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In 2025, the ACR continued to advance the specialty through advocacy, education, research, policy influence and emerging technologies. Get a snapshot of what the College is accomplishing for its members and the patients they serve. As always, the ACR is in your corner.



As we reflect on 2025, the ACR stands firm as the primary advocacy organization for our members, their practices and patients, and the entire Radiology community. That's Radiology with a big "R" to include our colleagues in diagnostic and interventional radiology, radiation oncology, medical physics, and nuclear medicine. In 2025, we made notable progress in advancing our specialty. This 2025 Impact Report provides a snapshot of these achievements — with the needs and interests of our members at the heart of everything we do.

This year, we tackled some of the most pressing issues facing our profession through our relentless advocacy efforts. We championed fair valuation of our members' work and fought to support NIH funding and robust clinical research. Alongside our ACR chapters, the College assisted with state legislative efforts on everything from scope of practice to access to life-saving screening.

Technology is rapidly reshaping our field, and ACR continued to lead the way through this transformation. The College honed its focus on the safe and effective integra-

tion of AI into real-world clinical practice, expanded and strengthened quality and safety initiatives, and produced a host of research on topics that shape our specialty.

Education remained a cornerstone of our value to members. From helping residents understand radiologic-pathologic correlation at the AIRP to equipping seasoned radiologists with leadership skills through RLI programs, the College provided training for our membership at every career level — with ease of use and accessibility in mind to fit busy schedules.

Of course, none of these achievements would be possible without the work of our more than 2,000 member volunteers. Whether you are a practicing physician or physicist, still in training, or a retired ACR member, your engagement fuels our collective impact. Together, we are not just witnessing the future of radiology; we are actively building it. Thank you for your continued dedication to **Leading Radiology Forward** with us!

**ACR CEO Dana H. Smetherman, MD,
MPH, MBA, FACR**

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Advocacy

The College and its chapters celebrated an abundance of advocacy wins in 2025.

* Reclaiming Medicare Reimbursement

ACR led a coalition of more than 100 provider organizations to avert payment cuts. ACR Economics Commission action, member site surveys, research and advocacy combined reclaimed approximately \$1.75 billion in Medicare radiology reimbursement since 2021.

* Championing the Value of ACR Appropriateness Criteria®

ACR continued to champion the Radiology Outpatient Ordering Transmission (ROOT) Act introduced in 2025 in both the Senate and House. The legislation seeks Congressional intervention to modernize and update the Appropriate Use Criteria section of the Protecting Access to Medicare (PAMA) Act — allowing CMS to fully implement the Appropriate Use Criteria program in Medicare Part B. If implemented, the program will improve patient care, lower patient costs and reduce burnout for radiologists.

* Defining Scope of Practice

ACR stopped harmful Scope of Practice expansion legislation in 21 states and successfully advocated against efforts to enable nonphysicians to become B readers in federal occupational health programs.

* Leading the Way in Clinical Research

The College’s advocacy team helped secure and protect billions in funding for critical NIH research in 2025 through outreach to Congressional appropriators and agencies.

* Bolstering Mammography Access

The ACR continues to defend women’s access to annual screening mammography beginning at age 40 with no co-pays or cost sharing. This has been an ongoing battle since 2009, when the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force’s (USPSTF) recommendation raised the starting age for routine mammography from age 40 to 50. Based in part on ACR challenges to the guidelines, USPSTF lowered its biennial screening age to 40. The College continues to advocate for yearly versus the current biennial screening.



Hawaii Radiological Society (HRS) Immediate Past President Venerando S. Seguritan, MD, FACR, U.S. Rep. Ed Case, HRS members Elizabeth M. Ignacio, MD, FACR, and Lex A. Mitchell, MD, FACR

ACR also supported reintroduction of the Find It Early Act in 2025 to ensure all health insurance plans cover screening and diagnostic breast imaging with no out-of-pocket costs for women with dense breasts or who are at higher risk for breast cancer.

* Expanding Access to Lung Cancer Screening

The ACR supported legislation in 2025 to expand access to lung cancer screening with a grant program to fund the purchase of new mobile cancer screening units — bringing essential screenings directly to those who need them most.

