

Pueblo Radiology Medical Group

Dedicated to providing high quality imaging services in a professional, compassionate and timely manner for our patients, referring physicians and hospital affiliates.

CT Scan Upgrade

We have now had a two month experience with our new 16 slice CT scanner. It proves to be a diagnostic tool which far exceeds our expectations. The **Siemens Sensation 16 Scanner** has allowed us to use thinner slices, less IV Contrast, and employ a lower dose. Some of the additional features that we now use on a regular basis include coronal and sagittal imaging for all body parts. This provides an alternative way of reviewing the images and we believe, improves visualization of the anatomy and pathology. We have also made routine use of Siemens "Lung Care" for the evaluation of pulmonary nodules and masses. This 3D technique helps make more accurate and reproducible measurements of lung nodules in three dimensions. The volumetric measurements make the follow-up of lung nodules more accurate and clinically meaningful. The angiographic capabilities both in the body, head, and neck have been superb. In April, we will be offering CT coronary angiography, not to be confused with coronary calcium scoring (which we also do).

We have also had great success with CT colonography. The technique is fairly standard and the Siemens CT colonography software allows dramatic "fly through" capabilities through the colon. We use carbon dioxide to distend the colon which makes the examination more comfortable for the patient, both during and upon completion of the procedure.

Please contact any of our radiologists if you have questions about these or any other of our CT applications/services.

Ultrasound Upgrade

After a lengthy evaluation and clinical trial, we have replaced our fleet of Acuson ultrasound units with the new **ATL HDI 5000 SonoCT** ultrasound units. This platform upgrade has dramatically improved image quality and expanded our capabilities for ultrasound applications. For those of you who have seen some of the studies, you can see the image quality exceeds that of any other unit in the community. Our experience and certified ultrasound staff is enthusiastic about these units. The units are full spectrum so as to serve the general, small parts, musculo-skeletal and vascular needs of our practice.

We Are Listening To You

We have recently changed many of our systems. This includes a new phone system, an upgrade to our radiology information system, as well as realignment of our front desk and scheduling staff. All of these are with the intent for making things easier for you to schedule patients, improve the experience at our facility for your patients, and allow us to have rapid turn around in our reporting to you. We have had some difficulties with the integration and we appreciate your patience during those times. We have had feedback from many of you that you are pleased that we have or are putting these valued suggestions in place. One of these changes will be a new requisition/ ordering form. If you don't have these please contact our office and we will have them delivered to you. On these requisitions, we have a place for any and all the information necessary to schedule a patient. After scheduling an appointment, your office staff or the patient can fill out the remainder of the form and fax it to us. This process will allow the patient to be pre-registered prior to the time of service and shorten their wait time. Alternatively, they can take the form, fill out the information at home and then bring it with them. This too will shorten the wait time.

In using our new phone system, if you need to reach a radiologist directly, the direct line into the reading room is (805) 682-6219 for the Santa Barbara center, (805) 654-8170 ext. 3014 for the Ventura center. This will allow you to bypass the phone's auto-attendant. Similarly, if you want to speak to a human being directly, you don't have to wait for the message, just hit "0" or "1" and the phone will be picked up by the first available staff member.

As always, we appreciate your comments and feedback so that we can meet or exceed the level of service that you and your patients have come to expect from Pueblo Radiology. For any questions, comments, or problems, please contact our clerical supervisor Jennifer Cox or our technical supervisor, Marylynn Rohrbach in Santa Barbara, or Sara Schmoltdt in Ventura. Additionally, our business manager Chuck Scudelari or any of our radiologists will be happy to address your questions and concerns.

Pueblo Radiology is now open on Saturdays!

To make MRI appointment times even more convenient for your patients, we are open on Saturdays in Santa Barbara for MRI studies without contrast. To schedule a patient for a Saturday appointment please call 805-682-7744. Our dedicated schedulers will be happy to help you.

Ventura's newest alternative for outpatient diagnostic imaging services!

Pueblo Radiology's new center is opening its doors at the end of April, serving your patients with the latest in state-of-the-art imaging technology.

Watch your mail for more in-depth information on our new site and detailed services.

