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Sarah S. Donaldson, M.D., Joins RSNA Board of Directors

CHICAGO, Dec. 1, 2005 — Sarah S. Donaldson, M.D., a highly regarded radiation oncologist, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Radiological Society of North America as the liaison-designate for science.

“I am deeply honored and very enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve the RSNA,” Dr. Donaldson said. “The Board of Directors position is a long-term commitment and responsibility that I am pleased to make a priority.”

Dr. Donaldson stated that RSNA offers tremendous opportunities for all the members of the radiologic sciences to work and learn together.

“Never has there been a more exciting time in all the radiologic sciences than the present,” she said. “The RSNA serves as the umbrella to bring us all together for research and development, as well as education. This is a golden time for all of us.”

She maintains that the success of new advances in image-guided therapy, targeted therapy, molecular imaging and oncology, and highly conformal methods of radiation delivery are dependent upon the close working relationships between radiologists who are trained in imaging, nuclear medicine, physics and therapy.

Dr. Donaldson earned a nursing degree, then went on to graduate from Harvard Medical School in 1968. At that time, the discipline of radiation oncology was just emerging, and there were few women interested in the field. Since then, she has significantly advanced the field, especially in pediatric radiation oncology.

After completing a residency in radiation therapy at Stanford University Hospital in California and a post-doctorate fellowship in pediatric oncology at M.D. Anderson

Hospital in Houston, she accepted a faculty position at Stanford in 1973, where she remains today.

In addition to her position as the associate chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology, deputy clinic chief and residency program director for radiation oncology at Stanford University Medical Center, Dr. Donaldson is also the Catharine and Howard Avery Professor of Radiation Oncology at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Dr. Donaldson played a leading role in the conceptualization and planning of Stanford's new Center for Cancer Treatment and Prevention and has been listed as one of the "Best Doctors in America" for more than a decade.

Her areas of interest include pediatrics, soft tissue and bone sarcomas, Hodgkin's disease, central nervous system tumors, breast cancer, radiotherapy for benign disease, and the late effects of cancer and its treatment.

Dr. Donaldson has given more than 200 major scientific presentations and has authored two books, 72 book chapters and nearly 200 scientific articles. A former president of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO) and the American Board of Radiology, she is the recipient of an ASTRO gold medal, American Radium Society gold medal, the W.W. Sutow Medal and the del Regato gold medal. She is a fellow of the American College of Radiology has been inducted into the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

Dr. Donaldson serves on the editorial boards of *Pediatric Blood and Cancer*, *Journal of the American College of Radiology* and the *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics*.

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