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American Board of Radiology names Dr. Donald P. Frush as Chair of Its Board of Trustees

The American Board of Radiology (ABR) named Donald P. Frush, MD, FACR, as chair of its Board of Trustees, effective October 28, 2016. He succeeded former Board of Trustees chair Dennis M. Balfe, MD.

Dr. Frush is Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics, faculty member of the Medical Physics Graduate Program, and chief Vice Chair for Safety and Quality in the Department of Radiology at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis, and his medical degree from Duke University Medical Center. He was a pediatric resident at the University of California, San Francisco, and completed a radiology residency at Duke Medical Center and a fellowship in pediatric radiology at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. In addition to primary certification in diagnostic radiology, he holds a subspecialty certification in pediatric radiology, both from the ABR.

Dr. Frush's research interests are predominantly involved with pediatric body computed tomography (CT), including technology assessment, techniques for pediatric multidetector computed tomography (MDCT) examinations, assessment of image quality, CT radiation dosimetry, and risk communication. Other areas of investigation include CT applications in children and patient safety in radiology.

In addition to serving as an ABR trustee since 2009, Dr. Frush is or has been a member of various committees and scholarly societies. Committee memberships include past chair of the Commission on Pediatrics, American College of Radiology; current member of the board and recent past president (2011 to 2012) for the Society for Pediatric Radiology; board member, National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP); past chair of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Refresher Course Committee; and current chair of the Image Gently Alliance (Image Gently® Campaign).

Dr. Frush has also worked internationally with both the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency with radiation protection projects in medical imaging. Dr. Frush is a member of numerous associations, including the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fellow), and RSNA, and he is also a subspecialty fellow (and section member for Radiology) in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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Established in 1934, the mission of the American Board of Radiology (ABR) is to certify that our diplomates demonstrate the requisite knowledge, skill, and understanding of their disciplines to the benefit of patients. The ABR offers primary certification in diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology, radiation oncology, and medical physics, as well as several subspecialty certifications. The ABR is one of 24 Member Boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties. For more information, see www.theabr.org.