

Web Site Offers Second-Opinion Image Reads

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“After four years of complaints,” says Maria D. from Holland, “Second Opinions judged my imagery and guided me towards the road to recovery right away. No doubt they saved my life. Thank you!”

Now that’s a testimonial. Maria D. was referring to [SecondOpinions.com](#), a new online service offering second reads of radiological images. It’s a division of the teleradiology company [USARAD.com](#). Maria’s paean to the company is one of several on the Web site.

Introductory prices range from \$29 for an X-ray to \$99 for an MRI. Reads for ultrasound are \$79, nuclear medicine \$79, and mammograms or CT scans \$89. “Regular” prices are \$80 to \$200. Patients acquire the images from their doctors and either upload them or, in the case of physical films, mail them (for \$30 more, plus an extra \$20 if customers want the materials returned).

For their money, they get, according to the Web site, “a detailed, informative and definitive (when possible) written second opinion report of our findings.” On request, the SecondOpinions.com radiologists will compare the images to previous radiological images. They will recommend a further course of action and consult with the patient’s physician if the physician asks them to do so.

Michael Yuz, MD, a radiologist, is founder and CEO, as well as CEO of USARAD. In a news release, he too asserts that a second read “could be a matter of life and death.” He elaborates:

Due to the complexity of radiology, it is essential for every patient who has an advanced radiological scan such as an MRI or CT scan to get a second opinion from subspecialist experts.

A Miami TV station last month interviewed Dr. Yuz about SecondOpinions.com (referring to him as a “former radiologist”). The clip can be viewed [here](#).

SecondOpinions.com also offers second opinions in a variety of other medical specialties, from allergy and immunology to urology. The Web site says customers will be “connected to” a board-certified physician in each specialty.