

**Happy Holidays!**

*As we look toward the new year 2013, the team at WHMI reflects on its many accomplishments of 2012. Education was a big focus for WHMI in 2012, the breast imaging education evening in August was a major success. WHMI was pleased to also announce the addition of a brand new SPECT/CT machine in Nuclear Medicine at the Sunshine Hospital. (Further information below). WHMI introduced electronic delivery of Medical Imaging reports via HealthLink to our referrers, together with the introduction of a priority telephone for referrers for access to our services. This year was a very productive year for the team at WHMI and we look forward to another equally successful year ahead. WHMI would like to thank you for your valuable feedback throughout the year which has enabled us to improve our services as we continue to strive to better meet your needs in 2013.*

*WHMI would like to wish all referrers a joyful and wonderful holiday season and a happy and safe new year 2013!*

**Western Health Medical Imaging will remain open during the holiday season and will only close on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. Normal working hours will apply at all other times.**

**Nuclear Medicine Open Evening**

On Thursday 6th December, Sunshine Hospital opened the doors to their brand new SPECT/CT Machine in Nuclear Medicine. Dr Peter Santos gave a very informative and enthusiastic presentation on the benefits and advances of SPECT/CT.

The evening was a major success with an intimate group of attendees complimenting both the presentation of the machine's journey and the knowledge shared by our staff.

The SPECT/CT is now operational at our Sunshine Campus with plans already underway for a new SPECT/CT for Footscray in the new year. These advances in technology put Western Health Medical Imaging at the forefront of diagnostic imaging in Victoria.

Combined SPECT/CT devices provide both the functional information from SPECT and the anatomic information from CT in a single examination. By precisely localizing areas of abnormal tracer uptake, SPECT/CT improves sensitivity and specificity.

**NO WAIT TIMES****CT                      FLUOROSCOPY                      ULTRASOUND****MAMMOGRAPHY****DIGITAL X-RAY****NUCLEAR MEDICINE**

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