

QVMC Press Release

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New Advanced 4-Slice Computed Tomography Scanner @ QVMC:

Quincy Valley Medical Center (QVMC) is currently installing a new state-of-the-art 4-slice Light-speed Computed Tomography (CT) scanner from General Electric (GE), which is the newest in improved treatment diagnosis, to the facility. The new CT scanner features advanced technology that produces split-second high quality images, permitting doctors to see more detail in a fraction of the time typically needed for other tests or with previous equipment.

Replacing the older CT scanner, the new CT scanner will be ready next week. This new 4-slice CT scanner will enable doctors to more effectively detect and treat a wider range of life threatening illnesses, including heart disease, cancer, stroke, and lung disease. The possibility of discovering disease in an early stage, when a wider array of effective treatment options may be available, will help doctors make a more accurate diagnosis, and recommend appropriate treatment for their patients. Also, with the unmatched speed and detail of the new CT scanner will provide a more rapid assessment and increase the decision making process in trauma cases, where physicians may have to make decisions within minutes.

Patients will find that the new CT scanner and environment offers a much more pleasant experience. With much faster scan times (especially for small children), patients will usually be asked to hold one brief breath during each scan. Which will be great for older patients, those with breathing difficulties or patients with some other distress.

Another advantage to the new CT scanner at QVMC is the ability to provide larger patients with a local CT scan option. The new CT scanner has a table weight capacity of up to 400lbs. In the past and with the previous equipment, being able to handle larger patients was sometimes a challenge. The new CT scanner can handle the additional body weight and for those larger patients requiring a CT scan, they too will benefit from this great local diagnostic technology.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this new state-of-the-art technology and improvement at QVMC to our patients with the GE CT Scanner," says Veronica Cruz, Director of Radiology. "QVMC has been providing compassionate, quality care to the greater Quincy community since 1959 and will continue to do so and improve our services into the future."

Check out our web site for more details: www.quincyhospital.org/radiology.htm

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