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Skyline Imaging expands hours to serve more patients

LOVELAND (Dec. 22, 2011) — To enhance medical imaging outpatient services and offer lower prices, McKee Medical Center will schedule most outpatient medical imaging appointments at Skyline Imaging beginning Jan. 2.

Skyline Imaging, 2555 E. 13th St. in Loveland, and McKee are both owned by Banner Health. Skyline is expanding its hours beginning Jan. 2 so it can be available to patients from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Skyline provides ease of use for customers with convenient parking and competitive pricing.

At Skyline, patients will get the same high quality diagnostic imaging procedures they currently get at McKee. Because Skyline has significantly less overhead than the hospital, prices are lower for imaging procedures performed there. This is an important consideration for patients struggling with medical expenses in the current economic environment.

Skyline's imaging equipment is comparable to McKee's and includes cardiac, general ultrasound, diagnostic X-ray, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) that is designed to accommodate patients weighing up to 440 pounds. MRI uses a powerful magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of body structure, such as the brain, spine, extremities and other organs.

Skyline also has a 32-slice computed tomography (CT) scanner that is specially designed to reduce radiation exposure to patients by up to 40 percent. A CT scanner is a diagnostic tool that produces images of internal organs by combining X-rays taken from various angles.

The medical imaging department at McKee will continue to support all medical imaging services; however priority will be given to inpatients and emergency department patients within the hospital. Outpatient nuclear medicine tests, PET imaging, fluoroscopy, invasive procedures, and breast imaging will continue to be performed at McKee.

The streamlined processes offered at Skyline will provide patients a more efficient and prompt response to their routine medical imaging needs.

“By separating the inpatient and outpatient imaging services, we can more efficiently meet all of our patients’ needs,” said Cherlene Goodale, medical imaging director at McKee. “Skyline is a beautiful facility, with excellent staff and leading-edge equipment. I know patients who have not yet used that facility will be impressed with the care and service they receive.”

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