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Casa Grande Regional Medical Center Expands PET-CT and Enhanced MRI Services

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. -- Casa Grande Regional Medical Center (CGRMC) is partnering with Shared Imaging to provide full-time PET-CT services and the latest in MRI technology on-site. Both of these mobile units are now available at CGRMC, providing enhanced services which improve patient care and access to these valuable diagnostic tools.

In the past, PET-CT was available at CGRMC once or twice a week. This limited schedule was not meeting the community's needs, so CGRMC has expanded the PET-CT availability to five days a week, Monday through Friday. PET-CT utilizes nuclear medicine through high end molecular imaging to diagnose and stage all types of cancer, including lung, colorectal, esophageal, melanoma, bone, lymphoma, head and neck. It is used for detection, initial staging, treatment monitoring, and restaging. Furthermore, it can be used to detect Alzheimer's or dementia. These expanded hours allow patients timely appointments. Shared Imaging's PET-CT scanner is an integrated unit, which creates clearer images than CT scanners that simply operate PET software following the initial CT scan.

The mobile MRI unit, which is now on-site several days a week, also assists CGRMC in accommodating timely appointments when the in-house MRI has increased volumes. This mobile unit is a Siemens Espree 1.5 Tesla MRI which provides the widest bore on the market and a shorter table for maximum patient comfort. It also accommodates patients up to 550 lbs or patients who are Claustrophobic. In addition, its fast scanning time results in shorter studies, reducing the time spent in the MRI by 33%.

To schedule an appointment for one of these services, please call Desert Reflections Imaging Center at (520) 381-6700 or fax a physician's order to (520) 381-6640.