

# ACR Fact Sheet

The American College of Radiology (ACR) is at the forefront of radiology evolution, representing more than 38,000 diagnostic radiologists, [radiation oncologists](#), [interventional radiologists](#), nuclear medicine physicians and medical physicists. Its core functional areas — advocacy, economics, education, quality and safety, research, and membership value — are improving, promoting and protecting the practice of radiology. Through its [Imaging 3.0™](#) initiative, the ACR is leading the transition to value-based radiology treatment and care. [Learn more about ACR members »](#)

## Core Purpose

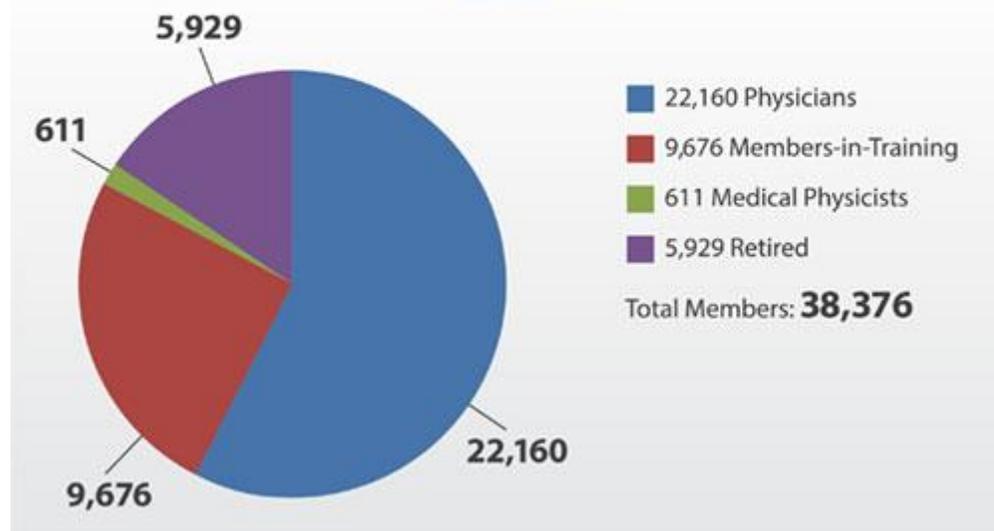
To serve patients and society by empowering members to advance the practice, science and professions of radiological care.

## Core Values

Leadership • Integrity • Quality • Innovation

## ACR BY THE NUMBERS

### Membership



## Services to the Radiology Profession

- Founded in 1923, ACR now has [54 chapters](#) (50 states, DC, Canada, Puerto Rico and CARROS — Council of Affiliated Regional Radiation Oncology Societies).
- The ACR is "The Voice of Radiology" in matters of legislation and regulation. Responsible for guiding radiology reimbursement and coding issues, including relative value units, managed care, alternative payment models, and Medicare regulations.
- The ACR [Career Center](#) is the premier recruitment resource for radiologists.

- Each year, ACR awards Fellowship and Gold Medal honors to distinguished scientists.

### Websites

[acr.org](http://acr.org) [radiologyinfo.org](http://radiologyinfo.org)<sup>3</sup>  
[imagewisely.org](http://imagewisely.org)<sup>1</sup> [imagegently.org](http://imagegently.org)<sup>4</sup>  
[mammographysaveslives.org](http://mammographysaveslives.org)<sup>2</sup> [acrbulletin.org](http://acrbulletin.org)

- The [Journal of the American College of Radiology](#) (JACR®) publishes monthly and focuses on practice management, clinical practice, health services, research, policy and education.
- The [ACR Bulletin](#) publishes monthly with news, columns from leadership, and feature articles on key radiology issues as well as College services and programs.
- The ACR delivers a variety of subscription-based e-newsletters on advocacy, education, quality and safety, and physician career interests.

