

Department of Radiology to Welcome Erin Cooke as Vice Chair of Education



The Department of Radiology is excited to announce that Erin A. Cooke, MD, will join faculty in the roles of Vice Chair of Education and Professor of Radiology in the Abdominal Imaging Section, effective January 1, 2025.

Dr. Cooke comes to the University of Colorado from Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC), where she has served as Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program Director since 2022, and previously as Associate Program Director. She brings a broad background in education within radiology, having also led the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program at Virginia Mason Medical Center (VMMC) in Seattle as Co-Program Director from 2017 to 2020. Strong support of mentorship as well as diversity and wellbeing have been integral aspects of her years as a medical educator.

Additionally, Cooke is an experienced clinician with a wide breadth of expertise, having practiced not only abdominal imaging but also neuroradiology and musculoskeletal imaging following MRI fellowship at Ochsner in New Orleans in 2011. She served as the Neuroradiology Section head at VMMC from 2015 to 2017 prior to joining residency program leadership. A contributor to multiple radiological societies, she has been actively involved in committees within the Association of Academic Radiologists (AAR), the Association of Program Directors in Radiology (APDR), the American Board of Radiology (ABR), the American College of Radiology (ACR), the American Association of Women Radiologists (AAWR), the Alliance of Clinical Educators in Radiology (ACER), and the Society of Abdominal Radiology (SAR), as well as served as a committee chair in the APDR and ACR and currently as a deputy editor in the area of education for Academic Radiology. In 2024, Cooke was inducted into the Vanderbilt School of Medicine Academy for Excellence in Education, and over the past several years has participated in several intramural and national leadership programs, most recently in the 2023-2024 Society of Chairs in Academic Radiology-GE Healthcare LEAD program cohort.

Nationally she is recognized as a leader not only in education but also in integrating the arts and humanities within radiology, stemming from her dual background as a radiologist and a practicing artist, having earned a BA in Studio Art at Wake Forest University where she graduated summa cum laude and valedictorian in 2001. As Director of Arts at VUMC Radiology, she has chaired the ACR PFCC Art Subcommittee since 2021, developed arts resources for the APDR, and most recently spearheaded the founding of the AAR Arts and Humanities Special Interest Group, amongst many other arts related activities in medicine.

“It is an honor to be appointed to the role Vice Chair of Education within the Department of Radiology and to join the terrific educators at the CU School of Medicine on the Anschutz Medical Campus” Cooke said. “I’m excited to team with our faculty as well as our residents, fellows, medical students, and staff to build upon the foundation of excellence in medical education and to expand training opportunities through collaboration within the institution and in strengthening connections with other educators nationally.”