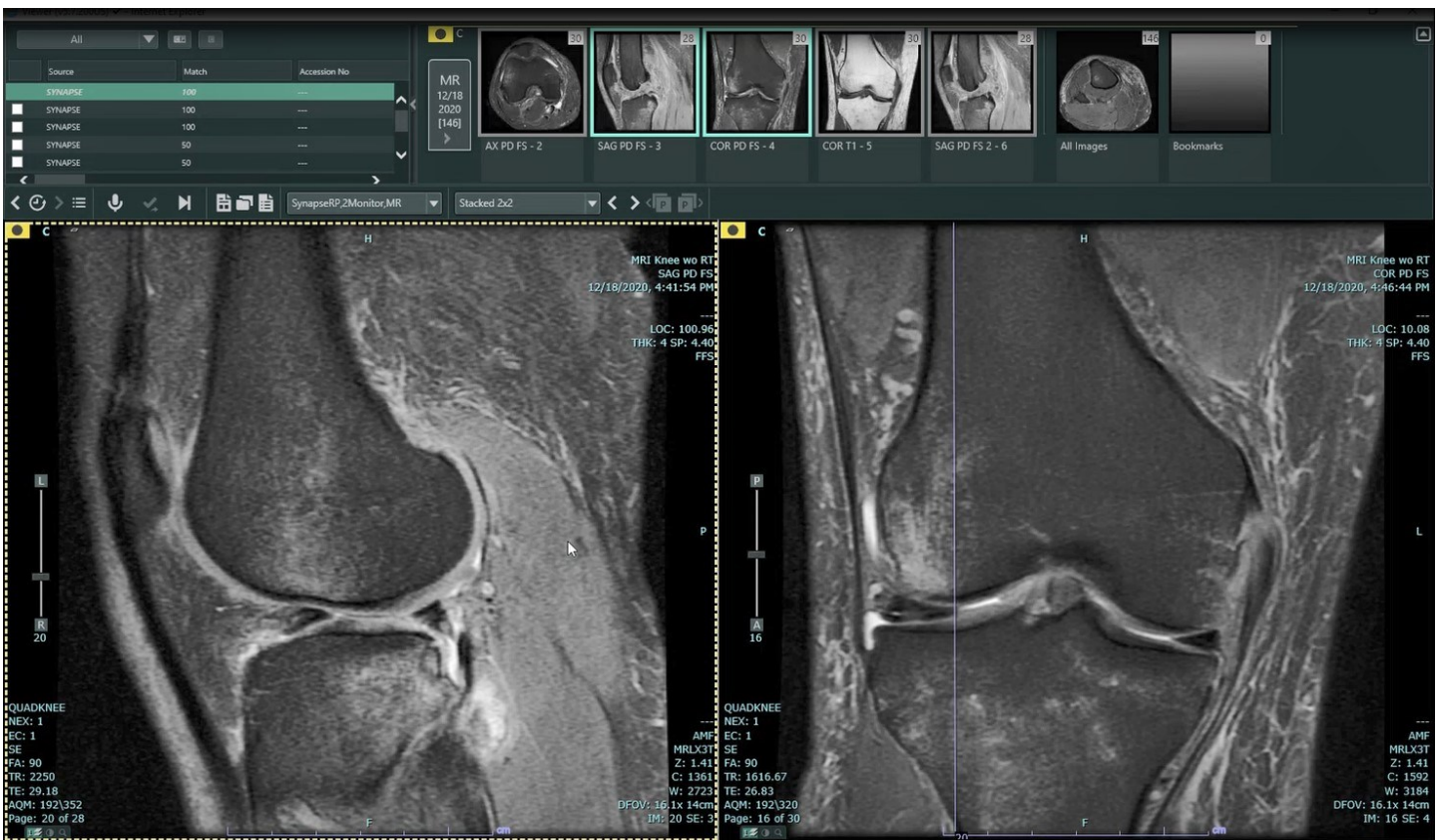


# THE AMI INSIDER

## Looking Inside



Ever wonder what our doctors see when they look at your scan? In this new monthly feature, our CEO Dr. David Levi will give you a look at some of the commonly performed imaging exams.

In this video, Dr. Levi walks us through a knee MRI for a patient who came to AMI after experiencing knee pain after a fall.

# What's New at AMI

## Choose The Experts At AMI For Your MRI

Warm weather is just around the corner making it an ideal time for weekend projects, jumping back into our favorite activity, or even kickstarting a new workout.

However, sometimes it can be too much too soon, resulting in injuries that may require an imaging exam, such as an MRI.

An MRI can help doctors diagnose several types of injuries, illnesses, and disorders. They may recommend a patient have an MRI for a variety of reasons, such as:

- Examining broken or fractured bones
- Screening for cancer
- Assessing damage from injuries
- Searching for tumors
- Searching for blocked or damaged blood vessels
- Diagnosing arthritis
- Checking for organ damage
- Screening for signs of dementia

The radiologists at AMI are board-certified with subspecialty training in the field of musculoskeletal imaging, neuroradiology, body imaging, thoracic imaging, women's imaging, vascular interventional radiology, and vascular surgery. Our physicians have consistently practiced at the forefront of the newest applications of MRI. MRI applications that are being utilized clinically at the major university hospitals are certain to be found at AMI.

Our MRI technology supports a complete range of clinical applications, including neurology, orthopedics, body imaging, angiography, cardiology, breast imaging, and oncology.

