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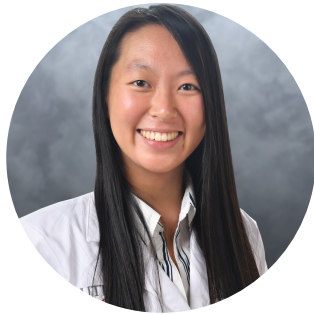
The SAR Resident & Fellow Section (RFS) is delighted to share our summer newsletter issue! Our aims are to foster trainee interest in Abdominal Radiology and to share our many exciting initiatives and resources.

We encourage SAR members to share this newsletter with trainees, including medical students, residents, and fellows.



A Message from the Chair and Vice Chair

Chair



Mindy Wang, MD
R4, UT Houston

Vice Chair



Sonia Gaur, MD
R4, U Michigan

The RFS was created in 2019 to advocate for and represent the interests of trainees within the SAR. As your newest Chair and Vice Chair, we are very excited to present the next issue.

One of our favorite parts about the RFS is spreading our own excitement and passion for abdominal radiology to other trainees! We are delighted to present this issue in time for one of the most exciting parts of the year: abdominal fellowship applications! Much of what is included is fellowship-relevant.

The **fellowship database** on the SAR website is undergoing updates in time for the SCARD timeline. For currently applying candidates, the first day to submit applications is August 1st! Check out our **Q&A feature on advice for fellowship applications** with Dr. Wildman-Tobriner, co-chair of the Program Directors in Abdominal Radiology (PDAR) committee.

Also, be sure to check out our curated **educational resources** highlighted by Dr. C. Daniel Johnson, editor of *Abdominal Radiology*, and our educational liaisons!

SAR membership is FREE for all trainees! We would love to see you all in Austin next spring!

