



MAGGE
LAKSHMI, MD

Radiology Imaging
Specialists



Lakeland, FL



12 Years in Practice

Why did you decide to join private practice?

I was looking for a quasi-academic private practice blend, and had an interest in clinical research. When I came to Radiology Imaging Specialists, which is spread across multiple hospitals over a large geographic area, I knew there would be plenty of intellectually stimulating cases to collaborate with neurology and neurosurgery colleagues. A mid-sized to large practice was appealing to me, because there seemed opportunity for growth.

Practice/National Leadership Activities

- Radiology Imaging Specialists
 - Executive Officer
 - Head of Operations Division
 - Finance Committee
 - Marketing Committee
- Developed Comprehensive Stroke Center at Lakeland Regional Health
- Established Prostate Imaging program at Radiology Imaging Specialists
- American College of Radiology Prostate MRI working group
 - Developing practice standards for Prostate MRI Designation

Interesting Facts & Hobbies

My hobbies include reading, photography, fitness, volunteering at the animal shelter and I enjoy playing music in the reading room to keep up the energy!

What is your favorite thing about private practice?

I love collaborating with other clinicians. In my practice, I have strived to be available, affable and able. Through this, I have developed rapport with referring neurologists, neurosurgeons and ENTs who seek out my opinion on cases. I also enjoy the variety I have had in my practice. I was trained in neuroradiology, as a radiologist with experience in MRI I was approached to start a prostate imaging program with our urologists. I decided to be flexible and open to learning something new, which led to traveling to Belgium to learn from pioneers in prostate imaging, writing up and presenting about the experience and starting one of the earliest prostate imaging programs in Florida!

If you had to give one piece of advice to trainees considering private practice vs academics what would it be?

When you look to join a practice, it's important to know yourself and to know as much as you can about the practice you're looking into. Practices inherently want to hire good radiologists who are a good fit. We have professional and family needs, and those may change over time. There are so many different types of practice, it's not just a binary choice between academics and private practice. There are many hybrid opportunities, teleradiology, jobs with lots of call or no call, etc. Look for the blend that suits you.

Once you're in a practice, my advice is to be willing to learn and not box yourself into a narrow space. If you're willing to work hard and learn new skills, others will believe in you.