

MANA INSTALLS LEADING-EDGE CT SCANNER

Aquilion CFX Detects Disease Earlier, Eliminates the Need for Invasive Procedures

FAYETTEVILLE, July 21, 2008 – In its ongoing commitment to provide the best medical care to the community, **Medical Associates of Northwest Arkansas (MANA)** has announced its installation of the Toshiba Aquilion™ 64 CFX multislice computed tomography (CT) scanner. The Aquilion 64 CFX is the most advanced 64-slice CT scanner available and represents the leading edge in medical technology.

While patients take a single breath and hold it for just six to 10 seconds, the computed tomography (CT or "CAT") scanner, the Aquilion 64 CFX can capture precise images of the heart. These diagnostic images help the physicians evaluate suspected heart disease.

"We are now equipped to deliver the latest, noninvasive imaging exams to our patients," explained Dr. Tommy Hinton, a radiologist with MANA. "The new scanner helps us detect signs of heart disease at its earliest stages by quickly and easily capturing images of the heart and coronary arteries.

For the first time in Northwest Arkansas, patients can have the Aquilion 64 CFX exams in the convenience of a clinic instead going to a hospital. The new scanner is available to patients in a clinic environment at MANA Health Services at 3344 North Furtrall Drive in Fayetteville.

The Aquilion 64 CFX is designed to offer physicians greater diagnostic capabilities while helping patients avoid more invasive medical procedures. The system delivers unmatched clinical images with multislice imaging technology. This technology captures up to 64 simultaneous anatomical slices of 0.5 mm in a single scan and produces 3-D images for the physician to study and interpret.

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Aquilion 64 CFX delivers high-speed, high-resolution imaging, which allows physicians to capture precise images of any area of the body, including the rapidly moving heart and lungs. With the fastest scanning capability in the market, the system allows important diagnostic information concerning the heart to be obtained within a single breath-hold.

The MANA Imaging Team

Drs. Danna Gear, Kevin Pope, Murray T. Harris, Steven Harms, Kevin Haney, Thomas Hinton, Jennifer Turner, and Stacy Smith-Foley comprise the imaging team that interprets all the images at MANA including CT, X-ray, and Ultrasound. In addition, many of the radiologists specialize in breast imaging at MANA's The Breast Center where they provide mammography and Breast MRI. The MANA Radiologists have a reputation in Arkansas as leaders in their field.

About MANA

Established in 2000, MANA is an independent group of 75 physicians in Northwest Arkansas who work together to provide excellent medical care and the latest services. With 15 clinic locations in Washington and Benton counties, the physicians own their own practices and have a vested interest in the quality of care provided to their patients. MANA offers a comprehensive list of health services from primary care physicians, to specialists, to advanced testing.

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