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The SCARD Consulting Service (SCS) was officially approved as a SCARD activity at the 2014 SCARD Fall Meeting. SCS offers a team of experts that partner with individual academic radiology programs before, during, and after an onsite review to enhance the essential functions of the program in an effort to collectively improve performance through the sharing of experiences and tools. To date, SCS has completed three program reviews, and is in the process of scheduling several others.

SCS is led by a core group of six people, along with the backing of nine others who have strong reputations in both conducting radiology department reviews and running their own successful radiology programs. This level of expertise helps ensure that SCS can match the needs of every program asking for a review.

The SCS Steering Committee participates in reviews, but has also developed an approach to standardizing processes and procedures so each review meets a consistent level of quality, developing tools radiology departments can use to be more effective and efficient, and marketing the SCS program.

A number of SCARD members have volunteered to participate in SCS, and their efforts will be directed to developing both a library of tools and approaches to addressing specific chair challenges, in addition to reviewing programs.

We invite your participation in the SCS as consumers and as participants; the ultimate success of SCS in contributing to an increased collective caliber and quality of academic radiology hinges on the broadest possible engagement, and the ensuing constructive partnerships. Please let us know if you are interested in having your department reviewed through an SCS engagement in the next 24 months.

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