* Meeting Workforce Challenges

The College advocated for legislative and regulatory policies to secure Medicare-supported graduate medical education positions for radiology and to address visa challenges for international medical graduates and others.

* Defending Quality in Federal Health Programs

The ACR led successful advocacy preserving the quality and integrity of federal pneumoconiosis surveillance programs, such as no-cost black lung screenings for coal miners.

Learn more about [Advocacy’s impact](#).

Radiologists as Changemakers

ACR created the [ACR Advocacy Curriculum](#) to develop confident, informed advocates capable of advancing patient care, protecting the profession and shaping health policy at the local, state and national levels.

Economics

ACR's Commission on Economics is a primary resource for medical socio-economics. The Commission's work is used to advance congressional and state legislative efforts championed by the College and to communicate with CMS, policymakers and insurers.

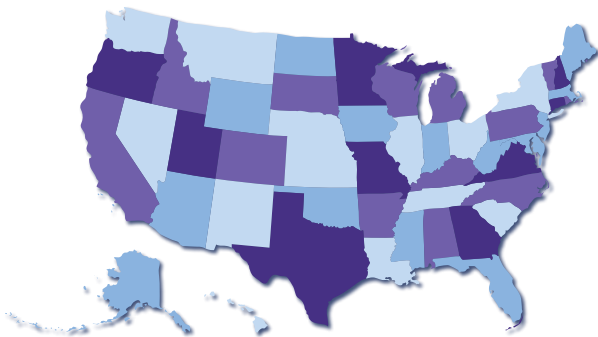
- ACR presented over **50 new or revised CPT® codes** to the AMA/RUC for valuation in 2025, including the large Lower Extremity Revascularization family, which was finalized for 2026. The College submits documents to the AMA when a code is flagged for potential re-review as part of the RUC process to help identify potentially misvalued codes.
- ACR presented action plans for over **40 codes** to the AMA's Relativity Assessment Workgroup in 2025.
- For 2025, the ACR successfully requested **5 new Category I codes and 9 new Category III codes, revised 14 existing codes and deleted 2 codes.**
- The American College of Radiology Association® (ACRA®) has an established fund to safeguard patients and patient access to radiologist expertise and fight scope creep. In 2025, ACRA awarded \$95,000 to fight nonphysician scope of practice expansion. The SOP fund is used in conjunction with state radiological societies to educate lawmakers and to protect patient safety.



