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The Radiological Society of North America's annual meeting was most attended medical event last year.

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The [Healthcare Convention and Exhibitors Association](#) [HCEA] has released its list of the [50 largest medical meetings](#) that took place in 2011.

The six-day annual meeting of the [Radiological Society of North America](#) in Chicago topped the list with 59,097 total attendees, an increase of 1,000 attendees or 2 percent from last year's total.

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The [Greater New York Dental Meeting](#) [GNYDM] held in New York City—the most-attended event in 2010—dropped more than in total attendance by about 4,300 to 53,789, coming in second, but earning the top spot in professional attendance at 45,565. The GNYDM managed to add almost 11,000 professional attendees from 2010.

As a whole, the top 10 meetings were unchanged from last year, but both the [FIME Show](#) (5,598 attendees) and the [Healthcare Information & Management Systems Society](#) gathering (3,438 attendees) reported significant bumps in attendance.

Here are the top 10 most attended medical meetings by total attendance:

1. [Radiological Society Of North America](#)—59,097 (Total Attendance); 27,305 (Professional Attendance)
2. [Greater New York Dental Meeting](#)—53,789; 45,565
3. [FIME Show](#)—52,723; 38,249
4. [American Society Of Clinical Oncology, Annual Meeting](#)—31,800; 25,800
5. [Society For Neuroscience](#)—31,500; 27,000
6. [AMERICAN Academy Of Orthopedic Surgeons](#)—31,456; 16,820
7. [HIMSS: Healthcare Information & Management Systems Society](#)—31,293; 14,643
8. [Chicago Dental Society](#)—30,575; 15,864
9. [Massachusetts Dental Society, Yankee Dental Congress](#)—27,685; 21,261
10. [California Dental Association, Anaheim](#)—27,410; 20,127

Check out the full top 50 list [here](#).

Methodology: The HCEA defines total attendance as the number of all registered participants at an event, including exhibitors. Professional attendance is limited to all non-exhibiting healthcare-related professionals. All numbers are self-reported by event organizers.

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