



## What Does a Radiologist Do?



### Overview

A radiologist is a doctor who specializes in medical imaging. They study and treat problems throughout the body. A radiologist may care for you directly. Or, they may work with your main doctor.

### Types of medical imaging

What is medical imaging? These are scans that let us see inside your body. To create the images, we may use sound waves or radiation. We may use magnetic fields or other methods. Two of the most common types of imaging are X-rays and ultrasounds. CT scans, MRIs and PET scans are all types of imaging scans, too. They give us a detailed look deep within your body.

### Why do I need to see a radiologist?

You may need to see a radiologist for a wide range of reasons. They could help mend a broken bone. They can check the health of your developing baby. They can find and treat cancer. And they can make sure your care plan is working the way it should.

### Conclusion

Your radiologist is an important part of your healthcare team. For more info about specific medical imaging scans, talk to your doctor.