Artificial Intelligence

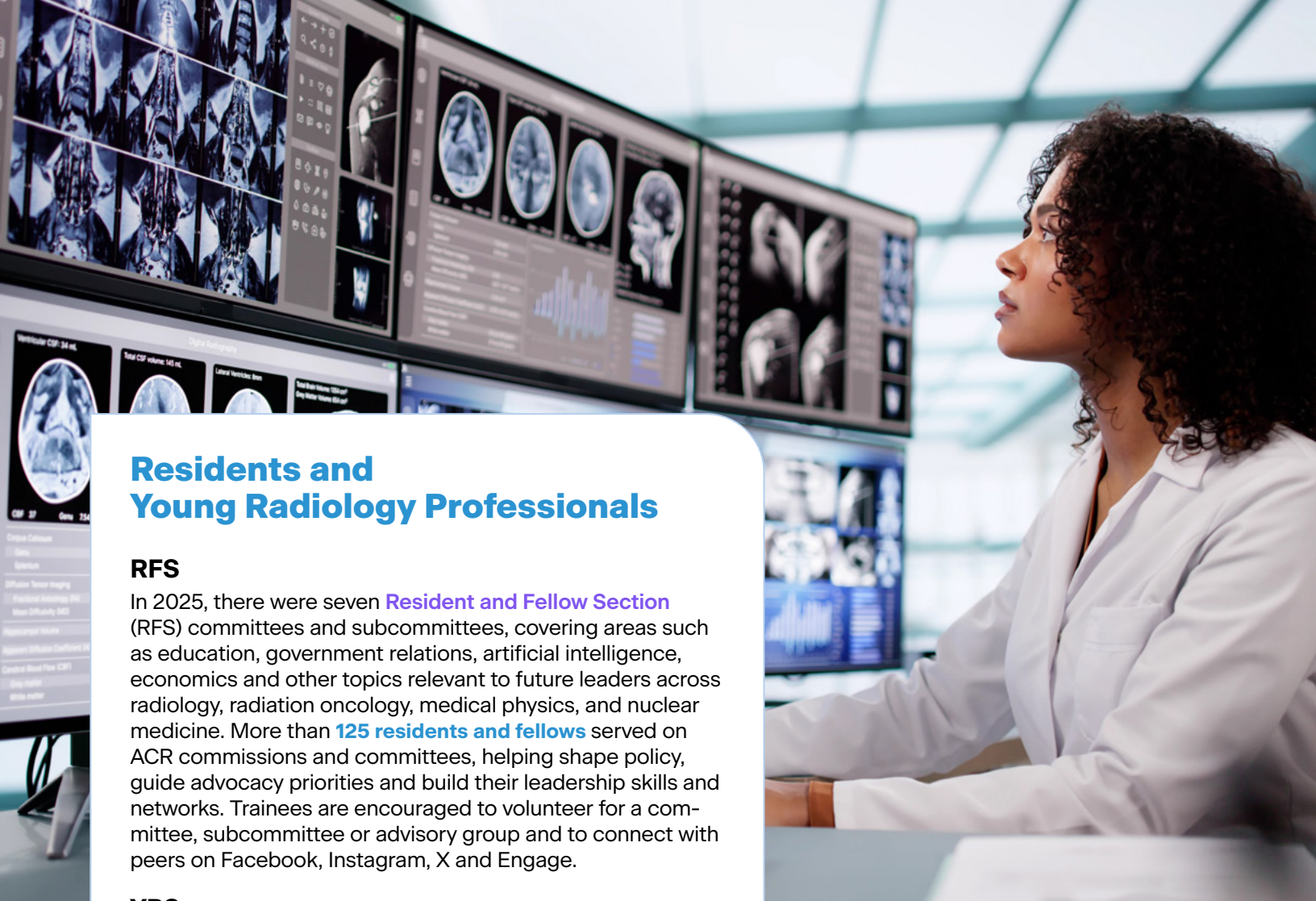
AI has the potential to enhance diagnostic accuracy, improve workflow efficiency and ultimately lead to better patient outcomes. ACR has established pioneering initiatives to harness the power of AI for radiologists.

- **ARCH-AI**, the first national AI quality assurance program for radiology facilities, expanded to 29 organizations and now includes international participation. At RSNA 2025, ARCH-AI was officially launched globally with its first onboarded site: Bern University Hospital, Switzerland.
- **Assess-AI**, the first quality registry for monitoring AI, expanded to 24 facilities in 2025, including some of the largest healthcare organizations in the U.S.
- **ACR Connect**, a local gateway that allows sites to exchange data on a free platform for ACR activities such as clinical research, education and ACR registries, expanded in 2025. ACR Connect makes it possible to use AI and other advanced computation processes while data remains at a local facility, and ACR Connect now has an installed base that supports more than 2,500 facilities nationwide.
- **AI Central**, the most complete and up-to-date online, searchable directory of commercially available Imaging AI products in the U.S., went through a design and functionality overhaul in 2025. The site is now freely accessible and has an enhanced search function.



ACR Chapters

- ACR has **chapters in all 50 states** and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Canada — plus **CARROS**, a chapter for radiation oncology members.
- The ACR tracked more than 100 **scope of practice (SOP) bills** in 37 states.
- The ACR monitored 400+ state **radiology-related bills** in 47 states and territories.



Residents and Young Radiology Professionals

RFS

In 2025, there were seven **Resident and Fellow Section (RFS)** committees and subcommittees, covering areas such as education, government relations, artificial intelligence, economics and other topics relevant to future leaders across radiology, radiation oncology, medical physics, and nuclear medicine. More than **125 residents and fellows** served on ACR commissions and committees, helping shape policy, guide advocacy priorities and build their leadership skills and networks. Trainees are encouraged to volunteer for a committee, subcommittee or advisory group and to connect with peers on Facebook, Instagram, X and Engage.

