

PACS 2009

TRG Group is pleased to announce the successful rollout and implementation of PACS across the Group over the last few months. Picture Archiving

and Communication System, or PACS is the digital transmission of images and replaces the need for film based reporting and viewing.



PACS is now well established technology and has been used within several public hospitals for some years. However, PACS has only progressed slowly in private practice as internet broadband has been slow and very expensive in New Zealand.

Most of the radiology practices in the TRG Group now have Computed Radiography (CR) equipment for general x-rays, CT, MRI and ultrasound images making them totally digital. The high quality images are immediately available for reporting radiologists with benefits of improved report turnaround times, online access to prior images and peer to peer collaboration for diagnosing the more complex medical conditions.

After exhaustive research, TRG Group chose to install the Canadian INTELERAD system which operates well across a wide geographical referrer base and does not require significant bandwidth to transmit images efficiently and quickly. It is well suited to our New Zealand internet conditions.

The radiologic images from INTELERAD are also available to referrers from the TRG Group web site (www.trggroup.co.nz) via a top quality viewer. This is virtually the same viewer used by the Group's reporting radiologists and is at no additional cost to patient or referrer. All that is required is a PC and

broadband web access. Our PACS administrator will assist with installing the software and demonstrate the viewer to those clinicians wishing to have access to their patients' images.

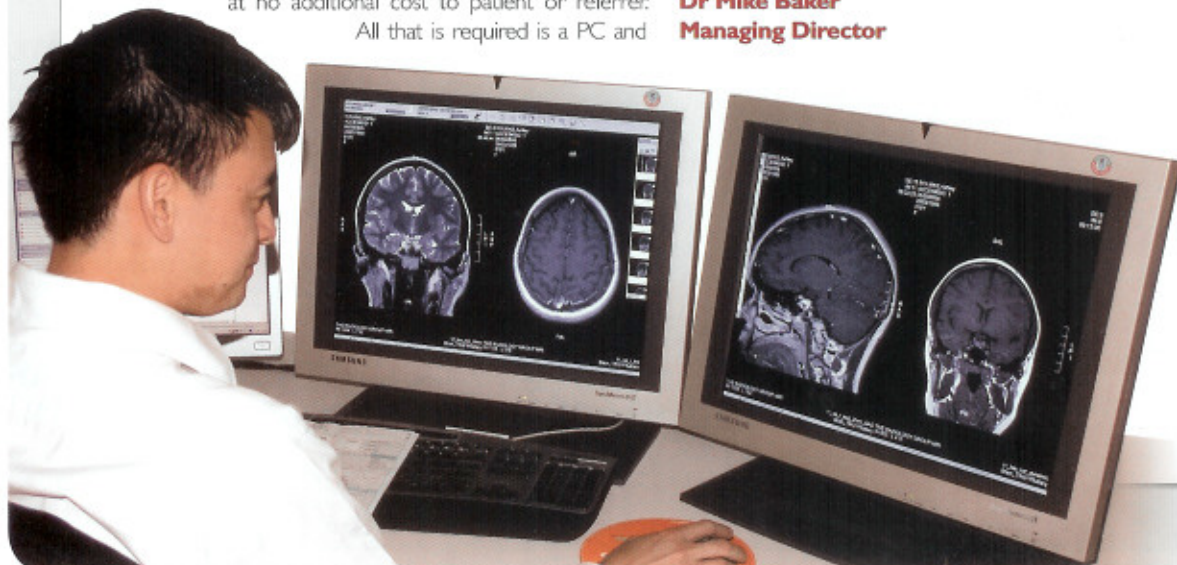
Auckland based The Radiology Group was the first to go live with PACS and this was very well received, with subsequent implementation completed at Waikato Radiology in Hamilton and Lakes Radiology in Rotorua and Taupo. The final sites for the installation of PACS are in Hawkes Bay Radiology and Northern Radiology.

