



# 2021 at Johns Hopkins Medical Imaging

As we enter a new year, learn about all the ways we are continuing to keep your patients safe and the services we provide around same-day appointments, pre-authorizations, and maintaining COVID-19 precautions.



## **Order Wisely: Lower Back Pain**

Lower back pain is one of the most common reasons for physician visits. Read about how a multispeciality team of Johns Hopkins physicians developed an Appropriate Use Criteria (AUCs) for lower back pain imaging and how to access this resource on Epic or through other EMRs.



### **Bethesda Location Renovations**

See the striking renovations for the main waiting areas and exam rooms at Johns Hopkins Medical Imaging in Bethesda. This includes brand new equipment such as a 3T and 1.5T MRI, CT, and X-ray equipment. Thanks to the dedication of the Bethesda team, patients continued to receive excellent care throughout the renovation process.



### Instructions for Scheduling Online in MyChart

Patients interested in using MyChart, the Johns Hopkins online portal, to schedule appointments and see results can now access more details and step-by-step instructions. MyChart allows patients to choose an appointment location, date and time that best fits their schedule.

#### Ask Our Medical Director: Dr. Jenny K. Hoang, M.B.B.S., M.H.S., M.B.A.

Q: Q: How is Johns Hopkins Medical Imaging improving MRI scan times?

**A:** Our Johns Hopkins radiologists and technologist leaders are always working to improve and shorten scan times while maintaining high-quality images. We have recently reduced imaging times for several MRI exams by fine-tuning protocols and leveraging the latest in compressed sensing technology. Optimizing scan times improves patient experience during the MRI and provides shorter appointment times overall.

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