

# ***AMERICAN BRACHYTHERAPY SOCIETY (ABS): Education and Training Initiatives***

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# Disclosures

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- ◆ **Member of ABS since 2011**



# American Brachytherapy Society: Mission

- ◆ **Founded in 1955**
- ◆ **Membership: 869 US MDs, 226 non-US MDs, 145 PhD**
- ◆ **Brachytherapy education**
- ◆ **Guidelines and journal**
- ◆ **Safety**
- ◆ **Advocacy**
- ◆ **Annual meeting**
  - 2017: 540 attendees, 36 states, 16 countries
  - 299 abstracts submitted; 251 accepted



# Education and Training

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- ◆ **ABS Schools**
- ◆ **Resident fellowship**
- ◆ **International rotations**



# ABS Schools since 1955

- ◆ Prostate
- ◆ Gynecological
- ◆ Breast
- ◆ Brachytherapy QA
- ◆ Simulation workshops



Hands-on Simulation Workshop Provides Learning Opportunity for Prostate Brachytherapy



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Brachytherapy  
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# Resident Training Scholarship

- ◆ **1 month training scholarship for HDR or LDR brachytherapy**
- ◆ **Sites for training chosen by ABS**





# International Outreach Committee

- ◆ **Lead by Dr. Erickson**
- ◆ **Task groups focused on three areas:**
  - International educational outreach
  - Bilateral global health training for residents and fellows
  - Develop collaborative projects with other brachytherapy societies



# Thank you

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