

Distinguished Sonographer Award

Established in 1997, the Distinguished Sonographer Award is a means of recognizing and honoring current or retired AIUM members who have significantly contributed to the growth and development of medical ultrasound. This annual presentation honors an individual whose outstanding contributions to the development of medical ultrasound warrant special merit.



Tracy Anton, BS, RDMS, RDCS, FAIUM

In 2000, Tracy graduated from Thomas Jefferson University with a bachelor of science in diagnostic imaging. Since then, Tracy has been awarded credentials from the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) in abdomen, obstetrics and gynecology, fetal echocardiography, and pediatric echocardiography specialties.

Tracy has dedicated her career to academic medicine, starting as a maternal-fetal medicine sonographer at University of California, San Diego (UCSD), in 2001. Tracy has always been driven to learn and grow in her career, being promoted to sonographer supervisor in 2006 and later elevated to ultrasound practitioner in 2012. As an

ultrasound practitioner, she functions as a midlevel provider to interpret obstetric ultrasound studies, counsel patients, make follow-up recommendations, and compose ultrasound reports. Tracy's outstanding scanning skills, combined with her in-depth clinical knowledge and attention to detail, make her a unique asset to UCSD in this role and a pioneer in the field of ultrasound. In addition to her clinical responsibilities at UCSD, she heads the Fetal Echocardiography program, performs ultrasound quality assurance, and is in the faculty rotation for UCSD's biweekly Fetal Medicine Conference.

Tracy has always had a passion for fetal echocardiography, and over the past few years, she has been recognized as an expert in the field. She lectures and performs live scanning demonstrations at national ultrasound conferences and CME events all over the country. Tracy is an excellent speaker, with a canny ability to explain complex topics in simple terms. In 2017, she gave 12 invited lectures, including recording a live webinar for the AIUM.

Tracy is active in research, participating in the UC Fetal Consortium, focusing on enhancing research opportunities, training, and clinical care among UC campuses. She has also authored several publications, including 2 book chapters.

As an active volunteer outside UCSD, Tracy contributes to ARDMS standard setting, item development, and item writing task forces. She is also currently on the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AIUM task force for development of a maternal-fetal medicine fellow ultrasound curriculum.

Tracy was recently awarded a faculty appointment in reproductive medicine at UCSD. She is the first non-MD/non-PhD to receive this distinction at UCSD, which recognizes her outstanding contributions in teaching, service, research, and clinical competence on local and national levels.

The AIUM is so grateful for Tracy's willingness to help us achieve our mission. She has participated as an Ultrasound Practice Accreditation Council member and reviewer, performed senior application reviews, presented a webinar, and moderated and given lectures at numerous AIUM conventions. She also reviews manuscripts for the *Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine*. In 2014, the AIUM designated her as a senior member and, shortly after, a fellow member.

