

Memorandum

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- **Springboro reading station** – Melanie has approved allowing some items to be stored in the radiologist office area in Springboro during the reconstruction. The recent flooding has required relocation of some materials. They are trying to move things around temporarily while things are reconfigured. The space may be used for storage of sharps containers and other hazardous waste (including barium) until the end of the year, possibly sooner.
- **PACS/PowerScribe upgrades** – The go live dates for these upgrades have been pushed back to the week of July 11-15. The project manager on the GE side left and things got delayed. A new project manager has started and progress is being made. Trainers will be on site from Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15. A DCH IT staff member will also need to make changes to the home PACS stations in advance of being on call. A training schedule will be made and shared. Ben McNeely is working on the report templates. April Madden is working on the integration between PACS and Epic.
- **Radiant** – Keith Jones is working with Merry Lovejoy to implement the radiology package in Epic called Radiant. There are a number of changes being made, primarily in ways to make our work more efficient. He will be meeting with us periodically to learn of our ideas and preferences while the system is being configured. The go live date for Radiant is tentatively set for April 9, 2017.
- **SPECT/CT scanner** – The nuclear medicine equipment is being replaced with a Siemens SPECT/CT system which combines the gamma camera with a 16 slice CT scanner. This allows co-registration of radiopharmaceutical uptake with anatomic detail of CT. In pediatric imaging, this is especially useful for the bone scan with SPECT and MIBG scans. The CT scanner will have iterative reconstruction software for low dose scanning. It will also serve as a backup CT scanner for the trauma program. The purchase order will go out after July 1. Room layouts are being worked through. A date for installation has not yet been set.
- **New Staff in Medical Imaging** – Shirlene Robinson has been hired as a part time scheduler. Tara Waggaman has accepted the position as team lead in scheduling. She will also work part time as an MRI technologist. Two new general radiology technologist positions have been approved. The jobs have been posted. Marissa Manno has resigned. She is getting married and moving to the Cleveland area.
- **DXA scanner** – The DXA scanner has been chosen from Hologic. The purchase order will be placed in July. It will likely be installed in Imaging room 4 which is between the fluoro room A/3 and the digital room in the main department. A date for the installation has not been set.
- **Weekday ultrasound readings** – The ultrasound schedule has been very busy lately, especially at the off-site centers. The load is pretty heavy for the radiologist assigned to Springboro. My thoughts are that should probably have not only the 6:30 am radiologist but also the 9 am radiologist read the US studies before 10 am. After 10 am, we may want to assign ultrasound to 2 radiologists. If you do check an US study, be sure to have the US tech indicate that in the tech notes. Before you read an US study, be sure to check the tech notes to see if another radiologist has already looked at the study. Please share additional suggestions.
- **Zone II expansion main campus** – In an effort to improve MR safety and decrease the distractions in Zone III, doors have been added in the hallway between the reading room and the MR area. In 2 weeks, those doors will be closed but not locked. They will indicate the beginning of Zone II which is restricted from the general public to only those needing to be in the area. A staff assistant will be posted in that area (Darlene or Jamie) to answer the MRI phones, greet patients and staff for MRI, screen all people wanting to enter Zone III, check patients and staff for metal containing equipment that should not enter Zone III, and notify the staff in Zone III when a patient is ready to enter. The doors between the ED hallway and CT will also be closed and not locked to indicate the other side of Zone II. Once the doors are closed we will need to direct all visitor and staff to walk around the front of the department to reach Room 6 or the staff lounge.
- **Next radiologist meeting** – Monday, June 27 at 12:30 pm in the radiology conference room. If you have an agenda item to discuss, please forward it to me in an e-mail. Lunch will be provided. Peggy will send the call in information in advance. Remember, you need to attend or call in to at least 80% of these meetings.