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

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## ACR Quality & Safety

39,811 accredited medical imaging facilities

[ACR Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence™ \(DICOE\)](#)

[ACR Designated Lung Cancer Screening Center™](#)

Radiology lexicons, such as [ACR BI-](#)

Founding member of Image Wisely® & Image Gently®

Choosing Wisely® participant

Pay-for-Performance resources

[National Radiology Data Registry](#)

Lung Cancer Screening

[RADS®](#) and [LI-RADS®](#)

[ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards](#)

[ACR Appropriateness Criteria®](#)

[RADPEER®](#)

[Dose Index Registry®](#)

[Interventional Radiology Registry](#)

[Radiology Support Communication and Alignment Network™ \(R-SCAN\)](#)

[ACR Manual on Contrast Media](#)

## ACR Informatics

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- [ACR Data Science Institute](#) will work with government, industry and others to guide and facilitate the appropriate development and implementation of artificial intelligence tools to help radiologists improve medical imaging care.
- ACR Assist<sup>(TM)</sup> is a clinical decision support framework designed to provide structured clinical guidance to radiologists that allows the content to be incorporated into the radiology workflow.
- The ACR [Head Injury Institute](#)<sup>TM</sup> applies diagnostic imaging to advance research, prevention and treatment of head injuries.
- TRIAD is a standards-based image and data sharing system that customizes the user experience to meet unique needs.
- [Reference Guide in Information Technology for the Practicing Radiologist](#)

## ACR Education

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- The ACR [Education Center](#) has provided “mini-fellowships” to more than 8,000 radiologists.
- The [Radiology Leadership Institute](#)<sup>®</sup> offers leadership and business management training specifically for radiologists, with content developed by leading business school faculty and top radiologists.
- ACR Education includes a suite of [online education programs](#) that allow learners to participate in activities that meet their continuing education needs and preferred learning styles.
- The [American Institute for Radiologic Pathology](#) (AIRP<sup>®</sup>) conducts five annual courses for radiology residents and seven categorical courses for practicing radiologists.

## ACR Center for Research and Innovation

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- The [Center for Research and Innovation](#) offers comprehensive and fully regulatory compliant clinical research services, including:
  - A state-of-the-art imaging and radiation oncology core laboratory
  - Collaborations with world leaders in novel imaging processes and radiotherapy delivery
  - An extensive network of research-ready sites
- [Harvey L. Neiman Health Policy Institute](#)<sup>®</sup> is a socioeconomic research initiative that develops evidence-based imaging policy to improve patient care and effective use of health care resources.
- The Imaging and Radiation Oncology Core (IROC<sup>®</sup>) imaging and radiotherapy quality assurance centers provide quality assurance services for multi-center clinical trials of the National Cancer Institute.

## ACR Foundation

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The mission of the ACR Foundation is to advance the profession and practice of radiology to benefit patients through specific emphasis on health policy research. The Foundation's Board has set the focus of the Foundation's efforts to advance health policy research in an effort to:

- Demonstrate the critical role that radiologists have in the era of team-based healthcare to best serve patients and society
- Prioritize research opportunities to positively influence the policies that impact clinical care delivered to patients
- Develop empirical evidence that clarifies the role and value of radiology in evolving payment methodologies thus guiding policy makers and payers in allocating resources to the most valuable patient care services
- Evaluate and demonstrate the important role that early detection of disease plays in population health management

<sup>1</sup>**Image Wisely**<sup>®</sup> is a collaborative initiative of the American College of Radiology, Radiological Society of North America, American Society of Radiologic Technologists, and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine.

<sup>2</sup>**Mammography Saves Lives**<sup>®</sup> is a coalition comprised of the American College of Radiology, the Society of Breast Imaging and the American Society of Breast Disease.

<sup>3</sup>**Radiologyinfo.org** is produced by the Radiological Society of North America and the American College of Radiology.

<sup>4</sup>**Image Gently**<sup>®</sup> is conducted by the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging and founded by the Society for Pediatric Radiology, the American College of Radiology, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine.

