

## Frequently Asked Questions about PSMA Prostate Imaging with PET/CT

Insurance coverage is expanding as more information about PSMA imaging becomes available. For the most up-to-date information, contact our PET/CT customer care team at 1-800-258-4674.

We hope this FAQ is a helpful guide to referring patients.

### Is PSMA covered by insurance?

We are now accepting:

#### Massachusetts

- Medicare of MA
- BCBS
- Tufts, Tufts Medicare Preferred, Tufts Public Health
- Harvard Pilgrim, Health Plans Inc, UHC Passport
- Medicare Advantage Blue
- Aetna/Aetna Medicare
- Health New England
- Cigna
- Fallon
- Optum VA
- UHC/UHC Medicare Advantage
- UMR
- Mass Advantage
- Wellcare/Today's Options

#### Maine

- Medicare of ME
- Harvard Pilgrim, Health Plans Inc, UHC Passport
- BCBS Anthem of ME
- Aetna/Aetna Medicare
- Cigna
- Optum VA
- UHC/UHC Medicare Advantage
- Wellcare/Today's Options

Shields is actively working with insurance companies to add this and other isotopes and we anticipate that this process will advance quickly to include more coverage. For the most up-to-date insurance information, visit [shields.com/PSMA](https://shields.com/PSMA) or contact our PET/CT customer care team at 1-800-258-4674.

### What will the patient billing experience look like?

For patients whose scan is covered by insurance, there will be no special steps for billing. If a co-payment or co-insurance is required based upon the patient's plan, they will be alerted to the amount prior to their scheduled appointment. Shields will take a form of payment prior to the exam.

### How do I refer a patient for a PSMA PET/CT scan?

Referrals are easy and follow traditional guidelines for insurance coverage. In addition to our referral form, there is a PSMA intake form with a few questions specific to PSMA imaging. These forms can be found on [shields.com/PSMA](https://shields.com/PSMA).

Our PET/CT and financial services team is here to help. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at **1-800-258-4674**.

## PSMA PROSTATE IMAGING NOW AVAILABLE ACROSS SHIELDS PET/CT NETWORK

Days and hours of operation vary based on location.



For more information about a specific site, please contact **1-800-258-4674**.



Shields PET/CT at Anna Jaques Hospital  
25 Highland Ave., Newburyport, MA 01950

Shields PET/CT at Tufts Medical Center  
800 Washington St., Boston, MA 02111

Shields PET/CT at South Shore Hospital  
55 Fogg Rd., South Weymouth, MA 02190

Signature Healthcare | Shields PET/CT Services  
680 Centre St., Brockton, MA 02302

Metrowest PET/CT Services at Shields Framingham  
14 Cochituate Rd., Framingham, MA 01701

Shields Imaging Emerson Hospital - Concord  
54 Baker Ave. Extension, Concord, MA 01742

Fontaine Medical Center  
525 Long Pond Rd., Harwich, MA 02645

Stoneman Outpatient Center  
2 Jan Sebastian Dr., Sandwich, MA 02563

Shields PET/CT at Baystate Health - Wason Ave.  
80 Wason Ave., Springfield, MA 01107

Shields MRI at UMass Memorial - Shrewsbury St.  
214 Shrewsbury St., Worcester, MA 01604

PET/CT Imaging at Berkshire Medical Center  
Berkshire Medical Center, Hillcrest Campus,  
165 Tor Ct., Pittsfield, MA 01201

Shields PET/CT at Cooley Dickinson Hospital  
Locust St., Northampton, MA 01060

Shields PET/CT at Central Maine Medical Center  
300 Main St., Lewiston, ME 04240

York Hospital | Shields PET/CT  
114 Sanford Rd., Wells, ME 04090

## Now available at Shields PSMA Prostate Imaging with PET/CT

### A first for New England: Advanced PSMA Prostate Imaging with PET/CT

Shields PET/CT is proud to lead the way, bringing advanced PSMA imaging to your patients. Our experienced clinical team works with you to improve the treatment, care and outcomes for intermediate- and high-risk prostate cancer.





