



LORALIE  
MA, MD, PhD

*Advanced Radiology*



Fulton, MD



27 Years in Practice

- 2 in Academics
- 25 in Private Practice

### *Medical School:*

University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign MD PhD

### *Fellowship:*

Hopkins Oncologic Imaging Fellowship  
- MRI and Nuclear Medicine

### *Why did you decide to join private practice?*

Dr. Ma found the work-life balance, collegiality and equality in private practice to be very appealing and a good fit.

### *What is your favorite thing about private practice?*

Dr. Ma sees a lot of interesting cases and diverse pathology in private practice and enjoys this. Transitioning from academic to private practice she was under the impression that she would not see as many interesting things in private practice but was pleasantly surprised to find that was not the case.

### *Practice/National Leadership Activities*

- President of the State Medical Society of Maryland
- ACR President of State Government Relations Committee
- AMA Vice Chair for Maryland
- Past President Maryland Radiological Society 2007-2009

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

Consider the size of the practice, look at the contract, make sure it looks fair. If you join a smaller group you will do more general work and less specialized, whereas at larger groups you can work more within your specialty if that's what you are looking for. Consider the area of the country and school systems and where you want to live. Look at if there's a transparent track to partnership and how long that takes. Look at how many people leave the practice to get an idea of whether it is somewhere that people enjoy working or not. Look at the demographics of the group and consider if they are a good fit for you. Look for compatriots in the group. The recent graduates will bring the most current knowledge of practices and new perspectives which is an important component of the group.

Think of what you can do for your practice as well as what your practice can do for you.

Dr. Ma is interested in and very involved with legislature. She feels it is important to have someone looking out for us all and encourages trainees to find what we are passionate about pursuing and go for it!

### *Interesting Facts & Hobbies*

- Dr. Ma is an avid walker- she is up at 5am every day to go on a walk and walks at least 5 miles a day, sometimes 10!
- She is family oriented.
- She is from the Midwest and has lived in the US and Taiwan.
- She owns a beach house in Delaware.