



Infectious Disease in the News

Infectious diseases continually make headlines, particularly with the 2014 international outbreak of Ebola and more recently with the U.S. multi-state measles outbreak. Infectious Disease specialists play a vital role in the prevention, diagnosis and management of infections like these.



Did you know Southcentral Kentucky has two board certified infectious disease specialists? Dr. El Lakkis, MD joined Rebecca Shadowen, MD, FACP, FSHEA with Infectious Disease and Travel Medicine Specialists in 2014. Dr. El Lakkis is accepting new patients. To refer a patient, call **270-780-2760**.

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Rasesh Desai, MD Joins Medical Center Orthopaedics

The Medical Center in affiliation with UK HealthCare Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine opened Medical Center Orthopaedics in late January to expand availability of orthopaedic surgeons in Southcentral Kentucky. The new physician practice, located in the Riverside Professional Center on The Medical Center campus, is now accepting patients.



Rasesh Desai, MD, FAAOS is an orthopaedic surgeon and assistant professor with UK HealthCare Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. He earned his medical degree at Smt. N.H.L. Municipal Medical College in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. He completed his orthopaedic residency training at the Sheth K.M. School of Post Graduation Medicine and Research V.S. Hospital. His extensive fellowship training includes Orthopaedic Spine at University of Cincinnati Hospital, Pediatric Orthopaedic and Pediatric Spine at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and Adult Reconstructive (Total Joints) Orthopaedics at University of Louisville.

**To refer a patient, call Medical Center Orthopaedics at
(270) 780-2750.**

New CT Scanners Reduce Radiation Exposure

New CT scanners installed at Western Kentucky Diagnostic Imaging and The Medical Center Emergency Department can now produce high-quality images using less radiation. The Optima* CT660 with ASiR* technology from GE Healthcare allows for fast, high quality acquisition of images for diagnostic radiologists to make accurate diagnoses at optimized dose for patients. The Medical Center is the only facility in the region to invest in the new low dose software.

"Using state-of-the-art science, we're able to minimize and custom-tailor radiation exposure based on what portion of the body we're imaging, patient size, patient age, and the needs of the study," said Eric Edds, M.D., diagnostic radiologist with The Medical Center. "The Medical Center is taking the steps to be on the forefront of minimizing radiation to our patients, which in the end minimizes any potential risk while obtaining the best images possible."



To refer a patient for a CT scan or other diagnostic imaging procedure, call Western Kentucky Diagnostic Imaging at 270-780-2764.