

Radiology PACS: Now Available on Your Office Computer

What is PACS? PACS stands for Picture Archival Communication System and is the platform by which digital radiology images are stored and displayed. Centricity WebPACS is the online version of the radiology PACS used at Swedish Radia Imaging Center and throughout the Swedish system.

Is PACS used only by radiologists? Although it began as a replacement for film and lightboxes in the radiology reading room, it is now used by all types of physicians in private offices, on hospital wards, in the OR and ER, and even on portable computers in patient rooms.

How will PACS help me in my practice? You can now easily review the images for all the radiology studies completed on your patients, including older comparison studies. This may help you better appreciate the pathology described in the report. Images can also be shared with your patients on your computer screen, by email or hard copy.

Will reports also be available on PACS? Yes. Put an end to searching around for lost radiology faxes or making unnecessary phone calls. Simply bring up the patient's study online and view the report. Both images and reports will be available immediately after they are created. Because of our fast turnaround time, reports are usually available within minutes of exam completion.

Can I print from PACS? Yes. Reports AND images can be easily printed from your desktop. Paper copies of images will allow you to share significant images with your patient, an added service they will certainly appreciate.

How can I get PACS in my office? Simply call Swedish Radia at (425) 394-0650 or email geniqua.harris@swedish.org and we will send you a confidentiality agreement to sign and obtain a username/password for you. Installation is virtually automatic over the internet when you first login. Simply point your browser to <https://pacs.swedish.org>.

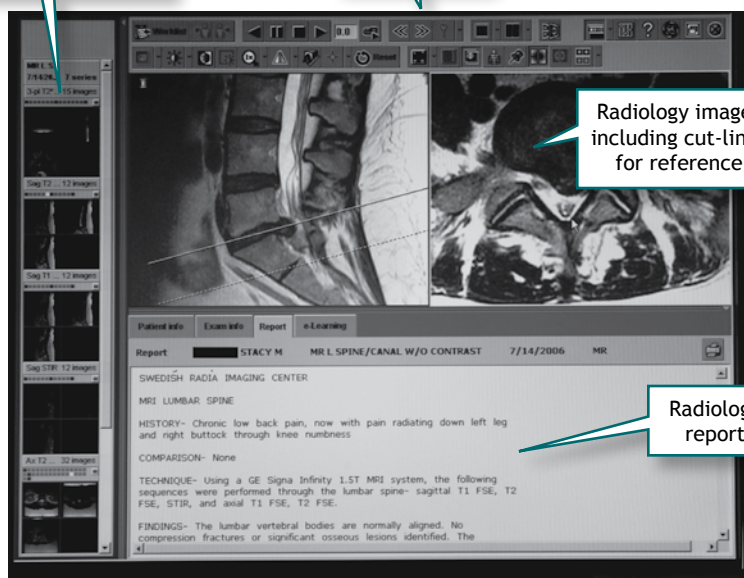
Do I need special computer hardware? Minimum requirements are a high-speed internet connection,

Image thumbnails for
quick navigation

Toolbars

Radiology images
including cut-lines
for reference

Radiology
report



a computer with a 1 GHz processor, 128 MB RAM, 1024x768 color display, Windows 98, XP, NT or 2000 and Internet Explorer v5.5 or later. At this time, compatibility is not available for Windows Vista and Apple Macintosh computers.

How can I get help using the software? A user friendly online help screen and tutorial is provided. If you have additional questions you may call Swedish Radia or the Swedish Service desk for assistance. ■

Dear Colleague:

I'm pleased to send you the latest issue of "Update" from Swedish Radia Imaging Center. Six times a year we will send you information about the benefit of the state-of-the-art technology and expertise we provide. Your questions/comments are welcome. Call (425) 466-3764.

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Insurances that may need authorization for MRI and CT

- DSHS
- Molina
- Secure Horizons (Pcw)
- Pacific Care (PCW)
- Any HMO Plan
- Great West
- Tri-Care
- Group Health
- Cigna
- Aetna
- Unicare
- First Choice KPS
- First Choice (Providence Health Plan)

Swedish Radia Helps You Provide Better Care

Fast turnaround.

Because timely reporting is important to you, at Swedish Radia, we use a state-of-the-art voice recognition dictation system to generate final reports quickly and accurately. Final signed reports are, on average, faxed to you within 30 minutes or less of exam completion.

Convenient same day scheduling.

Your patients come to you for answers, and we want to help you provide advice and treatment quickly and alleviate your patients' anxiety. That's why we offer same day appointments for all of our modalities. Call Scheduling: (425) 394-0660.

- ❖ We are open until 6 p.m. for ultrasound appointments.
- ❖ MRI offers music and aroma therapy to reduce stress.
- ❖ CT provides 3-D 16 slice reformatting.
- ❖ Average patient wait time is only 10 minutes. ■

Tell Us What You Think of Swedish Radia Update

Swedish Radia produces an *Update* every other month to inform our referring providers and their office staff about the benefits of our state-of-the-art technology, patient-focused service and high quality care. We'd like your feedback on the *Update*, and appreciate

your completing the brief survey below. Please return it to Lisa Martz by November 30 and we'll send you a Starbucks card as a token of appreciation.

Thank you for your ongoing support of and confidence in Swedish Radia.

Swedish Radia *Update* is published every two months. How often do you read *Update*?

- Every Issue Most issues Half the time Rarely Never

Who in your office reads *Update*?

- Clinical staff Office staff We put it out for patients
 Nobody

How relevant or useful are the articles in *Update* to you?

- Mostly useful/relevant
 Sometimes useful
 Not usually useful
 Not at all useful

How often should *Update* be published?

- Continue bi-monthly
 Change to quarterly

What is your preferred method of receiving *Update*?

- Mailed to my office
 E-mail (please provide) _____
 Online (Web)
 Delivered by Radia rep

Would you like to be removed from the mailing list?

- Yes No

What information would you like to see covered? Or what improvements would you suggest?

Please supply your name and address so we can send you your Starbucks card. Return this form to Lisa Martz, Swedish Radia Imaging Center, by mail or fax by November 30. Thank you!

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