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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Review the fundamentals of IVIM imaging, from theory to acquisition to processing to clinical implementation;
- Describe the latest advances and insights in IVIM imaging;
- Examine what diseases and disease sites are low-hanging fruit for IVIM;
- Apply the use of IVIM in future research studies; and
- Collaborate on the formation of IVIM guidelines and consensus statement.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The main topic is intravoxel incoherent motion (IVIM), and the workshop caters to those interested in IVIM. This workshop is designed for researchers (including Ph.D. candidates, postdocs, and professors), clinicians (e.g. radiologists), MR technologists, government regulatory experts, nonprofit and academic groups interested in IVIM, and members of the ISMRM Diffusion, ISMRM Perfusion and ISMRM Quantitative MR Study Groups.

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