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PRESS RELEASE

UBMC Adds Breakthrough MR Scanner

Boosting image clarity, exam speed, and patient comfort

March 4, 2013: Uintah Basin Medical Center announced that patients and physicians now have access to the first-ever digital broadband magnetic resonance imaging system: the Ingenia 1.5T from Philips Healthcare.

This revolutionary machine is designed to quickly perform high-quality MR scans with a high level of patient comfort. Ingenia 1.5T can significantly reduce exam time and has a wide opening to accommodate patients of varying size, age, and physical condition. This makes Ingenia less confining than 60cm MR systems and a more attractive noninvasive imaging option for patients at UBMC. In fact, most scans can be performed with the patient's head entirely out of the opening, creating a better patient experience.

The Ingenia 1.5T incorporates a number of breakthrough technologies designed to deliver exceptional image clarity. It quickly provides radiologists and physicians with precise, detailed MR images needed to help confidently diagnose many different anatomical and structural problems in the body—including brain and nervous system disorders, cardiovascular disease, and organ disease.

The existing MR scanner was removed from UBMC on February 28th, and the new Ingenia 1.5T is scheduled to be installed in a newly remodeled MR suite during the third week of March. A mobile MR unit is in place, allowing high quality MRI scans to continue to be offered during the transition.

"Ingenia 1.5T image quality is excellent and it's fast. We can perform American College of Radiology recommended routine exams of the brain, spine, knee, ankle, and liver in less than 8 minutes, with superb image quality. It gives our radiologists and referring physicians access to the high-quality images they need to make informed diagnoses. With this new MR scanner, our patients experience fast, comfortable exams and fewer re-scans. It is a win-win for our clinicians and our patients," said Jason Kelly, Radiology Manager at UBMC.

“UBMC is the first hospital to introduce this generation of MR scanner in Utah, once again proving that UBMC is a leader in quality and excellence in healthcare. This MR scanner provides advanced image quality and also offers a wider opening to make MRI procedures more comfortable for our patients. We believe that providing a healing environment where patients come first is essential to provide outstanding and compassionate care and service. We are pleased to be able to offer this advanced technology to our community,” said Brad LeBaron, President & CEO at UBMC.

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.



Pictured Above:

A crane removes the existing MR scanner through a hatch on the UBMC rooftop on 2/28/13. The new Ingenia 1.5T digital MR scanner is scheduled to be installed during the third week of March.