## PSMA PET/CT for Initial Staging

### PATIENT CASE STUDY 01

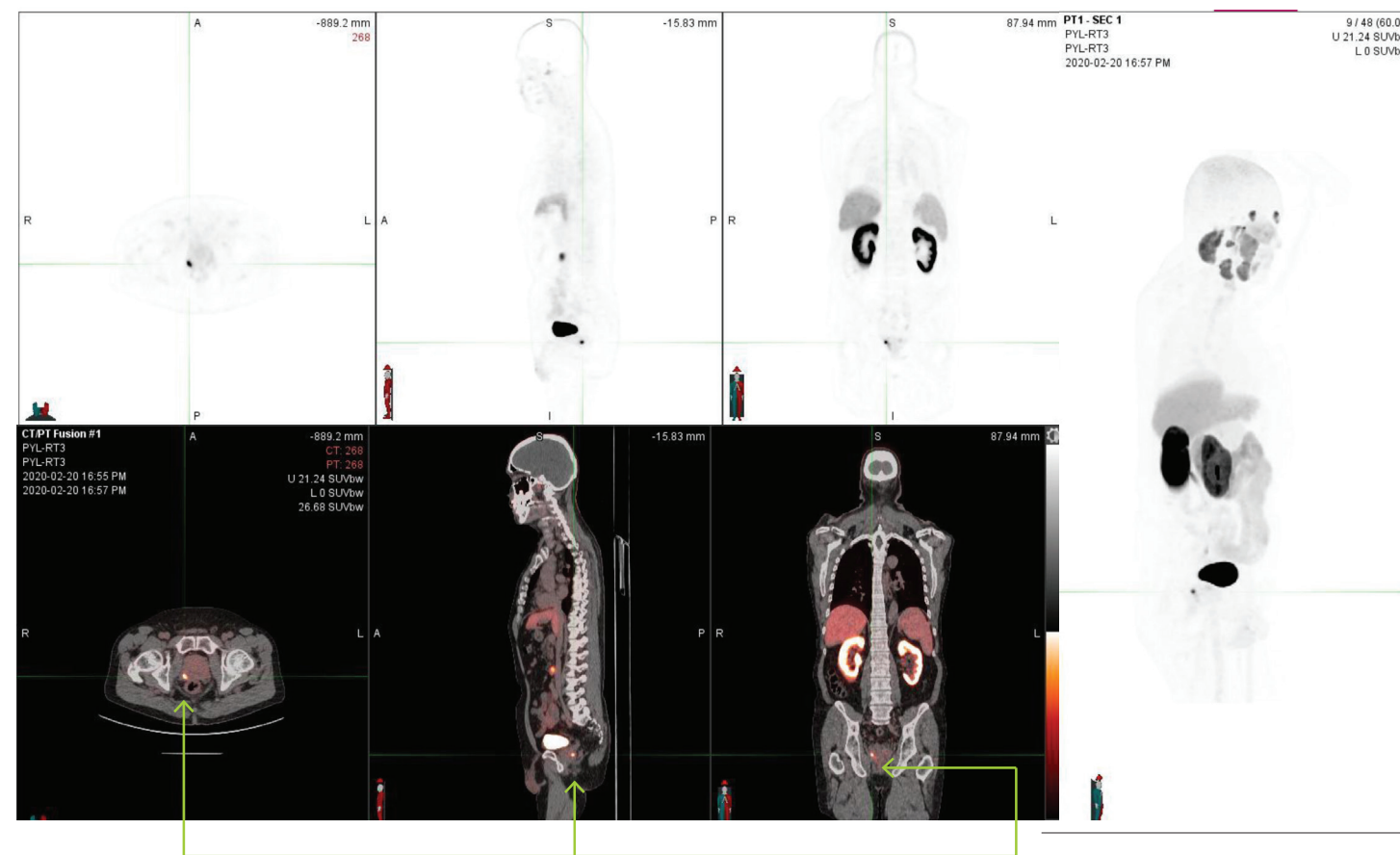
#### Patient overview:

- 70 y/o male with newly diagnosed prostate cancer, Gleason 4+4, PSA 5.28 ng/ml.
- PSMA PET/CT ordered to initially stage the patient to improve the sensitivity of anatomical-based imaging.

#### Impact of PSMA PET/CT:

- Focal intense uptake was noted in the prostate bed with no nodal uptake noted.
- Solitary rib uptake with associated sclerosis (fibrous uptake).
- The solitary rib uptake should not preclude definitive management, especially in the setting of absent nodal uptake.

