

Two New Initiatives

At Chambersburg Imaging Associates and Summit Health, two new initiatives have emerged from presentations to referring physicians: a radiology shadowing program for physicians and an urgent care training program for mid-level clinicians.

Radiology Shadowing Program for Physicians

Physicians have teamed up with Pyatt and Lewandowski to form a program that allows clinicians to shadow radiologists. Clinicians sit with radiologists as they review CTs, MRs, and mammograms and show them when imaging is utilized appropriately and inappropriately. This program will offer CME credit to participating physicians.

The program will first appear in emergency rooms. Family practice physicians in the area who used to have patients in the hospital no longer cover inpatients because of the hospitalist program. This shadowing program allows them to observe patients in a hospital setting. Family practice doctors will shadow radiologists in the ER in half-shifts. Lewandowski and Pyatt would eventually like to extend the program to physician assistants and nurse practitioners, so they can also learn more about appropriate image ordering.

Urgent Care Training Program

The Urgent Care Training Program is for all new mid-level practitioners who are training at the urgent care center in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. As part of their training, physicians spend time with radiologists when they are on call during various shifts. They observe how fractures and pneumonia are diagnosed and how to deal with other common imaging scenarios, such as finger or wrist x-rays. Pyatt and his team build teaching files tailored to each physician. There are many, additional urgent care centers going up in the county, and the training program will be an integral part of those centers.

Pyatt now knows the mid-level practitioners he has worked with on a first-name basis, and they regularly call him for advice on specific scans they see in urgent care offices. "This is all about creating solid relationships and working more closely with the providers. It's nice to see them around campus and already know them," says Pyatt. "We're opening a new center in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and another one in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, later this year, and we'll be training those staff members, as well."