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Registrant Spotlight

Joe Kreeger, ACS, RCCS, FASE

Joe became interested in echocardiography by chance. From his early teens, he had known about the ultrasound technology profession but never really understood it or envisioned himself in the field. After spending three years in the United States Army on active duty and being activated for two combat tours, Joe decided to go into law enforcement. At the beginning of his education at the local community college, he was exposed to echocardiography and thought it was fascinating. Joe changed his major that day, and the rest is history! He earned a specialized associate of science degree in cardiovascular technology with a focus on cardiac sonography from the National School of Technology (now Keiser University) in 1995.

Joe currently works as a senior fetal and pediatric cardiac sonographer at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. He also works at Emory University Hospital as a PRN adult congenital cardiac sonographer. Joe was one of the first individuals to earn the Registered Congenital Cardiac Sonographer (RCCS) as part of the pilot exam. He chose to sit for it due to the fact that he needed a credential that was more aligned with the type of work he was doing with the adult congenital population. Before the RCCS credential was launched, there was not a specific credential for the performance of echocardiography in that population.

Joe believes that, "Unlike any other credentialing exam, the RCCS best tests proficiency in those that perform echo in the very unique field of adult congenital cardiology. Essentially, RCCS is an all-encompassing credential for those who perform echocardiography

in the very broad spectrum of patients with congenital heart disease, and congenital cardiologists as well as healthcare systems are really starting to recognize its validity."

With a passion for fetal echocardiography, Joe intends to continue to be an advocate for improved education and training for congenital and OB sonographers in the performance of comprehensive fetal cardiovascular exams.

Also, he will continue to be an advocate for the Advanced Cardiac Sonographer (ACS) credential as a career pathway for congenital and fetal cardiac practitioners, and he hopes to take a position as an ACS someday.

Joe loves spending all the time he can with his amazing wife and two beautiful children. They are an active family and enjoy hiking and outdoor adventures.



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