiliated Regional Radiation Oncology Societies. Chapters provide members with structured, organized opportunities to attend local meetings, connect with fellow radiologists and advocate for the specialty at a grassroots level.

Chapters also offer resources for continuing education and understanding shifting economic policies — and members have opportunities to shape ACR national policy and procedures through the ACR Council, providing input for ACR policy and Practice Parameters and Technical Standards.

While the impact of changes put in place by the Trump administration on healthcare remains unclear, state lawmakers are not waiting to tackle hot-button issues that directly or indirectly affect radiologists and the patients they serve. Last month, the Bulletin spoke with leaders from two chapters working on state issues including political action committees (PACs), building stronger relationships with state lawmakers, and recruiting and retaining members. The following conversations illustrate the difficult tasks facing our state radiology associations — and why their efforts are so important.

The Pennsylvania Radiological Society (PARAD)



“Like many organizations, PARAD is faced with potentially shrinking membership numbers, which can impact revenue generated through dues for its programs,” says Judith (Judy) A. Eschberger, Esq., executive director of PARAD.

“During the last three election cycles, widespread turnover in the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the costs associated with reelecting members, maintaining and reelecting legislators we’ve already spent time educating — and who have become advocates for our issues — is always a top priority,” Eschberger says. “We

decided to work with other physician groups whose issues did not conflict with PARAD. We want to pool our resources and build relationships with first-year members of the General Assembly as a first step in educating them on our issues.”

Establishing relationships with legislators requires time, resources and commitment. “One dinner or social encounter with a legislator is not going to cement those relationships,” Eschberger says. To help the chapter navigate state government, PARAD retained a government relations professional to work on its behalf to maintain and grow relationships. “We are looking for opportunities to interact with legislators and be a resource for them as they make decisions on legislation that affect our practice and healthcare throughout the Commonwealth,” she explains.

“The government relations community, along with our clients — namely nonprofits and corporations who work to educate state legislators and serve as a resource to them as they consider legislation — are being asked to help raise money for reelection,” Eschberger says. Areas of the Commonwealth with the largest population centers — southeastern Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia and surrounding counties, and the Lehigh Valley bordering New Jersey — face more expensive TV ad time during an election cycle, she notes. “As a result, the pressure on candidates’ campaign committees to raise money is incredible, and it trickles down to those working to educate Senate and House members who serve on committees tied to impactful issues for radiologists and the healthcare system as a whole.”

Some examples of legislation on the chapter’s radar include: an amendment to Act 112 of 2018, addressing vague language around patient notification of a “significant abnormality” and clarifying provisions advising patients at the time of their procedure that results will be available to them via their referring clinician’s patient portal; RT licensing legislation, which is combined with other licensing proposals for other specialties; and legislation requiring insurance companies to cover all costs associated with imaging for breast cancer.

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Judith (Judy) A. Eschberger, Esq.

“Along with shrinking reimbursements for services, our radiologists face increasing medical malpractice insurance rates, underscoring the need for tort reform and the elimination of venue shopping,” Eschberger says. “When Pennsylvania enacted a special venue rule directing medical malpractice claimants to file such claims ‘only in a county in which the cause of action arose,’ medical malpractice claims filed in Philadelphia fell on average from 1,204 to 577,” she says. “However, Pennsylvania’s healthcare industry is once again feeling the negative effects of venue shopping after the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s decision to eliminate the special venue rule for medical malpractice cases in the Commonwealth.” Not surprisingly, there has been a large uptick in cases filed within the state high court’s jurisdiction since the rule was rescinded.

“We must remain diligent on this and other issues,” Eschberger says. “Local- and state-level efforts are the first fields that should be cultivated; encouraging robust participation at the local and state levels will strengthen the growth of PARAD and ACR.”

By Chad Hudnall, senior writer, ACR Press

PARAD LEGACY FUND

The PARAD Legacy Fund was established in 2021 under the leadership of then PARAD President Terry York. Its mission is to promote education and outreach programs related to radiology in Pennsylvania.

