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### UEMS Vote Officially Recognises Interventional Radiology



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A recent vote taken by the UEMS Radiology Section has officially recognised interventional radiology as a distinct medical specialty.

Until recently, interventional radiology was a self-declared medical subspecialty of radiology. Although recognised in some countries and embedded in the European Society of Radiology (ESR), it was not seen as a clearly defined profession by numerous authorities. In this context CIRSE proved that it has grown to become a powerful political organisation able to play a strong role at a European level.

With its positive vote on the establishment of an IR division within the UEMS Radiology Section, interventional radiology has been officially recognised as a medical specialty in Europe and by the same token interventional radiologists as distinct medical specialists. The national implementation of this decision, in the form of national accreditation, is the next step.

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