

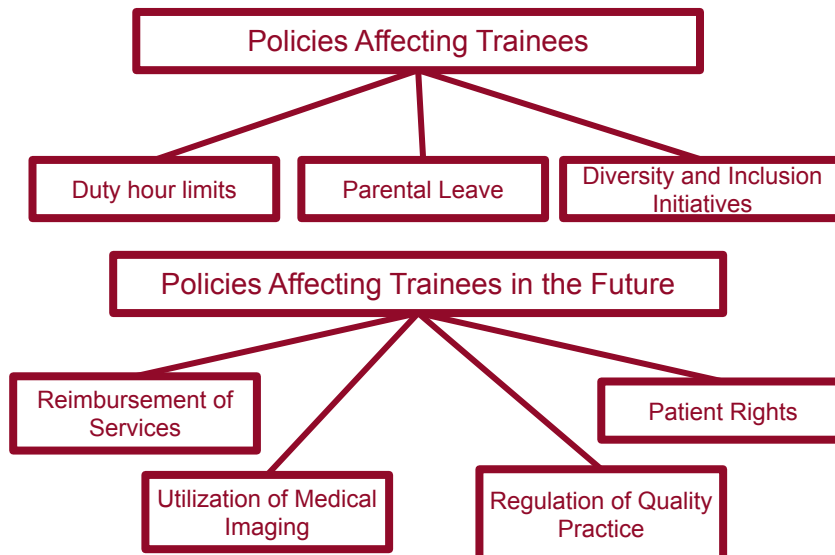
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Introduction

- Public policy significantly affects the practice of radiology, especially for trainees
- Advocacy through medical societies can greatly impact public policy:
 - The South Dakota Radiological Society successfully advocated against Senate Bill 175 in the South Dakota Legislature.¹
- Physicians can greatly influence policy:
 - Landers et. al. found that 90% of legislative assistants found physicians to be influential or effective lobbyists.²
 - The congressional management foundation survey found that physician visits or correspondence greatly influenced lawmaker decisions.³
- Advocacy shapes current and future policy:
 - Lee et. al defined it as an essential part of the citizenship in radiology.⁴
- Given this influence, it has become increasingly important to involve trainees in advocacy and larger radiology societies

Advocacy the Role of Trainees

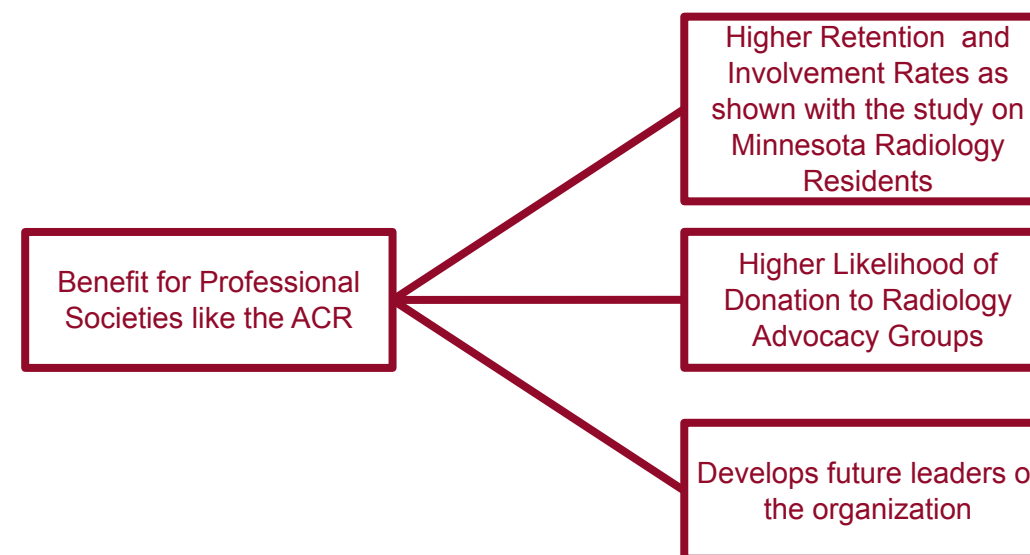
Trainees are the future of radiology



Why Trainees should get involved in Professional Societies



Why Professional Societies Should Promote More Trainee Involvement



Next Step for Radiology Trainees

- Become a member!
 - Access to resources like RadExam through the RFS chapter
 - Many memberships are free
- Encourage your program directors to include advocacy and public policy issues into the resident curriculum
- Attend meetings to increase awareness, learn new skills, and network
- Apply to leadership positions in state chapters or national committees
- Join online social media movements, online campaigns, or lobbying efforts

Next Step for Radiology Organizations

- Offer more leadership positions
- Establish Resident Communication Liaisons in every residency program
- Engage medical student radiology interest groups
- Reduce financial barriers

Conclusions

- Trainees can significantly impact the field of radiology through advocacy
- Professional societies, like the ACR can guide trainees to advocate at every level of government
- Trainees provide a future to organizations
- This mutually beneficial relationship can:
 - Protect and guide improvements in the field of radiology
 - Ensure high-quality, sustainable radiological care for

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