

**Atlantic Medical Imaging  
Physician Operations Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2026**

**Old Business:**

- Moon Read US/Xray Update
  - Shift Ratification and Scope: The moonlighting shift will now cover Xray and US readings on Saturdays, which were previously handled by hospital radiologists, and this change will be implemented at the April 25<sup>th</sup> week schedule. The new moonlighting shift will be compensated at the same rate as other moonlighting shifts, and participants were advised to check QGenda for their assignments. Chest X-rays read in the morning at AMI are excluded from the new shift due to the inability of Dan's team to obtain accurate numbers, so these will remain in the queue until a solution is found.
- Dr. Cumming Coverage
  - Dr. Ko volunteered and will work with Dr. Cerniglia to learn the process.

**New Business:**

- MRI Safety
  - See Attachment – Vascular Stents – Stent Policy
  - Dr. Kramer referenced a document and a recent paper supporting the safety of scanning patients with unknown vascular stents under specific MRI parameters and noted that Kim agreed with this approach. Technologists were advised not to turn away patients with unknown vascular stents, and the new guidance will be shared with them after group approval.
- Reminder – Port Access
  - See Attachment – Port Access Instructions
  - Dr. Peggy clarified that New Jersey law allows CT Techs to access ports if they complete a documented educational program, and that the current restriction is institutional rather than legal. She proposed creating a training program for select senior CT Techs to access ports, referencing practices at other hospitals where techs observe and demonstrate the procedure multiple times before being approved. Jennifer agreed to review the legal information and involve Kimberly, nursing, and Dr. Kenny to help develop and implement the training program.
- New Radiologist
  - Dr. Eric S.W. Li – Neuro – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2027
    - Approved

## **Policy and Procedures:**

- New/Updated Policies
  - All policies below have been approved and will be disseminated to the staff.
  - Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Observer Requirements During Sensitive Examinations
    - Jennifer outlined a new policy requiring notification to patients and staff about their right to have a qualified observer during sensitive exams. All staff will receive annual training to become certificated, with initial rollout at our Mammo/Dexa/US only locations.
  - Unaccompanied Minor
    - Annie described a new policy crafted in response to administrator requests, allowing office administrators discretion in handling unaccompanied minors, with input from risk management consultants.
  - Contrast Reaction Procedure
    - Jennifer announced that fexofenadine (Allegra) has been added as the first line of treatment for mild contrast reactions, as it allows patients to drive afterwards, and all locations should have it on site.

## **Body:**

- **Section Chief Update - Dr. Tejas Patel**
- Peds US Exams at Vineland Chestnut
  - Cherry explained that pediatric exams at Vineland Chestnut will be paused due to the current technologist not being suitable for further training, and that year-to-date 86 exams had been performed. Services will resume once additional technologists are trained, and Cherry will keep the group updated on the progress.
- US Normal measurements updates
  - See Attachment – US Normal Measurements
  - Cherry included both old and new measurement parameters, along with references and abnormal values, and wanted to review these with the physicians before sharing them with the technologists.

## **WI:**

- **Section Chief Update - Dr. Peggy Avagliano**
- Biopsy Gun Shortage
  - Dr. Peggy reported that while there is a shortage of Hologic biopsy guns, the team has not had to curtail services due to proactive inventory management by the OAs and Michael from Hologic. She advised using petite guns, when possible, to conserve standard

guns. There are no current issues with BARD or ultrasound guns, and that Tomo and MRI biopsy guns are on back order with delayed delivery dates. Jennifer confirmed, that office administrators were advised months ago to retrain necessary supplies, and Cherrylyn was acknowledged for maintaining extra inventory.

- Monitors
  - The daily, weekly, and monthly QA checks are being updated for off-site A-level readers and emphasized that Mammo readings must only be done on approved monitors.

#### **Nuclear Med:**

- **Section Chief Update - Dr. Caitlyn Hardy & Dr. Borys Krynyckyi**
- No topics

#### **MSK:**

- **Section Chief Update – Dr. Sherif Saad**
- MSK Re-alignment Update
  - Buckets
    - The new bucket system for MSK cases has been implemented and is functioning smoothly, with work office designation lists distributed to technologists. There is a need to ensure that cases requiring neural or PIP reads are routed correctly to avoid workflow disruptions.
  - Protocols
    - Dr Saad is working with Taylor to compile and review all existing MSK imaging protocols to ensure uniformity across all offices and magnets.
  - Templates
    - Next steps are to review and streamline dictation templates to reduce addendum requests and discrepancies.

#### **Neuro:**

- **Section Chief Update - Dr. Ankur Shah & Dr. Swapnil Patel**
- No topics

#### **ARMC**

- **Section Chief Update - Dr. Mitch Brezel**
- ARMC Imaging During Pregnancy
  - See Attachments – For Patients Pregnancy Status and For Providers Pregnancy Status
  - Please review the forms and provide any questions or concerns, indicating that approval will be given to Ashley (ARMC) if no objections are raised.

**Open Forum:**

- Aesthetic Soft Launch
  - Dr. Saad shared that 10 staff patients received over 30 Botox procedures with no complications, and positive feedback was collected via official surveys. He is coordinating with Amanda to develop an online form and plans to offer the service to all AMI staff. Staff will be required to use PTO if during their working hours and we will be offering competitive pricing. Next steps are to expand the service to the general population. Dr. Saad will complete a dermal filler complications course, with a soft launch also planned. Meetings are planned to discuss staffing and scheduling needs to support the expansion of the aesthetic service line.

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm  
via Microsoft Teams**