## Western Health Western Health Western Health Medical Imaging News Update

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## A note from the Director of Western Health Medical Imaging

The year-end fast approaches and Western Health Medical Imaging is keeping the momentum going on our focus to deliver the best possible patient care while maintaining high quality diagnostic imaging.

WHMI is excited to announce the remodeling of the Nuclear Medicine Departments at both Western and Sunshine Hospitals with the addition of new SPECT –CT machines being completed by January 2013.

Sunshine Hospital Medical Imaging has also acquired four new US machines that will afford the latest technology and help improve patient access particularly in high level obstetric studies.

WHMI is in the early planning stages for new angiography suites offering capability as never before, including manipulation of 3D CT data sets acquired on-table, to facilitate improved patient outcomes in fields such as the burgeoning Onco-intervention. Modalities of solid tumour management offered by our Department include transarterial chem.-embolisation, radiofrequency ablation and microwave ablation.

In addition, WHMI welcomes additional Radiologists to our team allowing us to offer an increasingly sub specialised service. We are now part of 23 clinical management meetings alone each week. Western Health Medical Imaging is licensed under the Medicare agreement and will provide Bulk Billing to all patients with a referral that complies with Medicare Requirements with no out-of-pocket costs. This includes MRI, CT, obstetric ultrasound and procedures.

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