SAR FELLOWSHIP DATABASE

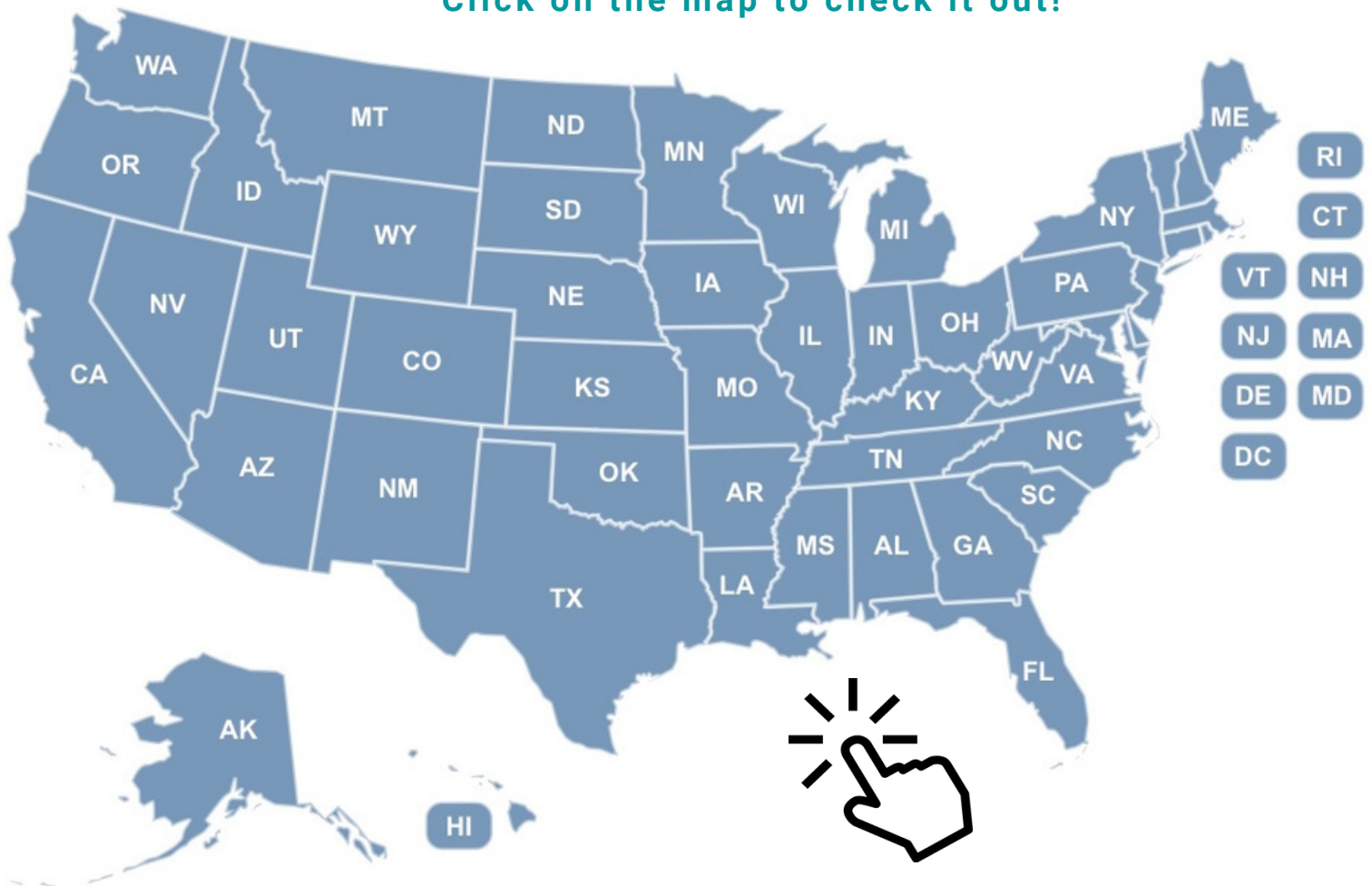


Before 2020, all prospective Abdominal Imaging fellowship applicants had to browse through many institutional websites in order to obtain information about each fellowship program.

To address this issue, we spearheaded the creation of a **centralized database of Abdominal Imaging fellowship training programs** on the SAR website. Our goal is to provide a user-friendly interface to assist trainees in their search for fellowship programs across the country. Stay tuned for updates for the academic year!



Click on the map to check it out!



FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

Q&A with Benjamin Wildman-Tobriner, MD



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Benjamin Wildman-Tobriner, MD
Program Directors of Abdominal
Radiology (PDAR) Co-Chair

What are some key differences between various Body fellowship programs that I should be mindful of?

There can be a lot of heterogeneity across body fellowship programs. There may be differences in procedural time, modality time (MR/CT/US), academic time, and volume. Ultimately, applicants should focus on what they want and need to enhance their education and to help make the jump to being an attending. No one program is right for everyone, particularly since everyone's residency training backgrounds will be different.

What are the applicant qualities fellowship program directors are looking for?

Similar to residency, most fellowship directors are looking for applicants who are motivated, enthusiastic, and ready to learn. I know at Duke we seek out applicants who not only want to become better abdominal radiologists but who also want to make those around them better. Most fellowship programs coexist with residency programs, and fellows often take an active role in teaching residents throughout the day. Most importantly, we want you to love abdominal imaging as much as we do!

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How can my mentor help me in the application process?

Mentors can help applicants weigh the pros and cons of a given program and to help assess what applicants should be looking for. If you come from a program without a lot of trauma, have your mentor ask around and help find a program with more trauma. If you need more prostate MRI, make sure programs you're looking at have that experience. The goal for most body fellowship applicants should be to finish fellowship as a well-rounded abdominal imager, so use your mentor to help assess how different fellowships can make that happen.

Will fellowship interviews continue to be virtual this season?

Yes, fellowship interviews will continue to be virtual.



How can I learn more about specific programs?

Many programs have websites that offer a varying amount of information. The SAR website also has a centralized database of information regarding fellowship programs. If you have a high level of interest in a specific program, you could consider emailing the director to ask for a current or former fellow's contact information. While you can't formally interview until November, advocating for yourself to learn more is reasonable.

