

New tests, expanded hours

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Your doctor says you need an X-ray and gives you a referral form. How are you going to schedule this test around your busy work and family life schedule?

To meet the needs and schedules of busy families, Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has extended our diagnostic imaging hours to offer you more flexibility.

"People are busier than ever. The hospital's new imaging hours make it easier to schedule a diagnostic exam before or after school or work," says Dr. Louise Keevil, a radiologist at HHCC.

Since 1997, Headwaters has offered fully digital diagnostic imaging testing, which currently includes X-rays, computed tomography (CT) scans, ultrasounds, bone mineral density measurement (to test for osteoporosis) and most recently, digital mammography.

To patients, digital tests may not seem all that different from traditional analog ones but advanced capabilities of digital software allow images to be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by health care providers.

"When I went for my digital mammogram I was so impressed with the quality of the digital image. The staff walked me through the entire process and kept me constantly aware of what was going on and what to expect," remarked a recent patient.

"Physicians always balance the potential risks from a procedure with the benefits. Digitization of images reduces the radiation levels for the patient," says Keevil. "Another advantage with digital is we radiologists see the images instantly and can zoom in and manipulate the image for a better view," she adds.

For more information regarding the services available in our diagnostic imaging department, please call 519-941-2702, ext. 2211 or visit www.headwatershealth.ca.

The new hours at Headwaters Orangeville site are: Monday-Friday, X-ray and ultrasound, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; digital mammography, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; CT scan, 7 a.m to 5 p.m.; Saturday, X-ray and ultrasound, 8 a.m to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, X-ray, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hours at Headwaters Shelburne site for the X-ray are Monday-Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

The public is invited to provide comments and suggestions about hospital services. Please contact Cholly Boland, president and CEO, Headwaters Health Care Centre at 519-941-2702, ext. 2200.