Bringing joy back to the reading room:
How AI can help radiologists beat burnout
Flipping the switch for artificial intelligence (AI) and radiology

AI isn’t a replacement for radiologists. It can be a dependable tool for assisting them with the lifesaving work of accurately detecting, diagnosing, documenting and monitoring disease in today’s reading rooms.

In the face of widespread burnout and high patient volumes, AI can help by increasing efficiency and easing workload.
A scan of the industry

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Top 5 factors contributing to burnout, according to radiologists:
- Lack of respect from administrators/employers, colleagues or staff: 60%
- Too many work hours: 50%
- Lack of control/autonomy: 47%
- Too many bureaucratic tasks: 30%
- Insufficient compensation: 29%

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49% of radiologists are burned out.

How do radiologists address burnout?

Only 6% indicated they made workflow or staff changes.

More radiology teams can combat burnout with workflow adjustments.

This is where AI can help.
Making the right use of AI

AI-powered diagnostic interpretations may be feasible in the long term, but non-interpretive AI is already impacting radiology reporting workflows today and can quickly provide value. For instance, natural language understanding (NLU) and computer-assisted physician documentation (CAPD) can reduce the burden of administrative tasks and boost workflow efficiency.

These technologies help by:

- Reducing rework and burnout from repetitive tasks
- Easing the cognitive burden caused by a rapid reading pace
- Creating more time to spend on patients’ images

But simply having technology in place doesn’t automatically eliminate burnout. For AI to make the biggest difference, it should fit into radiologists’ existing workflows. Because in imaging, every click counts and every second adds up.

A radiologist’s perspective

“It could only be seconds, but every time I have to go to the list, think about the study to choose and wait for it to open, that is time lost. And that time isn’t lost to productivity, it is lost to burnout.”

– Rishi Seth, MD, neuroradiologist, Fairfax Radiological Consultants
An advanced speech-driven reporting solution, 3M™ M*Modal Fluency for Imaging helps radiologists create higher quality diagnostic interpretations faster by combining:

- Top ranking front-end speech recognition
- Productivity enhancing tools
- AI-powered clinical insights

Mix and match customization options include the ability to seamlessly integrate partner solutions with 3M Fluency for Imaging. For instance, 3M partner Rad AI offers Omni, an add-on solution that generates automated report impressions in 0.5-3 seconds.\(^3\)
Get more done more quickly

With the help of AI, radiologists can:

**Trust the technology**
3M Fluency for Imaging ranked #1 Best in KLAS for Speech Recognition, Front-End Imaging in 2022

**Take a breather**
Lower the number of dictated words by up to 35% and save 60+ minutes per day by reviewing automatically generated impressions

**Focus on what’s most important**
Offload repetitive activities that tax time and attention to focus on expert image interpretation and diagnosis
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References

