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RE: Recognising Interventional Radiology and Interventional Neuroradiology as Fields of Specialty Practice within the specialty of Radiology

Dear A/Prof Jeganathan,

Thank you for bringing to the attention of the Australasian Sonographer Association (ASA) the impact on patient access to services caused by Interventional Radiology and Interventional Neuroradiology not being recognised as specialties of radiology by the Medical Board of Australia.

The ASA commends the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (the College) for recognising these issues and taking steps to formalise specialty recognition for Interventional Radiology and Interventional Neuroradiology. We recognise that this change is expected to benefit Australians through increased access to these services in metropolitan, regional and remote locations and improved patient health outcomes.

I am pleased to confirm the ASA's support for the College's applications to the Medical Board of Australia to recognise Interventional Radiology and Interventional Neuroradiology as separate fields of specialty practice within the specialty of Radiology in Australia.

If you require anything else from us in support of these applications, please contact Jodie Long, Chief Executive Officer of the ASA, by phone at +61 3 9552 0000 or email to Jodie.Long@sonographers.org.

Yours sincerely,

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The Australasian Sonographers Association