



Petersburg Medical Center

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Workforce Wellness

Staffing remains 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. All three technologists have been able to use PTO or have PTO scheduled. The full-time technologist position is still listed.

Community Engagement

Interviews with KFSK and the pilot were done highlighting the new mammography machine when it was installed. We did have patients call to schedule saying they saw or heard these articles and called for appointments. We had a booth at the health fair with some information on breast density and the new mammography machine good questions were asked and good interest was shown by the community. The high school physics class came to the department to talk about the electromagnetic spectrum and radiology equipment physics. Technologists brushed up on the interworking's of equipment and physics to have a good discussion with two classes.

Patient Centered Care

We started patient care on the new mammography machine March 6th. Since that time we have performed

- 155 exams
 - 7 exams called in for more imaging, 2 required ultrasound only follow up
 - 2 of the 5 patients requiring more mammographic images were saved from traveling out of town for additional imaging because of the new machines ability to do magnification views that the old machine could not do.

We have implemented powershare image sharing new system for electronic image transmission. We have already used to send over 50 patient exams to other facilities. Images have been sent from facilities in Arizona to facilities in Anchorage. This process seems to be working very well for both staff and patients.

Facility

Ultrasound has an upcoming software upgrade that will include some technologist training Philips will come onsite and do the upgrade and then technologists will work with the applications trainer to learn the new .

Part of the new mammography machine installation was a fulfill a new American College of Radiology (ACR) accreditation. Usually this is done every 3 years but with new equipment and the survey window new accreditation needed to be done. 5/16/24 The American College of Radiology's Committee on Mammography Accreditation is pleased to inform you that the Petersburg Medical Center mammography unit has been GRANTED ACCREDITATION for a period of three years.

Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) FDA inspection is scheduled for 8/5/24. The state of Alaska again has a state inspector who will be conducting this inspection. This is the first time since 2017 that the state has supplied an inspector. Inspections from 2018-2023 were performed by an FDA inspector.

Financial Wellness

We are struggling with mammography billing. The Cerner build was not complete at the time of starting patients. HIM is currently holding most exam charges until this can be solved. Getting fixes through cerner can be a large challenge.

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