YPS

In 2025, the **ACR Young and Early Career Professional Section (YPS)** partnered with the ACR Bulletin on the creation of a new column to feature recurring YPS-relevant content for ACR members. The inaugural installment was published in October 2025. YPS represents **6,566 ACR members under the age of 40** or within eight years of the completion of training.

Residency Programming

In 2025, **4,420 Diagnostic Radiology residents** completed the **DXIT™** Exam, representing 263 participating institutions nationwide.

559 Radiation Oncology residents participated in the **TXIT™** Exam, with **84 institutions** taking part.

3,622 residents and fellows completed **43,206 formative exams** through **RadExam**, with **195 programs** participating.

In 2025, **204 institutions** took advantage of **Radiology-TEACHES®**, ACR's collection of clinical decision-support education modules built on evidence-based content. A total of **2,439 users** participated (including medical students, PA students, NP students, interns, residents and others) and **5,449 modules** were completed.

Medical Students

The **ACR Medical Student Section** is dedicated to encouraging medical students to consider radiology as a career path. In 2025, the ACR continued to strengthen the radiology pipeline through expanded engagement, leadership development and early **education initiatives**.

Highlights from 2025:

- **10** medical student scholarships awarded, covering travel and expenses to the ACR Annual Meeting.
- **1,133** medical students volunteered to participate in ACR initiatives.
- **107** medical students were actively involved in section leadership.
- **40** medical students participated in the Pipeline Initiative for the Enrichment of Radiology (PIER) program.

“Our path to ACR DICOE accreditation provided a framework that elevated our organizational performance, aligned teams around best practices and reinforced a shared commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care.”

— Melissa Chen, MD, neuroradiologist at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston



Quality & Safety

Through its Quality and Safety offerings, the ACR promotes quality in the practice of radiology, radiation oncology, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine and medical physics. In 2025, new offerings focused on ease of use, updated standards and knowledge sharing.

- **ACR Pulse**, the one-stop portal for health systems to view and manage their engagement with all ACR programs and activities, went live in April 2025. This portal could include participation in registries, AI programs or accreditation. Any organization with multiple locations and products with ACR will benefit from this service — including reducing manual work facilities have been doing offline.
- **The ACR PET QC Manual**, published in October, delivers a standardized, easy-to-implement quality control program for PET imaging. This manual helps facilities ensure consistent scanner performance, reliable quantitative measurements and high-quality patient imaging while supporting accreditation readiness and regulatory compliance.
- **The ACR Learning Network** continued to train facilities in process improvement and supported local improvement. Nine participating sites sub-

mitted abstracts to RSNA 2025 describing their success and all nine were accepted. The projects help groups solve difficult problems, build employee morale and earn academic currency for quality improvement.

- **Accreditation and Diagnostic Imaging Centers of Excellence (DICOE):** Accreditation continues to serve more than 38,000 accredited entities. The reformulated DICOE program recognizes groups for and markets their efforts toward improvement and excellence.
- **Practice Parameters and Technical Standards:** 39 documents moved forward in 2025; 31 will be up for approval at ACR’s Annual Meeting, including 3 new documents. These documents provide guidance that institutions use to inform their practices.
- **Registries and Measures:** ACR’s National Radiology Data Registry Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) has been approved for 2025 MIPS reporting with 5 new measures for a total of 58 measures. The ACR QCDR enabled submission of measures to CMS for 5,821 physicians across 241 groups, supporting their CMS reimbursement.



ACR Appropriateness Criteria

270 topics	1,300+ clinical variants	4,000 clinical scenarios
36 topics released in 2025 24 new 12 revised		

The Appropriateness Criteria inform image ordering to improve patient care and reduce unnecessary workload for radiologists.

Continuing Medical Education

Case inPoint®

3,000

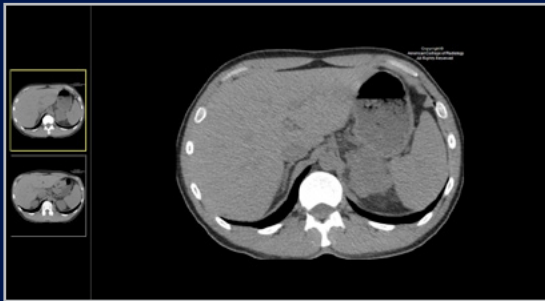
The average number of learners who accessed ACR's Case in Point monthly in 2025.

