

## **NEWSLETTER**

A new <u>report out by Medality</u> surveyed radiologists' reading habits across imaging specializations including cardiovascular, neurology, musculoskeletal, chest, and others. The survey found that 40% of radiologists read across all subspecialities with the average number being 4 or 5. The rest of the report delivered some surprising numbers on radiologist confidence reading in these subspeciality areas.

According to the survey, 53% of all radiologists read neuroradiology or musculoskeletal images daily. Only 16% however, felt very confident while reading in those areas. It is not then surprising that these are the two areas that radiologists most want training in. As patients, providers, and members of the insurance industry, we should all want that for them, too, because, concerningly, 23% of radiologists surveyed were not confident in reading musculoskeletal imaging.

Although there has been a large shift in recent decades for radiologists to become fellowship-trained and subspecialize in one area, many radiologists find themselves reading in more than one due to factors like increasing workload. In the United States, more than half of radiologists are considered generalists, or those who read across several subspecialties.

While there is nothing inherently wrong with general radiologists, studies do show that fellowship-trained, subspecialized radiologists are able to better provide patient care, control downstream costs, and even help avoid surgical intervention. Click here for more stats on fellowship-trained, subspecialized radiologists like the ones at A4D.

This report proves what we've known all along at A4D: that the radiologist's training directly impacts the quality of care for the patient. You wouldn't want your radiologist to look at your images and not be confident, but render a diagnosis anyway, would you? Currently, that's how it works. We're helping change that. Contact us today for more details.

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