



## Radiology Report February 2026

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### **Workforce Wellness**

Staffing consists of three full-time technologists currently one being filled by a contract technologist. This level of staffing allows employees to comfortably take PTO while the other two can cover with a little higher call hour volume while the third technologist is gone. Technologists have been using PTO which makes for some tight staffing but is maintainable temporarily when needed. One full-time technologist position is still listed.

We are also working with Siemens who is the manufacturer of the MRI equipment to hire a travel MRI technologist to start when we start MRI services. This technologist will be knowledgeable in the field of MRI and will have training on the Free.Max prior to arriving in Petersburg. We will start writing up a job description for a new department position of MRI Technologist Aide/Registration and will prepare to post a full-time MRI technologist position.

### **Community Engagement**

MRI implementation continues to be a high priority. Technologists have taken an MRI Technologist training course and have been working on policies and department safety. Certificate of need process is still underway. I gave testimony at the open forum along with many community members and employees.



### **Patient Centered Care**

Annual Mammography Quality Standards Act inspection took place the end of July and went smoothly with continued accreditation given. Additionally, we were issued a random image check from the FDA for mammography in August. This was also completed with passing result, keeping mammography department in good standing. Patient exams are at the center of our work. We remain committed to providing a wide range of diagnostic services with the highest quality and the best of our ability.

### **Facility**

We have started looking into what equipment could be upgraded or replaced with the thoughts of RHTP funding. Upgraded equipment could result in more screening exam options for patients. Additional equipment could increase the screenings we offer or the types of studies we do. Software upgrades could also be beneficial when it comes to radiologist reading and technologist ease.

The WERC facility has experienced a technical issue related to the MRI support systems. Our team is working closely with the equipment vendor, Eaton, to complete upgrades that will improve system stability and prevent future disruptions.

### **Financial Wellness**

Patient exam statistics remain consistent. CT exam preauthorizations remain a challenge with time constraints to exam need and how smoothly a process can go. VA authorizations remain the most difficult. We are beginning to develop a standardized process for managing MRI authorizations, as these can be more complex and time-consuming than CT authorizations.

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