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RSNA 2026: At the Center of Policy

The Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) amplifies radiology's role in advancing health care delivery and medical imaging innovation through its government outreach efforts, partnerships and advocacy.

RSNA's government relations efforts seek to elevate and amplify radiology's voice by:

- Championing radiology's leadership in advancing biomedical innovation to federal policymakers
- Impacting the development of policy, regulations and legislation around cutting-edge and established imaging technologies
- Driving research and development to fuel scientific breakthroughs and elevate patient care

RSNA's public policy initiatives focus on elevating the expertise of radiologists to inform pressing challenges in medical research and patient care.

Key issues include:

- **AI in Medical Imaging**
  RSNA champions smart policies that drive AI adoption in medical imaging and health care, balancing meaningful innovation with smart oversight that ensures patient safety.
- **Workforce and Education**
  RSNA supports policies that strengthen the radiology workforce, ensuring patient access to quality imaging care.
- **Federal Investment in Biomedical and Health Research**
  RSNA supports strong federal funding for foundational and translational research to maintain U.S. leadership in biomedical research and development.

The RSNA Government Relations Committee has organized four sessions at RSNA 2026 that explore the growing influence of federal policy on radiology practice, research and innovation. Together, these sessions will provide attendees with practical insights into advocacy, AI regulation, workforce and research policy, and the evolving role of government in shaping the field of radiology.

Advocacy in Action: Advancing Radiology Through RSNA Government Relations (Monday, Nov. 30, at 4:30 p.m. CT), will introduce attendees to RSNA's government relations strategy, priorities and advocacy efforts. Speakers will discuss recent accomplishments, emerging policy opportunities related to AI, workforce sustainability and imaging research, and ways RSNA members can engage in advocacy to help advance the interests of radiologists and patients.

What's New in 2026: Discussing FDA's Approach to Regulating AI-Enabled Devices in Radiology—Challenges, Innovations, and Future Directions (Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 9:30 a.m. CT), will feature leaders from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Devices and Radiological Health. Building on a highly attended session from the 2025 annual meeting, the program will provide an update on FDA's regulatory approach to AI-enabled medical devices and

explore how the agency is balancing innovation, patient safety and physician responsibilities in a rapidly evolving healthcare AI environment.

Federal Policy in Practice: How Washington Is Shaping Radiology (Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. CT), examines how decisions made by federal agencies such as FDA, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service are influencing reimbursement, care delivery, technology adoption and workforce planning. Panelists will discuss the practical implications of emerging policies and offer strategies for radiology leaders seeking to navigate a changing landscape.

Contested Ground: Debating the Future of Artificial Intelligence in Radiology (Thursday, Dec. 3, at 1:30 p.m. CT), will use a structured debate format to examine some of the most pressing questions surrounding AI in medical imaging. Experts will discuss topics such as the readiness of agentic AI for clinical deployment, the appropriate balance between automation and human oversight, and the role of federal and state governments in developing regulatory and liability frameworks for increasingly autonomous systems.