



Petersburg Medical Center

Radiology Report February 2025

Workforce Wellness

Staffing remains comprised of three full time technologists with one position currently 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. We are also preparing to post a full-time MRI technologist position. While two technologists also prepare for MRI training as well.

Community Engagement

Two third-grade classrooms visited the department, where we explored our x-ray and CT equipment and examined x-ray images. We discussed bone health, the importance of bones, and the differences between technologists and radiologists. The kids asked great questions and were excited to be in the radiology rooms. We are planning to participate in both the school career fair and the PIA job fair.

Patient Centered Care

The mammography department went through the yearly MQSA inspection in August 2024. This inspection had one finding required an inspection response that was submitted to the FDA. After this response we received a passing inspection and the ability to continue mammograms.

2024 Mammography Medical Audit:

Total Mammography Cases 273

Total Screening Cases 252

BiRad 0–Needs more imaging 20

BiRad 1–Negative 129

BiRad 2–Benign 120

BiRad 3–Probably benign 4

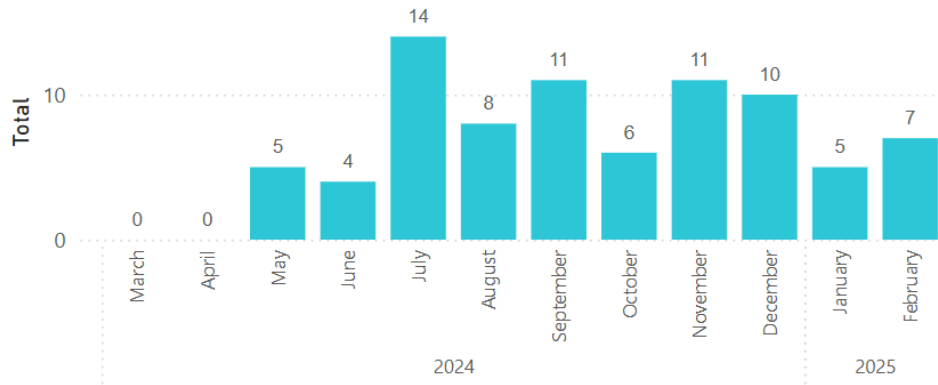
BiRad 4–Suspicious for malignancy 1

We started setting up Nuance powershare to electronically send images to other facilities in March and were really using it by May and by October we had already used our 200 study transfer limit. We saw how big of a help it was to our department as well as referrals and signed an agreement to become a Hub account. This allows us not to worry about study limits and will expand our ability to send and receive images. Here is a glimpse of where we have sent or received images from.



The graph below shows the number of studies sent to Juneau Bone and Joint, an orthopedic group that our physicians refer to regularly. Prior to powershare, every one of those outbound studies would have been a CD. A CD is made in the radiology department, then given to materials to be processed and brought up to the post office. The CD then must travel through the postal system to get to Juneau, make its way to the business then be placed in their mail system and brought to the referrals department in order for the patient to start the scheduling process. Now with powershare, it is done electronically thus making the whole process easier and quicker for both the patient and us as providers.

Outbound Studies 📌



Facility

We are exploring a piece of equipment called Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) which is a piece of equipment specifically designed for breast cancer screening in women with dense breasts as a supplement to mammography.

We also need to look at a replacement of equipment for performing ankle brachial index (ABI) exams. The one we currently have has stopped functioning properly. We are able to supplement with the regular ultrasound machine but this piece of equipment should be replaced.

Financial Wellness

Patient exam statistics remain consistent and gross patient revenues are on track.

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