



## Assessing Medical Imaging Needs

# A Brief Guide for Attorneys

Purview Image™ enables ease of sharing, viewing, reporting, and storage of client medical images. Attorneys can quickly gather feedback from experts as well as leverage a compelling display of medical conditions for settlement negotiation or trial. Experts appreciate Purview Image’s FDA approved diagnostic quality viewer, which operates on any Mac or PC, iOS or Android device. Explore the table below to understand why and when to consider an imaging platform and whether Purview Image™ is the right solution for you.

### What is DICOM?



DICOM (Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine) is the established standard format used for viewing, storing and sharing medical images. DICOM images require a purpose built viewer. Multiple DICOM images make up a series and multiple series makes up a study. A study may contain hundreds or even thousands of individual images that can be presented as a video or in 3D format, compelling evidence for a jury. Metadata contained within a DICOM image can also become valuable self-authenticating evidence.

## ASSESSING YOUR MEDICAL IMAGE NEEDS

	The Occasional Case	Moderate Caseload	Full-Time Caseload
Sharing	<i>Mailing a CD/DVD to your expert witnesses may work if you don't mind the time, cost and delay.</i>	<i>An imaging platform provides the best support with instant, secure sharing with experts and remote colleagues. Real-time collaboration and quick turnaround on feedback can help you to qualify potential cases faster.</i>	
Viewing	<i>There are several low-cost desktop viewers like Horos (free, open-source, Mac only) that may work for the occasional case.</i>	<i>A zero-footprint viewer enables simultaneous viewing of DICOM images from anywhere, anytime, on any device during preparation, negotiation and trial. Experts appreciate a consistent high quality medical image viewer.</i>	
Reporting	<i>You must rely on your expert witness to have their own viewer or they may use the viewer on the CD/DVD.</i>	<i>If litigating medical malpractice or personal injury cases regularly, allowing experts to issue reports efficiently within a central system can expedite and organize your findings, including annotations and key images.</i>	
Storing	<i>Local "shoe-box" (for CDs) or disk storage (for digital files) may suffice, but attorneys must be careful not to store or share medical images using systems that are not HIPAA compliant and do not provide a BAA.</i>		<i>Central and secure online storage is important for attorneys needing to share &amp; access images anywhere at anytime.</i>

