

# RADIOLOGIST



## **Summary of profession**

A radiologist is a physician who specializes in using medical imaging techniques, such as X-ray and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), to diagnose and treat diseases or injuries.

## **Working hours, patterns and environment**

You'll usually work around 37 hours a week, which may include shifts and evenings, weekends and public holidays. Always work indoors and are exposed to radiation on a daily basis. To protect themselves they wear special aprons and other safety gear.

## **Education and skills**

Because radiologists are fully-licensed medical doctors, they must undergo a minimum of 11 years of education, beginning with a bachelor's degree that is heavily weighted toward biology and physics requirements, such as a premedical degree.

## **Job and Growth Opportunities**

Radiologists advance their careers by gaining new skills and expertise. This allows the person to command a higher income and may present opportunities for leadership, research and community outreach.