The Legacy Fund is used to sponsor physicians-in-training, notably James M. Moorefield and Rutherford-Levanty Fellowship participants. The Moorefield Fellowship provides radiology residents with direct exposure to the American College of Radiology's economic activities, such as advocacy for reimbursement and health policy issues. The Rutherford-Levant Fellowship provides similar exposure to residents specifically for the College's government relations activities. Other sponsored activities include the annual exhibit awards at the PARAD chapter meeting and regional residents' meetings.

The Legacy Fund Committee, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Medical Society, will continue to develop the process of reviewing grant applications and awarding grants for projects related to radiology in 2025.

Please consider donating to the legacy fund at
<https://foundationpamedsoc.org/donatetoradiology>

Terry York, DO, FACR



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

General

The new two-year session kicked off in January with the swearing-in of the new members, but as usual, it takes a while for things to get up and running. Additionally, the death of one of the House members and the resignation of one of the Senate members created two vacancies almost immediately upon their beginning the 2025-2026 session. Control of the Legislature remains split between the Senate, which is firmly controlled by the Republicans, and the House in which the Democrats are barely maintaining majority control. Senator Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland) remains the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Representative Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia) remains the Speaker of the House.

March 25th saw a special election in both the Pennsylvania Senate and House resulting in the Senate Republican majority of 28-22 and a Democrat majority in the House of 102-101. The budget season as well as movement on legislation will be very interesting. Many programs could be affected by delays and decreases in federal match funding which means that there may be hesitation on the part of state officials to extend or enhance program spending when access to any federal match funding could change. This is making legislators very cautious on all legislative fronts.

Since the Legislature begins slowly in a new session, they generally first take up legislation that they were working on during the previous session that did not make it through both chambers and to the Governor's desk for his signature. This includes the following bills which have begun to work their way through the process:

House Bill 409 [HB 409]

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bridget Kosierowski (D-114 Lackawanna)

Patient Test Result Information Act including definitions, processes, procedures and oversight by the Department of Health.

Introduced and Referred to HEALTH Committee: January 29, 2025

Reported from Committee as amended: February 5, 2025

Referred to APPROPRIATIONS and re-reported as committed: March 19, 2025

Third Consideration and Final Passage: April 7, 2025 **Vote:** 202-1

Referred to the Senate HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Committee: April 21, 2025

House Bill 433 [HB 433]

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gina Curry (D-164 Delaware)

Providing for insurance coverage for all costs of mammographic examinations and breast imaging without deductibles, co-insurance, co-payments or out-of-pocket expenses for the individual.

Introduced and Referred to INSURANCE Committee: January 31, 2025

Reported from Committee as amended: April 8, 2025

Laid on the Table in the House: April 8, 2025

In the Senate, on December 11, 2024, a co-sponsorship memorandum was circulated by **Senator Frank Farry (R-6 Bucks)** and the co-prime sponsor, **Senator Kim Ward (R-39 Westmoreland)** to address the issue of deductibles, co-insurance, co-payments and out-of-pocket expenses for individuals undergoing diagnostic imaging for breast cancer.

In speaking with both offices, Judy Eschberger learned that since the final portions of Act 1 of 2023 just went into effect in January, they want to look at data and assess how Act 1 is working so that they can figure out if additional amendment language is needed. She has offered to make members of the Pennsylvania Radiological Society available to work with them on any issues they believe need to be amended and will continue to remain in touch with both Senators Farry and Ward and their staffs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Sykes, MD

Judy Eschberger, Esq.

Editor's note: As an update to the above remarks, Senate Bill 88 (companion to HB 433 on Breast Imaging) passed the full Senate unanimously in late June and moved out of the House Insurance committee.

Also from Judy:

[June 25] was Residents Day for the Pennsylvania Radiological Society and I accompanied the three of them, Pam Spicer-Moehring of Jefferson-Einstein; Peter Qiao of Penn Medicine and Gabriel Virador of Mercy Fitzgerald who were joined by our Legislative Committee chair, Jeremy Sykes.

We met with the staff of the House Insurance Committee to discuss SB 88 and its' consideration in House Insurance committee later in the day. They, too, had questions regarding AI and its' usage within the radiology practice as they wonder what the roll is within the practice and whether there are risks associated with relying upon it too heavily.



We also spent some time dropping off our letter of support for the legislation to key members of the House Insurance committee as well as members of House leadership and Representative Curry who is the prime sponsor of the companion legislation, HB 433. We also stopped in to meet with Representative Cutler (R- Lancaster), who you will recall was a Radiology Tech prior to his election to the House where he eventually served as Speaker of the House and a great advocate for the Society.