755,022

cases taken in 2025

More than
163,500

CME credits awarded in 2025.



227,120

Total CME credits awarded in 2025



Continuous Professional Improvement

In 2025, credits claimed through **Continuous Professional Improvement (CPI)** jumped 21% compared to 2024. CPI released three new modules:

- CPI Pediatric Radiology Module 2025
- CPI Neuroradiology Module 2025
- CPI Editor's Choice 2025: Pediatric Imaging

CPI learners claimed 31,769 CME credits in 2025.

AIRP

The **ACR Institute for Radiologic Pathology™ (AIRP®)** offers a unique radiology training experience for residents, fellows and practicing radiologists.

In 2025, AIRP expanded its portfolio with new, member-centered innovations designed to support earlier and more equitable access to high-quality training. The new **AIRP Case Review Webinars**, tailored for R1–R2 residents and medical students, drew more than **249 participants in their inaugural year**.

AIRP also launched the ACR Career Fair during the March four-week course, connecting ACR members with trainees seeking guidance on post-residency next steps.



The 2025 vascular imaging course was hosted in Barcelona by the Spanish Society of Medical Radiology (SERAM) in partnership with the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology (AIRP).

Publications

Last year, the ACR ramped up its coverage of the issues that matter most to members — including AI, fair reimbursement, equitable access to screening, the pipeline of new talent to radiology, consolidation, the workforce conundrum and more.

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The College published a **JACR Special Issue on Screening** (March 2025), providing innovative original research on imaging-based screening for cancer, benign conditions, and high-risk outcomes — as well as reviews of cutting-edge imaging techniques for screening. JACR also published a **Lung Cancer Screening Special Issue** (December 2025) in collaboration with the American Cancer Society National Lung Cancer Roundtable. This issue highlights the shift toward lung cancer as a treatable, survivable disease.



JACR Podcasts

The **JACR Author Interview Project**, hosted by Join Luh, MD, takes listeners behind the scenes of the JACR to learn more about the authors of the articles and what drives their work, research and writing.

Hosted by Madison Wulfeck, MD, and Jeff Waltz, MD, **Contrast and Clarity with the JACR** explores current topics and innovations shaping the future of healthcare.



Bulletin

ACR Bulletin

The **ACR Bulletin** continued publishing must-read articles on the hot-button issues impacting the specialty.

A revealing piece on what **consolidation may mean for your practice** — from economies of scale to using the same terminology when discussing the subject — emphasizes the importance of knowing the difference between private equity, mergers and acquisitions and corporatization when discussing consolidation.

The Bulletin also featured an article on how to **compose and submit a resolution** ahead of ACR's Annual Meeting. These resolutions influence policies impacting radiology and related specialties, securing funding for research, reimbursement trends and advocacy efforts by the College.

The Bulletin launched two new regular columns — **Chapter Connections** and **YPS: Early to Rise**. These new forums are indicative of the College's commitment to engage with younger members — glean their perspectives on the challenges and opportunities within the house of radiology — and to encourage all members to get involved with initiatives underway in ACR chapters.

Marketing, Public Affairs and Communications

ACR email newsletters continue to keep members up to date on their specialty and the latest offerings from the ACR. The most popular is the weekly Advocacy in Action newsletter, which earned a 55% open rate in 2025. Update your newsletter preferences to make sure you're subscribed.



Research

Harvey L. Neiman Health Policy Institute® (HPI)

HPI published **31 peer-reviewed publications** addressing key ACR member priorities. These included workforce shortages, nonphysician practitioner imaging interpretation, cancer screening disparities, environmental impacts of imaging and shifts in trainee participation.

HPI published a landmark **JAMA Network Open study** identifying major community-level predictors of cancer disparities: poverty, environmental risk, housing challenges and physical inactivity.

