



Petersburg Medical Center

Imaging Report February 2024

Workforce Wellness

Staffing remains three full-time technologists, currently one being filled by a travel 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

We had two, third-grade classrooms visit the department. We looked at the x-ray and CT equipment and looked at x-ray images. We talked about bones, bone health and some differences in technologists and radiologists. The kids had great questions and were excited to be in the radiology rooms. We plan on setting up a booth for the upcoming health fair about the new mammography machine and information on breast health and density.

Patient Centered Care

The mammography department went through the yearly MQSA inspection in August. This inspection had one finding that was then fixed and resubmitted to the FDA resulting in a passing inspection and the ability to continue mammograms.

Yearly Mammography Medical Audit Shows:

Total Mammography Cases 211
Total Screening Cases 201
BiRad 0 –Needs more imaging 11
BiRad 1 –Negative 98
BiRad 2 –Benign 101
BiRad 3 –Probably benign 1

The new patient project we are working on is a new system for electronic image transmission. This new online portal will allow us to send radiology studies in their diagnostic state electronically to more facilities in a HIPAA compliant way. This will reduce time that it would take to mail these studies for many referrals.

Facility

We are in the process of the new mammography unit installation. We had a delay in the project due to some shipping delays which affected the whole project, pushing the timeline back. The machine is in place and operational, the physicist is scheduled for inspection the last week of February and then application training and patient exams will start. We also have a Windows 10 upgrade scheduled in February for the x-ray equipment and portable machine.

Financial Wellness

Our current patient volumes are slightly under budgeted projections. This time of year does come with a normal dip in volumes; the lack of winter weather may also play into some loss of acute x-ray needs. With mammography also in transition there is a dip in financials there as well, although I feel this will be made up once the new equipment is operational.

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