McMaster University's Department of Radiology will be renamed the Department of Medical Imaging as of July 1, 2023.

“The name change to Department of Medical Imaging better reflects the business of the department and the expansion of our academic discipline,” said Julian Dobranowski, professor and chair of the department, which resides in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Dobranowski said that X-ray departments worldwide often go by different names such as radiology, diagnostic imaging or roentgenology. He said these names stem from the historical roots of the discipline centered around the use of X-ray radiation for making diagnoses.

“This name change highlights that today our department also uses non-X-ray technologies, such as ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging, and performs therapeutic and not just diagnostic work. Our department also includes nuclear medicine physicians, medical physicists and engineers,” said Dobranowski.

More information on the department and its programming can be found here.