

# PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT



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As a radiologist, Matthew Pieper, M.D., has the opportunity to work with doctors across many different specialties when he interprets their patients' imaging test results. He gets to challenge himself with a wide variety of different diagnoses, which makes his days much more interesting.

Of course, radiologists also have the added challenge of having much of their work on an as-needed basis, which makes for some very busy days. **"Patients don't get to pick and choose when they get sick,"** he said. **"We have to do our best as a department to be efficient, but also to prioritize cases appropriately."**

Fortunately, Pieper has a great team of coworkers in the radiology department who are committed to providing the highest level of care, he said.

Pieper was born and raised in North Platte, Nebraska, and moved to Columbus after his medical training to be closer to his wife Jackie's family. He originally got into medicine after shadowing two doctors in North Platte while in high school and realizing he enjoyed the combination of science and getting to help people directly.

**"The most helpful advice I've received in my career is that the needs of the patient come first,"** he said.

When he's not at the hospital, Pieper enjoys reading and being active with Jackie and their two sons, Jude and Jay.

Besides his family, Piper's greatest loves in life are eating steak, reading books by neurologist William Bernstein and listening to the folk band Trampled by Turtles.

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