What is a radiologist?

What do they do?

Radiologists are doctors who:

- Give an expert medical opinion on scans
- Diagnose cancer, stroke, and many other diseases and injuries
- Perform life-saving surgical procedures using very small skin punctures.





Who are they?

Radiologists train for at least five years after qualifying as a doctor. They:

- Are experts in anatomy and body systems
- Advise other doctors on the results of scans
- Are at the forefront of personalised precision diagnosis.

Why are radiologists important to patients?

Almost all doctors rely on the radiologist's report and advice. An accurate diagnosis at the right time can save:

- Lives
- Patients' time and worry
- Costs to the NHS.

A radiologist knows the scan that will:

- Minimise radiation
- Solve the clinical problem.

UK healthcare could not function without the expert advice and guidance of radiologists.





Always there

A radiologist is available 24/7/365 to diagnose and advise on:

- An elderly person with suspected stroke
- A young woman with pregnancy complications
- A victim of a motorcycle accident.

The Royal College of Radiologists: leading, educating and supporting radiologists across the UK.