See the full [2025 HPI Impact Report](#)



ACR Center for Research and Innovation (CRI)

ACR CRI's leadership role in advancing the use of real-world data continued in 2025, bolstering the growth of broad and diverse datasets.

- **The Alzheimer's Network for Treatment and Diagnosis (ALZ-NET)** collects real-world clinical and imaging data about patients being evaluated for memory concerns or receiving treatment with new FDA-approved Alzheimer's therapies. This platform is seeking increased imaging center participation.
- Research redefining the role of radiology in population health includes the **Tomosynthesis Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial**, with one of the most diverse populations of any breast cancer screening trial.
- **Practice-changing CRI clinical trials in radiation oncology** generated 78 abstracts and peer-reviewed publications in 2025.



“The RLI has been an invaluable investment in my professional development. It strengthened my leadership foundation and equipped me with the financial and strategic insight necessary to lead effectively in an increasingly complex healthcare landscape.”

Carolina V. Guimaraes, MD, FSPR, FAAP,
Professor of Radiology & Pediatrics,
Vice Chair of Operations, Department
of Radiology, Division Chief, Pediatric
Radiology at University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

Radiology Leadership Institute (RLI)

The RLI offers a variety of flexible training options to help you build the professional, leadership, and business skills needed at every stage of your career that, alongside clinical expertise, position you for long-term career success.

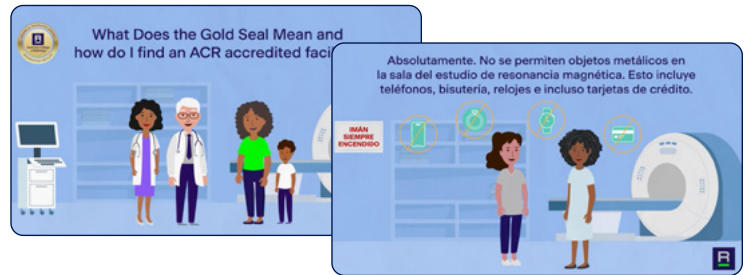
- In 2025, nearly **1,400** radiologists engaged with one of the eight RLI programs to grow as leaders and apply these skills to navigate today's complex practice environment.
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Learn more about [RLI](#)

Patient- and Family-Centered Care

ACR's Commission on Patient- and Family-Centered Care (PFCC) Patient Engagement Committee created a library of animated videos to support patients and healthcare professionals interacting with imaging. Users now have access to [10 animation playlists](#).

- In 2025, the PFCC team published 25 new [patient-friendly animations](#) explaining the ACR Appropriateness Criteria recommendations for a patient audience.
- A new collaboration with ACR's Quality & Safety team produced pre-appointment guides for patients: [What You Should Know About ACR Accreditation](#) and [What You Should Know About Your MRI](#).
- The PFCC team published [Healthcare Professional-Focused Animated Videos](#) in 2025; there are now 21 videos in total.

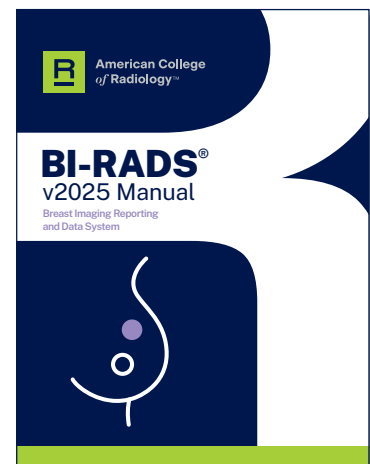


Want to share these videos with your patients? Animated videos have now been posted to the [Vimeo platform](#) — giving healthcare providers and facilities better access for downloading videos or showing them in waiting rooms.

Lung Cancer Screening

The ACR can increase your understanding of lung cancer screening and improve patient care. The College provides a host of resources to assist your practice through the latest research, unique toolkits and key patient information.