#### PSMA PET/CT images:



## PSMA PET/CT for Recurrence (Biochemical failure)

### PATIENT CASE STUDY 02

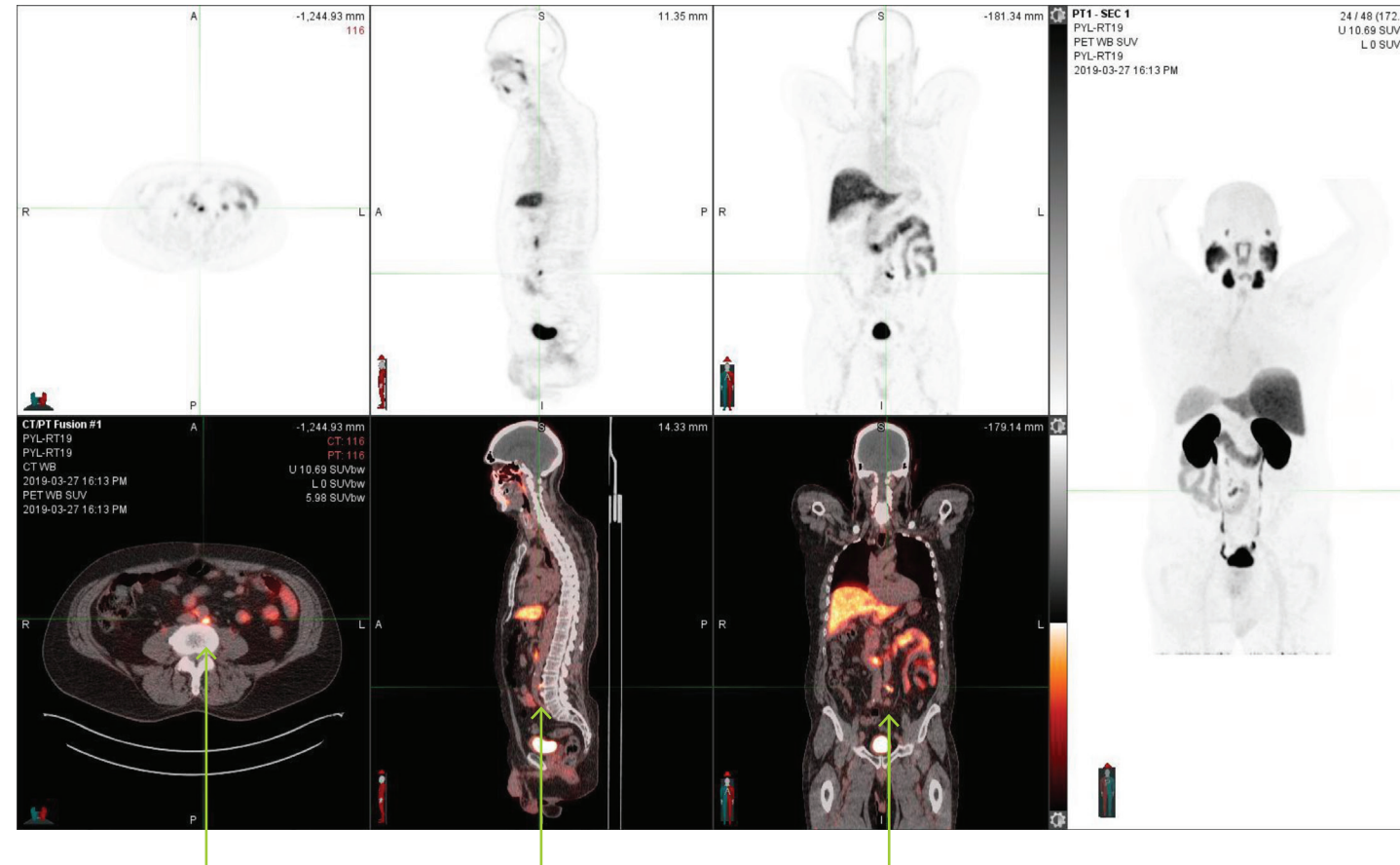
#### Patient overview:

- 68 y/o patient with a history of group grade 3 prostate cancer s/p prostatectomy and now with asymptomatic biochemical failure with PSA or 1.0 ng/ml.
- Negative CT and mpMRI of the pelvis.

