IR FUTURES

Supporting the future of Interventional Radiology, one student, one trainee and one early-career practitioner at a time.

**RESIDENT/FELLOWSHIP SECTION (RFS)**

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**EARLY CAREER SECTION (ECS)**

The purpose of the ECS is to provide a platform in which members of SIR new to the practice of interventional radiology can develop a knowledge and resource base, network, participate in decision-making and serve as a resource to the SIR Executive Council.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY**

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**OBJECTIVES**

- We are the voice for trainees interested in Interventional Radiology (IR) and will advocate for them at the national and international level.
- We will promote a clinical model of IR practice at the medical student, resident, and fellow level by stressing the necessity of becoming disease experts, and above all else, by focusing on patient-centered care.
- We will support trainees in their pursuits to continually expand their knowledge base to become true disease experts.
- We will work to influence the training model to reflect these goals, at least in part by advocating for the development of resident and fellow-driven clinics and supporting the development of IR residency programs.
- As the future of the specialty, we will work to recruit the best and the brightest like-minded trainees to further propel IR to the forefront of clinical medicine and patient care.
The Early Career Section (ECS) is composed of Interventional Radiologists in their first 8 years of practice; however, membership is open to all individuals interested in supporting the mission and objective of the section. The Early Career Section (ECS) is led by a dedicated team of 300+ physicians whose primary focus is career advancement and society involvement. The purpose of the ECS is to provide a platform in which members of SIR new to the practice of interventional radiology can develop a knowledge and resource base, network, participate in decision-making and serve as a resource to the SIR Executive Council.

**LEADERSHIP**

Dr. Andrew (AJ) Gunn  
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**OBJECTIVES**

- Provide an opportunity for physicians new to the practice of Interventional Radiology to exchange ideas and learn about furthering their careers in Interventional Radiology
- Promote collegiality and cooperation among the physicians who recently started to practice Interventional Radiology
- Develop and present educational programs on the many facets of Interventional Radiology
- Create and distribute interesting, educational, and informative content for members of the section.
- Facilitate a pathway for professional leadership development within the organization.
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