

SMRT ELECTRONIC-ONLY & VIDEO HOME STUDIES

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For the past thirteen years, the SMRT home studies have provided our members with a convenient way to obtain continuing education (CE) credits. Quarterly issues containing several articles provide credits awarded through the completion of a quiz that accompanies each home study. The accreditation is conducted by the SMRT acting as a RCEEM (Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation Mechanism) for the ARRT. Category A credits are assigned to each home study, which can be used to maintain one's ARRT advanced registry and are approved for AIR (Australian Institute of Radiography) continuing professional development (CPD) activities. SMRT members located in other countries who are interested in investigating the possibility of having our home studies, printed or electronic, approved for continuing education or professional development should contact Jennifer Olson, Associate Executive Director of the ISMRM/SMRT in Berkeley, California, USA at jennifer@ismrm.org for additional information.

The home study articles, selected by members of the SMRT publications committee, are obtained from peer-reviewed journals or written specifically for our publication by technologists, scientists or clinicians working in the field of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The quiz is written and expertly reviewed by members of the publication committee, volunteers from the SMRT and ISMRM membership or selected clinicians and scientists. The topics have included a variety of interests from basic physics and principles to clinical applications and anatomy and physiology atlases. Recent issues are available to members in both printed and electronic format.

As a method to provide an increased number of CE credits to the membership without increasing costs, electronic-only home studies and video home studies are now available through the SMRT website. As a means to minimize costs and to focus on becoming more environmentally conscious, SMRT members will see an increase in electronic-only and video home studies and a reduction in the number of pages in our printed publication.

Please visit the SMRT home study website at: <http://www.ismrm.org/smart/home-studies/>. The SMRT will continue to add new electronic-only and video home studies in the near future.

Electronic Home Studies		
Title	Category A CE & CPD Credits	Date
Safety of MRI in Patients with Cardiovascular Devices	1	September 2008
Use of Contrast Agents in MR Imaging of the Spine	1	January 2009
Techniques in Spine MR Imaging	1	June 2010
Susceptibility-Weighted MR Imaging (SWI)	1	November 2010
Video Home Studies		
Cardiac MRI Forum	2	May 2011
MR Safety Forum	2	May 2011
Emerging Technologies Forum	1	May 2011