ABDOMINAL RADIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP RECRUITMENT

SCARD is pleased to announce the **continuation of our fellowship embargo program**. The program has been extremely successful in meeting its objectives of improving the fairness of the fellowship application process and providing our residents more time to experience all of the Radiology sub-specialties before choosing their future careers. In order to maintain flexibility, sub-specialties can either utilize the match or comply with the embargo dates. Based on feedback from many of you, **below are the guidelines for this coming year (2022-2023)**.



Fellowship program	Timeline	Important Dates
Applications	Applications may be accepted to review	August 1, 2022
Interview Embargo Dates	Interviews may begin	November 7, 2022
	Interviews completed	March 31, 2023
Acceptance Embargo Date	No fellowship may offer acceptances before this date	November 7, 2022
Grace Period	Applicants have until Nov 14 th to accept or decline any offer made before Nov 14 th . For any offer made after Nov 14 th , the candidate has a 1-day grace period to accept or decline the offer.	

Prospects of a Fellowship Match for Abdominal Imaging: A National Survey by the Society of Abdominal Radiology:

Click [here](#) to check it out!



ABDOMINAL RADIOLOGY

Editor's Choice for Trainees

C. Dan Johnson, MD, MMM, FSAR, FACR



Click on the articles' numbers to access them!

1

Mesenchymal tumors of the stomach: radiologic and pathologic correlation

2

Imaging features of hepatocellular carcinoma in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis: a systematic review and meta-analysis

3

Uterine fibroid-like tumors: spectrum of MR imaging findings and their differential diagnosis

4

Many faces of torsion in the pediatric female pelvis

5

MRI features of treated hepatocellular carcinoma following locoregional therapy: a pictorial review

6

Spilling the beans: an inside scoop on the imaging of renal parenchymal disease

EDUCATION CORNER

From our Education Liaisons

Noor Fatima Majeed, MD

Sara Lami, MD, MPH

Featured here is a video on rectal cancer imaging by **Dr. Kathryn Fowler**. This provides a quick high-yield overview on rectal cancer staging and response assessment on MRI. This is a helpful resource for trainees who are reading rectal MRIs and/or presenting at colorectal multidisciplinary tumor boards. Find out what you need to know to impress those surgeons!



Rectal Cancer Imaging

[Click below to access the video!](#)



