



Pictured left to right: Tejas Shinde, M.D.; Leizle Talangbayan, M.D.; Salman Rashid, M.D.; Yasmeen Shariff, M.D.; Richard Ruchman, M.D.; and Stanley Lu, M.D. At right is Peter Park, M.D.

Using images to save lives

THESE SKILLED RADIOLOGISTS EMPLOY THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY TO PINPOINT DISORDERS

From cancerous tumors to blood clots that trigger stroke, body imaging technologies make it possible to detect many sources of life-threatening illness. But it takes skilled physicians to interpret them. Fortunately, Monmouth Medical Center's Department of Radiology boasts both state-of-the-art imaging technology and a top-notch team of radiologists.

"Each doctor brings unique strengths to the group," says department chairman Richard Ruchman, M.D. He specializes in abdominal radiology, and he and colleague Salman Rashid, M.D., have also done fellowships in nuclear medicine. Stanley Lu, M.D., who completed a neuroradiology fellowship, excels at detecting abnormalities in the brain. Leizle Talangbayan, M.D., fellowship-trained in body imaging, reads computed tomography (CT) scans and plain films of the chest. And having read more than 700 breast MRIs (magnetic resonance images), Yasmeen Shariff, M.D., is one of the country's most experienced breast imaging specialists.

The group's diverse expertise is complemented by state-of-the-art equipment. Fellowship-trained in MRI scanning, Tejas Shinde, M.D., uses Monmouth's MRI system, which takes images of the body without radiation, to identify such disorders as stroke and bone and joint trauma. And the multislice CT system produces a 3-D cross-section view of the body in very thin slices in 20 seconds, providing doctors with multiple perspectives.

Radiological procedures can be used to treat as well as to diagnose. For example, interventional radiologist Peter Park, M.D., excels at uterine fibroid embolization, which shrinks fibroid tumors by blocking their blood supply.

The group welcomes two new physicians—and former Monmouth Medical Center residents—this summer: David McDonald, M.D., a pediatric radiologist, and Ernest Wiggins, M.D., an interventional radiologist with a specialty in cancer. ■

Meet Monmouth's radiologists

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