We offer several types of MRIs such as:

- Abdomen
- Ankle
- Brachial Plexus
- Brain
- Breast
- Cardiac
- Chest
- Elbow
- Elastography
- Enterography

- Extremities
- Hip
- Knee
- MRCP
- Orbits, Face and Neck
- Pelvis
- Prostate
- Shoulder
- Spine
- Wrist



MRI exams take between 30 and 60 minutes, depending on which part of the body your healthcare provider wants to examine. You will not feel any pain during or after the MRI scan. In fact, sometimes patients fall asleep during the scanning process. During your

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scan, you will hear a rhythmic tapping sound; this is the normal sound of the magnetic fields as it scans. Some MRI studies require contrast which is a fluid injected through a vein that shows up as bright on an MRI image. It helps our radiologists identify and characterize certain diseases. To make your exam even more comfortable, AMI offers headphones for listening to music.

Because the strong magnetic field used for MRI may affect certain metallic objects and electronic devices implanted in the body; our MRI staff will ask whether you have any of the following:

Heart pacemaker or artificial heart valve

Aneurysm clip in the brain

Intrauterine Device (IUD)

Prosthetic hip or knee

Implanted vascular port (brand names Port-o-cath, Infusaport, Lifeport)

You will be asked to remove things that could affect the magnetic imaging, such as jewelry, eyeglasses, dentures, hearing aids, and any other object that contains metal. Dyes used in tattoos and permanent eyeliner may contain metallic iron oxide and could, in rare circumstances, heat up during MRI. You will be asked to change into a gown.

Our locations are equipped with different types of MRIs. Our 3.0T MRI is one of the most technologically advanced MRI machines available which provides high-resolution digital imaging of any body part, including shoulders, knees, brain, and spine.

We also offer a 1.5T wide bore MRI unit and a 1.2T Open MRI unit which allows us to accommodate patients who are claustrophobic, elderly, pediatric, physically challenged, and larger sized.

The Upright MRI has the ability to perform positional imaging which allows patients to be scanned in positions such as sitting or lying down. As a result of its unique ability to scan patients in weight-bearing positions, the Upright MRI has detected problems that may have gone undetected on ordinary lie-down scanners.

For more information about our locations that offer MRI or to schedule your appointment call:

Atlantic and Cape May Counties: 609-677-9729

Cumberland County: 856-794-1700

Ocean and Monmouth Counties: 732-223-9729

# Patient Ambassador Program

## Welcome to the AMI Patient Ambassador Program!

For over 50 years, AMI has been providing the most advanced diagnostic imaging services, combined with compassionate care. Our 52 board-certified, sub-specialty trained radiologists and our highly skilled staff remain committed to providing you clinical excellence, unmatched technology, diagnostic imaging expertise, along with the most accurate and timely results.

With our mission to provide innovative service and compassionate care to our patients, it's a great honor to make a difference in the lives of our patients. Our patients inspire our work every day -- they are why we do, what we do.

We pride ourselves on improving the health of our community, and with that pride we would like to share testimonials and stories from the patients we serve. We all know that people connect with stories, and we capture those stories through countless conversations with our patients. The more we hear, the more passionate we are to share these stories with those who need to hear them.

We're looking for patients to become part of our Patient Ambassador Program and share how their experience at AMI made a difference in their life. Whether it was an overall positive experience at one of our offices or your encounter with one of our staff members or radiologists that went above and beyond, we want to hear your story.

If you are interested in participating in our Patient Ambassador Program, please complete the form at [www.atlanticmedicalimaging.com/patient-perspective](http://www.atlanticmedicalimaging.com/patient-perspective) and our program coordinator will reach out to you soon.



# News Update: COVID-19

## **We're Focused on Your Safety**

The health and well-being of our patients and staff continues to be our highest priorities. To best serve our community and minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19, we are following the recommendation of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC ) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and making temporary changes to our business hours, policies and procedures.

## **Hours of Operation by Location**

All AMI offices are now open with expanded evening and weekend hours at most of our 14 locations. To find a listing of our hours and services by location, see [www.atlanticmedicalimaging.com/locations/](http://www.atlanticmedicalimaging.com/locations/) .

## **What are we doing to make sure our patients and staff are safe**

### Screening Guidelines

- If you have a scheduled appointment and are experiencing a fever, new shortness of breath, new cough, flu-like symptoms, sore throat or recent loss of taste or smell, please call 609-568-9182 for further evaluation prior to your appointment.
- If you have no symptoms but have had close contact with someone suspected or known to have Coronavirus over the past 14 days, please contact your healthcare provider prior to scheduling your appointment.
- AMI will not perform procedures on patients known or suspected to have COVID-19.

### Temperature Checks

We will perform temperature checks on all patients, visitors and staff entering any of the AMI facilities.

### Installation of Sneeze Guards

We have installed sneeze guards at the front desk stations in each office to help maintain social distance and physical separation during the registration process.

### Face covering or mask to protect yourself and others

Please be aware that our staff will be wearing masks and we ask that you wear a face covering or mask as well. If you do not have a face covering or mask, we will provide one to you.

### Enhanced cleaning processes

Extra time and care is being taken between patients to ensure the cleanliness of all equipment and frequently touched surfaces. We are cleaning all surfaces and equipment with an EPA approved disinfectant.

### Hand hygiene protocol

Our staff continues to adhere to our hand hygiene protocol. We encourage you to wash/sanitize your hands before and after checking into your appointment. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is available throughout all offices.

### Flexible waiting room options

We encourage you to practice social distancing, when possible. Patients have the option to check in at the front desk and then wait in their vehicle to be contacted when it's time for their appointment. We have removed chairs at some locations to minimize overcrowding.

### Visitor Policy

We ask all visitors accompanying patients to wait in their vehicle. If a visitor needs to accompany you into the office, there will be a limit of one visitor.