Note from the Chair

I am honored to introduce the first issue of Image of Excellence, the newsletter of the VCU Department of Radiology. The purpose of Image of Excellence is to serve as a means of communicating the latest developments in the Department of Radiology to clinical colleagues and alumni at VCU and elsewhere. Each quarterly issue will feature a faculty member and will include information about his/her clinical, research and educational interests. In addition the newsletter will provide information regarding research projects, the many cutting-edge services that our Department offers, and our educational, quality and safety initiatives.

This inaugural issue unveils our new vision and mission statements and our departmental mantra, “Image of Excellence,” which is also the title of our newsletter; highlights innovative clinical and research efforts that will be discussed more fully in upcoming editions; and introduces new faculty members. Subsequent issues of Image of Excellence will focus on ways in which we put into practice each of the four components of our mission statement (see below).

It is my hope that Image of Excellence will serve as an effective communication tool that will keep you informed about the many exciting developments and advances in the VCU Department of Radiology. For more detailed information about the Department of Radiology, I direct you to our website at www.radiology.vcu.edu. We in the Department of Radiology welcome your comments at raddept@vcu.edu or asfulche@vcu.edu.

Ann S. Fulcher, M.D.
Chair - Department of Radiology

New Vision & Mission Statement

Our vision “To be recognized nationally and internationally as a world-class Radiology Department” is supported by our Mission Statement to:

- Provide optimal care in a patient centered environment
- Provide subspecialty expertise
- Provide top quality imaging and therapeutic procedures
- Advance medical education and research

In future issues of Image of Excellence, we will explore how we plan to fulfill our mission statement.
Our Newest Faculty

In our continuing effort to provide the best sub-specialty expertise, the Department of Radiology would like to welcome seven new faculty members. Each brings a wealth of experience and knowledge. They all look forward to providing you and your patients with the highest level of service.

- Dr. Jeffrey Elbich
- Dr. Robert Groves
- Dr. Rekha Kishore
- Dr. Pei-Jan “Paul” Lin
- Dr. Lauren Moomijian
- Dr. Brian Strife
- Dr. Tiffany Tucker

For more information, visit www.radiology.vcu.edu/facstaff

Clinical & Research Efforts

We are excited to begin sharing news of the latest advances in clinical care and research. In subsequent issues of Image of Excellence, we will be providing more information on a variety of areas within the Department of Radiology. Some of these areas include:

- **Advanced Prostate Imaging Program** - Using multi-parametric MR and MR guided biopsy
- **VCU Baird Vascular Institute** - Our state-of-the-art outpatient vascular center
- **Lung Cancer Screening Program** - Latest developments in our nationally recognized program
- **Radiology Imaging Center** - Newly renovated site at ACC with state-of-the-art PET/CT scanner
- **Advanced Cardiac Imaging** - Offering the latest techniques in imaging diagnosis of cardiac disease
- **Radiation Safety Program** - Advanced program to enhance radiation safety for patients and users