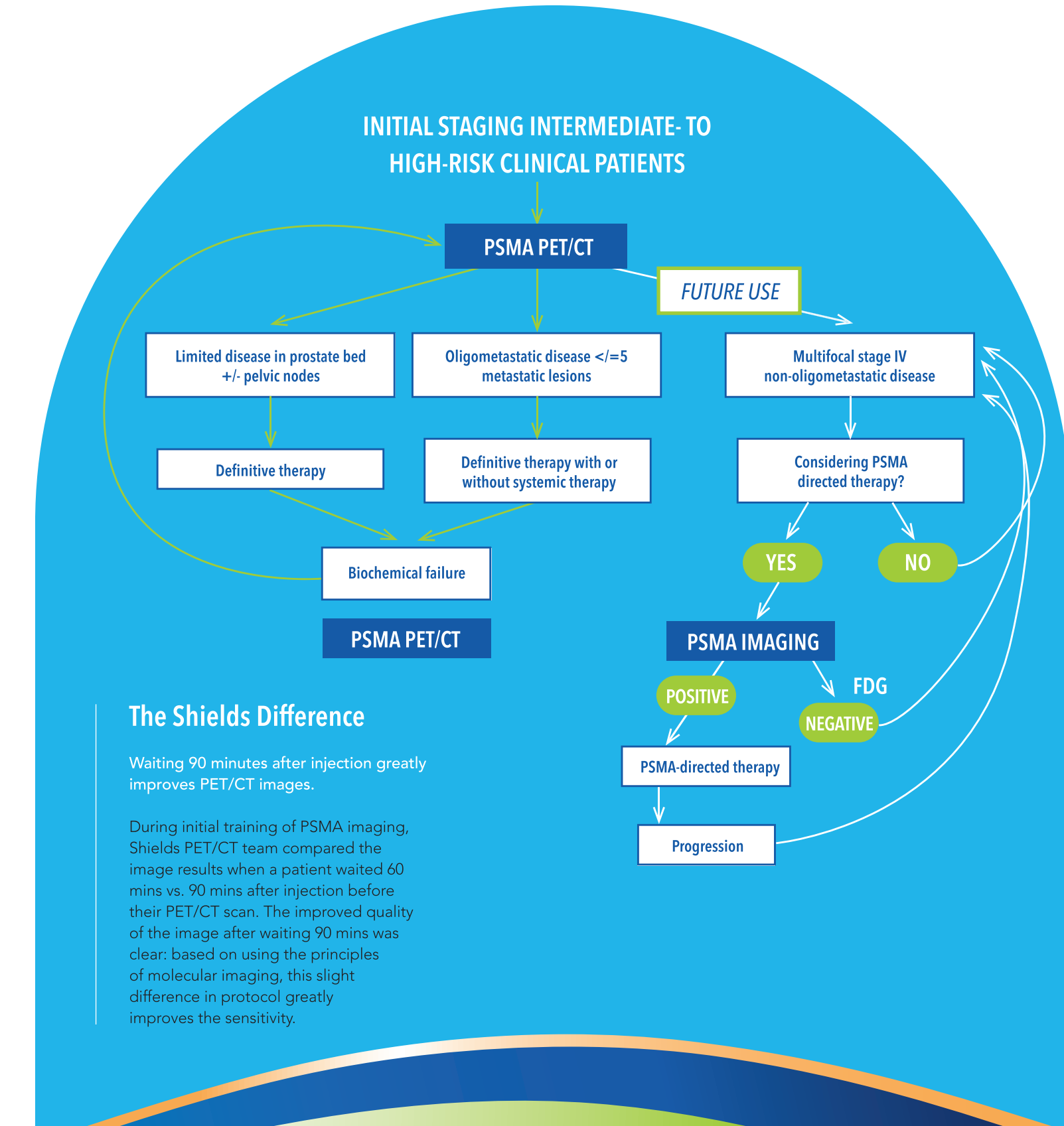
#### Impact of PSMA PET/CT:

- Positive study with nodes outside the pelvis. Risk stratified away from futile salvage radiation therapy.
- Placed on systemic therapy.

#### PSMA PET/CT images:



## Where and when can PSMA Prostate Imaging with PET/CT be used?



### The Shields Difference

Waiting 90 minutes after injection greatly improves PET/CT images.

During initial training of PSMA imaging, Shields PET/CT team compared the image results when a patient waited 60 mins vs. 90 mins after injection before their PET/CT scan. The improved quality of the image after waiting 90 mins was clear: based on using the principles of molecular imaging, this slight difference in protocol greatly improves the sensitivity.

### PYLARIFY (PIFLUFOLASTAT F18)

PYLARIFY, the imaging agent for PSMA, is the only commercial agent with FDA approval for staging in prostate cancer, making it the preferred choice.