

# Diagnostic Radiology

Diagnostic radiologists are medical doctors who are specially trained to evaluate and diagnose disease or injury with imaging techniques. These doctors complete the four years of medical school, pass licensing examinations, as well as go on to do at least four years of post-graduate residency. Furthermore, they often complete an additional one to two years of specialized training in subspecialties, such as musculoskeletal, nuclear medicine, mammography and so forth.

All twenty diagnostic radiologists in Upstate Carolina Radiology are subspecialized to provide more thorough evaluation of patients' images. These physicians use X-rays, MRI, PET scans, CT (or CAT) scans, Nuclear Medicine, digital mammograms and a host of other tools to understand what's going on inside your body.

Board-certified radiologists are on the front lines of everyday medicine when it comes to diagnosing medical conditions. " You cannot treat a disease unless you know what you are treating," comments Dr. Paul Kountz. "And to know what you are treating in 2009 almost always requires expert medical imaging." Our doctors study for 10-15 years to become board-certified.

**"A board-certified radiologist is not only the most qualified person to interpret your medical imaging study but frequently also the best to determine the most appropriate test in your circumstance," says Dr. Peter Ryan. "This streamlines the testing, saving time, uncertainty, and money."**