

Comprehensive Thyroid Care Center

Dear Referring Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that a new Comprehensive Thyroid Care Center is now available at the Roger Williams Medical Center in collaboration with Rhode Island Medical Imaging. This center aims to provide comprehensive care for benign and malignant thyroid disease and will provide services including diagnostic thyroid ultrasound, biopsy, radiofrequency ablation, thyroid embolization, and thyroidectomy.

This facility at the Roger Williams Medical Center will be the **first location providing thyroid ablation services in Rhode Island**. Indication for radiofrequency ablation is as following:

- Benign thyroid nodules resulting in symptoms such as dysphagia and cosmetic concerns.
- Recurrent thyroid cancer after thyroidectomy.

The procedure is performed on an outpatient basis under local anesthesia using real-time ultrasound guidance. Reported outcomes are excellent with volume reduction of 80% at 12 months and 95% at 60 months for non-functioning benign thyroid nodule, and 79% at 12 months for autonomously functioning thyroid nodule. Potential risks and complications include bleeding, bruising, infection, skin burns, and recurrent laryngeal nerve injury. Our hope is that this minimally invasive procedure will significantly reduce the healthcare burden and morbidities associated with surgical approaches.

Additional services include thyroid nodule work up including diagnostic ultrasound and fine needle aspiration, thyroid embolization for symptomatic goiter, and thyroidectomy. The care team is composed of two interventional radiologists (Drs. DaeHee Kim and John Lee) and a surgical oncologist (Dr. Steve Kwon). Diagnostic imaging and fine needle aspiration will also be continuously performed on an outpatient basis at Rhode Island Medical Imaging.

We are excited about the Comprehensive Thyroid Care Center at the Roger Williams Medical Center. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have. Thank you for referring your patients.

Best regards,

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