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Radiology Partners Announces Formation of Research Center with Leading Academic Institutions

The Radiology Partners Research Institute Expands Capabilities to Drive Clinical Innovation

El Segundo, CA (January 9, 2018) — Radiology Partners, (RP), the largest physician-led and physician-owned radiology practice in the U.S., today announced the establishment of an academic, research-oriented sector of the practice. The mission of the new Radiology Partners Research Institute (RPRI) is to facilitate and support research and programs that advance the specialty of radiology and focus on ways that radiologists can use medical imaging to enhance value for patients, providers, hospitals and payers.

"Our practice was founded with the goal of developing new and innovative solutions to the challenges we face in healthcare," said Rich Whitney, Chairman and CEO of Radiology Partners. "RPRI is dedicated, through innovative partnerships with leading academic institutions, to finding better ways to provide care for patients, improving value for all stakeholders, and promoting the role of radiology and radiologists in our healthcare system."

The initial academic partners of RPRI are the <u>Baylor College of Medicine</u>, <u>The University of Chicago Medicine</u> and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

"We look forward to additional academic programs joining the Institute," said Eric Rohren, Chair of the Department of Radiology at Baylor College of Medicine. "I am particularly excited by the potential of cross-institutional research collaboration coupled with the ability of a leading practice to implement insights into clinical practice at scale."

"Transformational change occurs when we work together for a common cause. Partnering with RPRI benefits not only our organizations, but also our patients," said Brian Coley, Radiologist-in-Chief, Cincinnati Children's Hospital. "At Cincinnati Children's, we aim to be the leader in improving children's health, offering quality patient care that is the most advanced in the field. Through this collaboration, we'll continue fulfilling our goal."

Initial RPRI-related projects have been accepted for publication in major journals, including the *American Journal of Roentgenology*, and large society meetings, including the 2017 Radiological Society of North America meeting in Chicago. Currently, RPRI is working on projects related to use of evidence-based best practice recommendations, radiology-led care coordination, the transition from peer review to peer learning, and applications of machine learning, among others.

"Healthcare is in a state of evolution," said David Paushter, Chairman, Department of Radiology, The University of Chicago Medicine. "Given the practice's single-specialty focus, as well as its scale and resources, Radiology Partners has an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the way care is delivered and compensated, driving value for patients, hospitals and payers. We look forward to contributing our expertise in advancing this important cause through RPRI."



"We think of RPRI as our clinical innovation laboratory," said Jay Bronner, Chief Medical Officer for Radiology Partners. "As a leading radiology practice, we feel it's our responsibility to invest in research in order to help drive meaningful improvements in care."

## About Radiology Partners Research Institute

Radiology Partners Research Institute (RPRI) is a research affiliation of leading academic medical institutions with a mission to facilitate and support research and programs that advance the specialty of radiology and focus on ways that radiologists can use medical imaging to enhance value for patients, providers, hospitals and payers. Through its affiliation with a leading radiology practice, RPRI seeks to enable and accelerate the implementation of academic and research insights into clinical practice at scale. Current affiliate institutions include <u>Baylor College of Medicine</u>, <u>University of Chicago Medicine</u> and <u>Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center</u>.

## **About Radiology Partners**

Radiology Partners, a leading onsite radiology practice, is the largest physician-led and physician owned radiology practice in the U.S., serving approximately 500 hospitals and other healthcare facilities across 14 states. As a physician-led practice, our mission is to transform radiology by innovating across clinical value, service, and economics, while elevating the role of radiology and radiologists in healthcare. Using a proven healthcare services model, Radiology Partners provides consistent, high quality care to patients, while delivering enhanced value to the hospitals, clinics, imaging centers and referring physicians we serve. Learn more at www.radpartners.com.

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