

**At Western Health Medical Imaging** we focus on delivering the best possible patient care while maintaining high quality diagnostic imaging. We have experienced personnel that are trained and competent across multiple modalities. Our staff actively practice dose reduction techniques and are in regular contact with our in house Medical Physicist to ensure patient dose is optimised for each modality.

Our equipment is state of the art, with our Sunshine and Williamstown sites having dedicated Digital Radiography (DR) systems. These allow for reduction in patient radiation dose as well as instantaneous image viewing. In particular, Long leg and scoliotic Imaging is achievable in a matter of moments ensuring optimal patient care and image quality.

Digital imaging technology is a particularly advantageous for young patients due to its fast image acquisition and low dose capabilities. Our sites follow stringent paediatric protocols, following guidance from the Royal Children's Hospital. Paediatric radiologists are onsite for general x-ray reporting, and for performing and guiding a broad range of paediatric examinations across modalities.

## **SUNSHINE HOSPITAL BREAST MRI**

General Practitioners and Specialist have free access to Breast MRI's for patients who have or may have breast implants manufactured by French Company, Poly Implant Protheses (PIP). Sunshine Hospital has a full Medicare rebate for its MRI and will Bulk Bill all eligible implant patients (please note the referral must identify the patient has or where clinical advice states might have PIP implants). The government has implemented this initiative to ensure the structure of these PIP implants can be assessed. This initiative is available until March 2013.

## **COMING SOON – BREAST EDUCATION EVENING**

Specialist Woman's Radiologist Ekaterina Alibrahim in conjunction with renowned Breast Surgeon Meron Pitcher will present a GP based Breast Education Evening to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August at the Sunshine Hospital in the Centre for Education . Invites will be sent out shortly. It looks to be a very informative and enjoyable evening.

**As part of our ongoing commitment to our referrers WHMI has the ability to deliver all medical imaging reports electronically to your practice management system. Healthlink is a convenient, efficient and secure method of obtaining your patient Medical Imaging reports. If your practice is not yet taking advantage of this method, please contact Leesa Myers on 0404 595 111 for further information.**