Next, we attended the beginning of the House session to wait for the announcement of where and when the Insurance Committee would meet to consider SB 88. Once the committee meeting announcement occurred, we left for the meeting and when it concluded, we talked with Representative Venkat, an emergency room physician and member of the Insurance committee and took a group photo with him in the rotunda.

We returned to the meeting room hoping to find the prime sponsor of the bill, Senator Farry, in order to thank him for his work on the issue. He shared with us how difficult his wife's treatment has been in the last 18 months and their continuing advocacy to encourage women to just "get checked" annually. As with the Senate press conference yesterday following their passage of the bill, Senator Farry publicly thanked the PA Radiological Society for working with them on this legislation during the House committee meeting when he made his presentation.

With that, we had lunch and toured the historic Capitol before the residents left Harrisburg to return to their studies and work in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Later in the afternoon, the bill had its first of three required readings prior to a vote of the full House on final passage. Although I was hopeful the bill would continue through the process by being referred to the Appropriations committee for its fiscal note, it hit a snag and was instead laid upon the table, which essentially puts the bill on hold. With the delayed budget process, it will likely remain on hold until the budget negotiations are complete. Then, it will have to be removed from the table, re-referred to Appropriations for the fiscal note, get its second and third readings and then it will be in a position to be voted on final passage and sent to the Governor so that he can sign it into law.

Judith A. Eschberger, Esquire



Capitol Hill Day May 7, 2025. From left to right: Dr. Peter Eby, PA Senator Dave McCormick, Dr. Jeremy Sykes, and Dr. Matthew Wiggins

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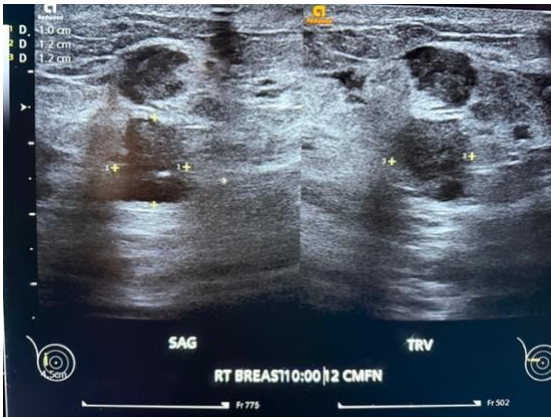
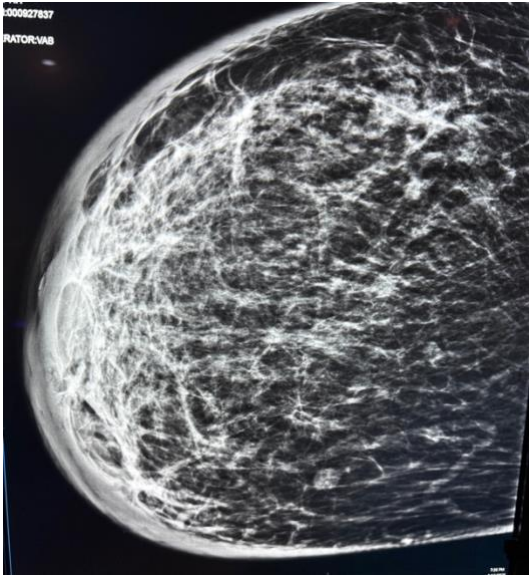
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CRACK THIS CASE ANSWER:

This is a sad case of inflammatory breast cancer discovered unusually at screening rather than on diagnostic evaluation. The patient declined to return for follow-up until 9 months after screening. A punch biopsy was negative for malignancy. Subsequent imaging confirmed ongoing inflammation (characterized by skin and stromal thickening) and interval development

of multiple breast masses as well as axillary adenopathy. Ultrasound-guided core needle biopsy confirmed poorly differentiated mammary adenocarcinoma and nodal metastases.





Sarah Biggs

PARAD Important Dates

- PARAD annual meeting September 12-13, 2025. Old City Marriott, Philadelphia PA.
- ACR 2026 annual meeting May 2-6, 2026. Washington, D.C.