UC San Diego
Department of Radiology



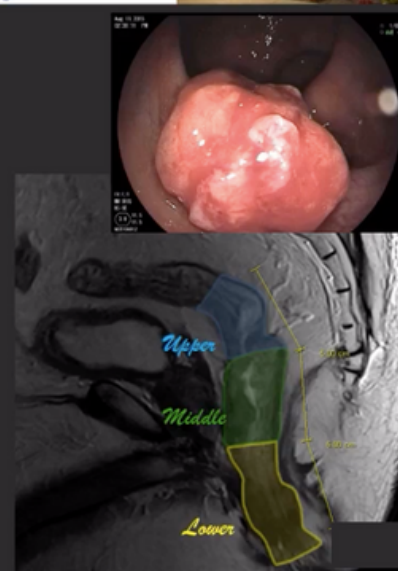
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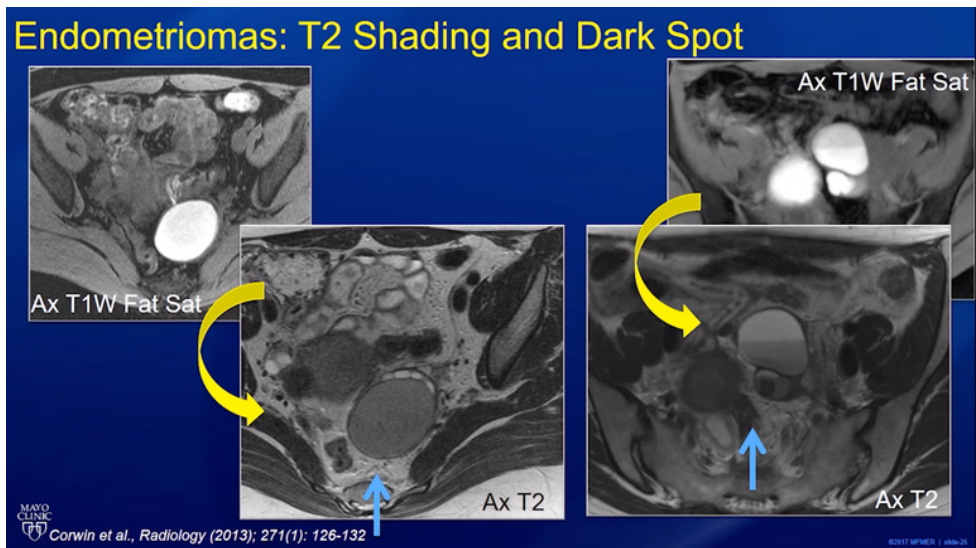
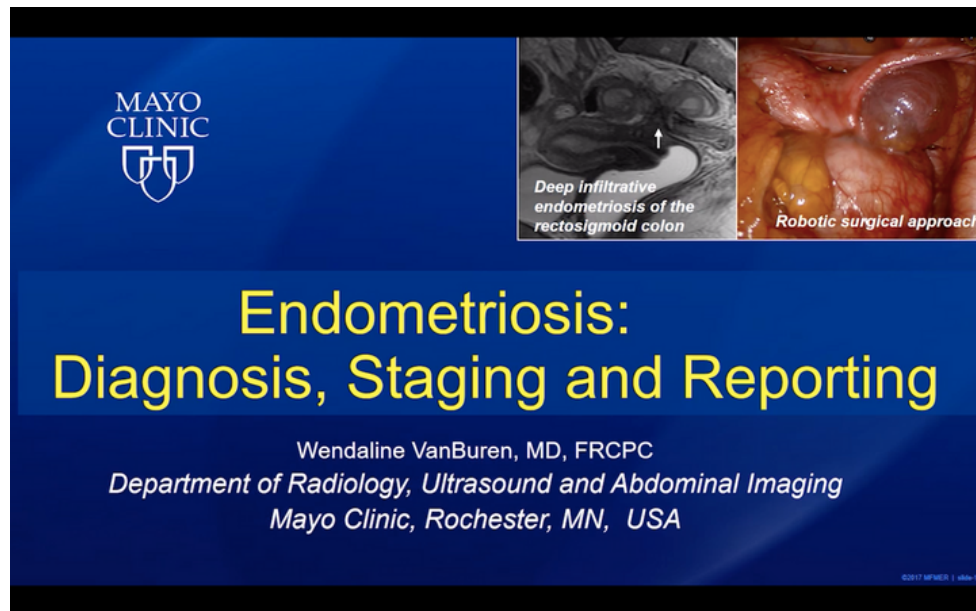
From our Education Liaisons

This terrific educational video by **Dr. Wendaline VanBuren** highlights the pathogenesis, histologic classification, imaging protocols, pearls, and pitfalls of ultrasound and MRI in various types of pelvic and extra-pelvic endometriosis. Be sure to check this out!



Endometriosis: Diagnosing, Staging and Reporting

[Click below to access the video!](#)



SAR ANNUAL MEETING 2023

**Abstract submission deadline for SAR 2023
Annual Meeting: September 20th!**



[Click above to access the submission link!](#)

We encourage all trainees to submit their work. This is an opportunity to share your work and network with fellow colleagues in Abdominal Radiology. All trainees will be eligible for **trainee awards** at the annual meeting, so please stay tuned!





FREE

TRAINEE MEMBERSHIP

Interested in joining SAR?

All trainees, including medical students, residents, and fellows, can enjoy **FREE** SAR membership! Visit the **SAR website** to join today and enjoy access to a wealth of resources and benefits. For new applicants, a complete application, CV, and one-time verification from your supervisor or program director will be required.



Be sure to check out the **RFS website** for additional educational resources!

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH RFS? SIGN UP HERE

Mentorship Program



Upcoming Events



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