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# EYE ON IMAGING



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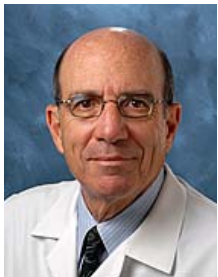


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## INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to a rejuvenated and revised "Eye on Imaging." The Imaging Department will be using this venue intermittently to keep all members of the CSMC family current on issues of patient care, quality, new techniques and procedures, outcomes, research and general information of importance. We will keep our comments brief, and strive for relevance and usefulness so as not to abuse your valuable time.

We welcome your input and suggestions. Please send them to me at [pressmanb@cshs.org](mailto:pressmanb@cshs.org).



### DR. JEFFREY DYM

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Dym. Our new fellowship-trained Musculoskeletal Radiologist.

Visit our website:  
[csmc.edu/imaging-md](http://csmc.edu/imaging-md)

## IMPROVED STAT X-RAY TURN AROUND TIME

Lynne Roy, MS, CNMT, MBA, MHA  
Director, S. Mark Taper Foundation Imaging Center

We realize that the quality of our images and the efficient delivery of care (reports?) is essential to your clinical decision making. To that end we have embarked on several quality-improvement initiatives using LEAN methodology.

In June we instituted new procedures in an effort to reduce the STAT portable X-RAY TAT. As a result of these changes, our TAT for STATS in the main medical center has dropped from 181 minutes to 61 minutes--a 66% improvement. Our next step is to duplicate these changes in the Saperstein building.

A similar success story was achieved in our vascular lab. There, the STAT TAT has been reduced from 4.9 hours to 1.5 hours--a 69% improvement.

Recently we also participated in two additional projects to reduce waiting times and delays for X-Rays in the OR and in our orthopedic clinic at the Mark Goodson Building. We are confident that these changes will result in similar improvements.

We will keep you informed.

For questions or comments, contact me at:  
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## 64-SLICE DUAL-SOURCE CT

### NO NEED FOR BETA BLOCKERS

Our new 64-slice, Dual-Source CT machine is now in place. This is the fastest and highest-quality scanner on the market. It is fast enough to be able to clearly image a beating heart. This scanner allows for detailed Cardiac exams, such as Cardiac Calcium Scan and CT Angiography.

[Click here for more information.](#)



## ONLINE RESOURCES

We are always working to improve our internet resources for you and your office. We recently improved our online

### "Request To Schedule"

The changes include better handling of contact phone numbers and additional training for our scheduling staff. More and more offices are finding that this service works for them.

For a demonstration, contact Elissa at 310.849-2531 or [click to e-mail](#)