



Dear Valued Colleague,

We are writing to ask for your support of Rhode Island Medical Imaging's Certificate of Need application to expand PET/CT access in Rhode Island.

The demand for PET/CT in Rhode Island is growing rapidly, driven by a rising incidence of cancer and neurologic diseases, including dementia, in an aging population. PET/CT is now the standard of care for the diagnosis, staging, treatment planning, and response assessment of many cancer types and has a rapidly expanding role in the evaluation and management of neurodegenerative diseases.

Current PET/CT capacity in Rhode Island has not kept pace with this growing demand, and per capita access to PET/CT in Rhode Island is among the lowest in the nation. There are only two PET/CT scanners serving the entire state, both operating at or near full capacity. Wait times for PET/CT now often exceed one month, which is well above national averages. In many cases, this directly delays staging and treatment decisions for Rhode Islanders. As a result, Rhode Islanders frequently cannot obtain PET/CT in a timely manner, forcing delays in care or referral out of state.

To address this, Rhode Island Medical Imaging has proposed a new outpatient PET/CT scanner in Pawtucket. This would expand in-state capacity and improve access. In addition, delivering PET/CT in an outpatient setting provides a more affordable option for patients compared to hospital-based imaging.

We ask that you sign the attached petition on the subsequent page prior to May 1, 2026 in support of a new outpatient PET/CT scanner in Pawtucket to expand access, reduce cost, and improve care for Rhode Islanders with cancer and neurologic diseases. Submissions can be returned on paper, via email at PET@rimirad.com, or online at www.rimirad.com/PET.

Sincerely,

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Petition in support of Rhode Island Medical Imaging’s Certificate of Need application for an outpatient PET/CT scanner in Pawtucket.

I support Rhode Island Medical Imaging’s Certificate of Need application to establish a new outpatient PET/CT scanner at 407 East Avenue in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

I support this application because:

- The need for PET/CT in Rhode Island is increasing due to rising incidence of cancer and neurologic diseases in an aging population.
- Current PET/CT capacity in Rhode Island is insufficient, with only two scanners serving the entire state.
- PET/CT is the current standard of care for many cancer types and neurologic diseases
- Limited capacity leads to prolonged wait times and delays in diagnosis, staging, and treatment decisions.
- Rhode Islanders frequently cannot obtain PET/CT in a timely manner and are often referred out of state for necessary imaging.
- Expanding outpatient PET/CT capacity in Pawtucket would improve access for Rhode Islanders and allow more patients to receive care within the state.
- Outpatient PET/CT provides a more affordable option for patients compared to hospital-based imaging.

By signing below, I affirm my support for approval of this application.

Name: _____

Degree / Title: _____

Practice / Organization: _____

City / Town: _____

Signature: _____

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