Radiology reports via Healthlink or fax will continue to be available indefinitely. For those referrers wishing to have a PACS browser installed, please contact our PACS administrator Andrew Howes at AHowes@trggroup.co.nz or phone him on 021 874 573

This new image delivery system for our radiology practices is part of our ongoing commitment to quality improvement with better service delivery and referrer access to our images.

We would be very interested to hear your feedback.

Dr Mike Baker
Managing Director



NORTHERN RADIOLOGY



Dr Neil Dawber

Neil is a Consultant Radiologist at Northland DHB and Northern Radiology in Whangarei. Neil's interests are MRI and DEXA bone densitometry.



Dr Kevin Scott

Kevin has a special interest in MRI and musculoskeletal imaging and is a consultant radiologist at Northland DHB and Northern Radiology.

THE RADIOLOGY GROUP



Dr Mike Baker

Mike is the Managing Director of TRG Group and provides Radiologist sessions at Auckland Breast Centre and The Radiology Group. Mike's special interests are in mammography, CT and ultrasound.



Dr Alan Clanchan

Alan is the Managing Radiologist of The Radiology Group and has a special interest in ENT (Ear Nose and Throat) radiology, breast imaging and CT.



Dr Stephen Gock

Stephen has a special interest in neuroradiology and head and neck imaging and is a Consultant Radiologist at both Auckland DHB and The Radiology Group.



Dr Anthony (Tony) Lawson

Tony is a Consultant Radiologist at Auckland DHB and The Radiology group and is the TRG Group Clinical Board Chair. His special interests include musculoskeletal imaging, body imaging and interventional radiology.



Dr Chris McKee

Chris is an Associate at The Radiology Group and a consultant at Waitemata DHB. He has special interest in neuro/spine MRI and upper gastrointestinal tract.



Dr Richard Ng

Richard is a Consultant Radiologist at Waitemata DHB and The Radiology Group. Richard's special interests are MSK and body imaging including MRI.



Dr Fleur O'Leary

Fleur is an Associate at The Radiology Group and has special interest in ultrasound, mammography and women's imaging.



Dr Ricky Rutledge

Ricky is a Consultant Radiologist at Waitemata DHB and The Radiology Group. He is experienced in CT, mammography and ultrasound, with a special interest in musculoskeletal ultrasound.

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LAKES RADIOLOGY



Dr Francois DeBruin

Francois is a Radiologist at Lakes Radiology in Rotorua & Taupo and is experienced in CT, mammography and ultrasound, with a special interest in musculoskeletal ultrasound.



Dr Barbara Hochstein

Barbara has a special interest in women's imaging, mammography, breast imaging and CT procedures and is a consultant Radiologist at Lakes DHB in Rotorua and at Lakes Radiology.



Dr Bob Travis

Bob is the Managing Radiologist for the Lakes region and works across Lakes Radiology, MSK Imaging and Waikato Radiology. Bob is a general radiologist with sub-specialty interests in breast and musculoskeletal imaging including MRI.

HAWKES BAY RADIOLOGY



Dr Heather Bowmer

Heather is the Managing Radiologist for Hawkes Bay Radiology. She has special interests in MRI, mammography, orthopedics and ultrasound procedures.



Dr Jee Fan

Jee is based at Hawkes Bay Radiology has a special interest in musculoskeletal ultrasound.



Dr David Shipp

David has special interests in ultrasound, musculoskeletal ultrasound, MRI and mammography and is based at Hawkes Bay Radiology.

WAIKATO RADIOLOGY



Dr Peter Gendall

Peter is the Managing Radiologist for the Hamilton region and also does work at MSK and Lakes Radiology. He has a sub specialist interest in spine and musculoskeletal imaging, sports imaging and musculoskeletal intervention.



ULTRASOUND SPECIALIST Dr Nilaofer Meher-Homji

Nilaofer is an obstetrician and gynecologist with a special interest in women's imaging. She leads the Womens Ultrasound and the pre-natal triple testing services based at our Pembroke practice in Hamilton.

TRG Group radiologists are able to advise on the imaging strategy most appropriate for any clinical presentation. We welcome discussion regarding any diagnostic problems and are always available to discuss or assist with your radiology queries.

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