- In 2025, the Lung Cancer Screening Steering Committee continued expanding its suite of patient-centered educational tools with the release of a customizable, [patient-friendly brochure](#) in multiple design styles and a new Pink & Pearls animation available in English and Spanish.
- To further support clinical decision making, the program also introduced a streamlined healthcare professional-focused [one-page resource](#) to guide eligible patients with incidentally discovered pulmonary nodules to appropriate screening pathways.
- These innovations accompanied strong nationwide engagement during the fourth annual [Lung Cancer Screening Day](#), with events taking place across all 50 states and Puerto Rico. A total of 1,566 patients were screened and 14 official Lung Cancer Screening Day proclamations were issued.
- Digital ads and radio PSAs during Lung Cancer Awareness Month helped nearly [52,000](#) at-risk people find a lung cancer screening facility near them via the [Lung Cancer Screening Locator Tool](#).



BI-RADS® v2025 Manual

In late 2025, ACR released the long-awaited [BI-RADS® v2025 Manual](#) — with standardized breast imaging terminology, report organization, assessment structure and a classification system for mammography, ultrasound, contrast-enhanced mammography (CEM) and breast MRI. The BI-RADS manual includes more than 900 clinical images, auditing and outcomes monitoring (including mammography, ultrasound, CEM and MRI), an FAQ for each section and new descriptors for ultrasound and breast implants for MRI. The update includes additional clinical images to enhance the learning experience and information on the latest imaging equipment.



Get Involved Volunteer Link

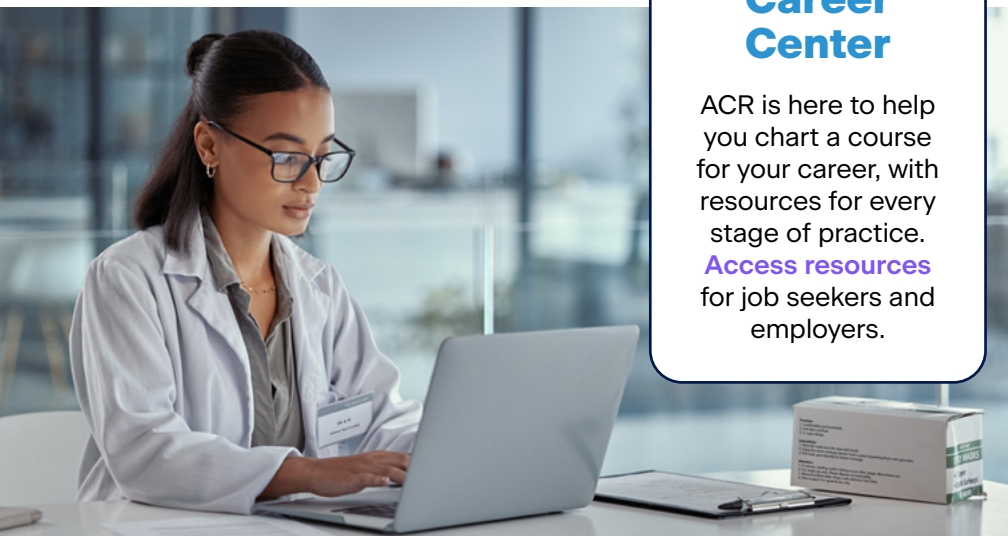
The ACR launched **Volunteer Link** to connect more members with volunteer opportunities that fit their interests, expertise and availability.

In 2025, there were more than **100** opportunities identified with **74** opportunities fulfilled by member volunteers.

16,872
jobs postings
on the
Career Center
in 2025

Career Center

ACR is here to help you chart a course for your career, with resources for every stage of practice. **Access resources** for job seekers and employers.



Radiology Health Equity Coalition

The Radiology Health Equity Coalition (**RHEC**) sponsored the 2025 **Communities Crushing Cancer** event, bringing together roughly 80 sites across the U.S. and internationally to promote cancer screening and early detection. The RHEC also launched the **Uterine Fibroid Embolization Outreach Project** that aims to increase awareness, support legislation and close the equity gap in women's health related to uterine fibroids.

We Are ACR

19,698 Practicing Members

13,070 Members-In-Training

6,542 Retired Members

2,000+ Member Volunteers

250 Commissions/
Committees/Task Forces/Other
Groups

128 ACR Fellows Inducted at
ACR 2025



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Fuel our Advocacy Efforts

Access to the industry-leading support, resources and advocacy that move our profession into the future.

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