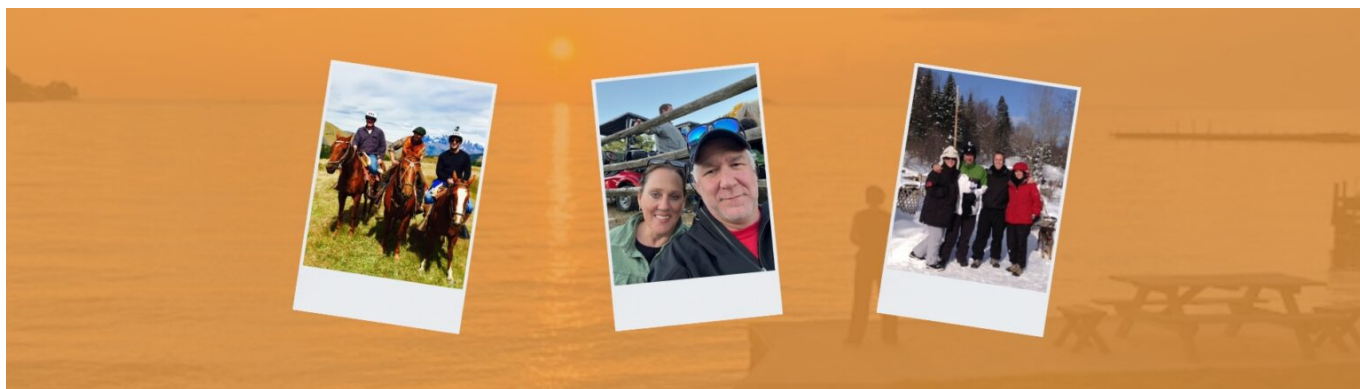




Why RP? Q&A with Dr. Jason Fox, General Radiologist

Dr. Jason Fox discusses his path to radiology, how the field has evolved and how RP's investment in technology will help shape the future of radiology.

Dr. Jason Fox is a remote general radiologist based in Columbus, Ohio. He joined Matrix at RP in 2021. Outside of work, he enjoys traveling and skiing. We talked to Dr. Fox about his path to radiology, how the field has evolved and how RP's investment in technology will help shape the future of radiology.

When I went through medical school, I wasn't sure what I was going to do. I had a Navy scholarship, so I knew I was going in the Navy. During my internship at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, I was in a car wreck with severe injuries that left me temporarily immobile, making it extremely hard to do rounds. During that time, one of the radiologists took me under his wing and after completing a few rotations with him, I realized radiology was the right path for me. The rest is history.

Do you have a subspecialty? If so, what drew you to that subspecialty?

When I was in the Navy, there weren't many mammographers, and there were a lot of dependents to take care of. I was put into the role as a mammographer, got pretty good at it, enjoyed it and continued in that role.

What are some of the unique features that RP offers that are hard to find elsewhere?

One thing that sets RP apart is the systems we use to read. The AI systems running in the background are extremely helpful – it's sped me up quite a bit.

How has the field of radiology evolved since you first started your career?

There's a limited number of radiologists and programs producing them. Decreased reimbursements for physicians are exacerbating the problem, leading to fewer people entering radiology. We need to enhance our radiologists' workflows with AI assistance and other tools to help us continue to serve our patients well.

I started when we were still hanging film. Then PACS came along, which sped things up because you didn't have to handle physical films. Computer-aided detection (CAD) for mammography, which looks for masses and calcifications, was the earliest type of AI we used and helped us confirm we weren't overlooking calcifications. Now, AI helps with detecting C-spine fractures, PEs, rib fractures and more, saving time and increasing confidence in our readings.

When did you join Matrix at RP?

I joined in 2021. It was a big change from working in a hospital setting to working from home, but it was a good change. With Matrix, I have my own workstation, which I can customize to be more efficient.

Tell me about the committee you are involved in?

We started doing quality assurance with ultrasound, CT and radiology techs. Many of the hospitals we work with are smaller, regional hospitals that don't have a radiologist onsite. We've set up a system to collect examples of studies with artifacts to share with our techs. If a radiologist sees something wrong, they hit a teaching folder button to document, for example, a jewelry artifact or detector artifacts in the study, if there was a reformat problem or the bolus wasn't given. This allows the team to sort, quantify what's going on and track these issues, which has significantly improved compliance and overall quality.

What are some of the unique features Matrix at RP offers that are hard to find elsewhere?

As a radiologist who reads remotely, I appreciate the opportunity for some geographical flexibility. For example, if you prefer to snowbird – and have the proper state licenses – then Matrix at RP could be a great fit for you. In my case, that flexibility allowed me to spend the summer closer to my daughter while working my regular schedule.

Dr. Jason Fox earned his medical degree from Medical College of Ohio; completed his residency at Eastern Virginia Medical School; and served in the U.S. Navy.

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