

THE AMI INSIDER

February is American Heart Month



February is American Heart Month and the most effective treatment for heart disease is prevention. Dr. Kenny explains how a revolutionary exam called Coronary CT Angiography (CTA) can provide the earliest possible evidence of coronary artery disease, the condition that leads to heart attacks. View the video on our YouTube page.

What's New at AMI

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February is American Heart Month and AMI is supporting the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. Heart disease, the #1 killer of women, affects women from all age groups, ethnicities, family histories and walks of life. Awareness, education and research are the keys to change.

On Friday, February 5, 2021, the physicians and staff at AMI joined millions of Americans and wore red to show support for women and the fight against heart disease. The AMI Foundation will donate funds raised through our Go Red for Women campaign to support heart health research and education.

At Atlantic Medical Imaging, we offer a remarkable technology called Coronary CT Angiography (CTA) which can provide the earliest possible evidence of developing coronary artery disease. This non-invasive exam requires no sedation and no hospital stay. The CT scanner completes a specialized CT scan in fewer than five heartbeats, and then within seconds uses highly advanced computers to produce 3-D, 360-degree images of the coronary arteries, the place where heart attacks originate.

A Coronary CTA scan can discover signs of heart disease that would be invisible on EKGs, stress testing, calcium scoring and even cardiac catheterization. Coronary CTA is the only non-invasive diagnostic test that detects calcified and more importantly non-calcified (soft or vulnerable) plaques. It is these soft plaques, invisible to the calcium scoring that are more likely to cause heart attacks and sudden death.

If you or a loved one have one or more of the following risk factors, you should talk with your physician:

- High Blood Pressure
- High Cholesterol
- High Stress Environment
- Smoking
- Family History of Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Overweight
- Sedentary Lifestyle (little or not exercise)

In 2004, the AMI Foundation of Atlantic Medical Imaging formed the William J. Reilly Coronary CTA Fund. The fund provides free or low cost Coronary CTA exams to patients at risk for heart disease based on eligibility.

For more information please call (609) 677-XRAY (9729), (732) 223-XRAY (9729), 856-794-1700 or visit our website at: www.atlanticmedicalimaging.com/radiology-services/coronary-cta/



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 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/ .

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.