

Phoenixville's imaging department receives new accreditations

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PHOENIXVILLE — The Phoenixville Hospital Diagnostic Imaging Department, managed in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania Health System, recently received two new accreditations from the American College of Radiology.

The magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) services at the Outpatient & Surgery Center at Limerick and the computed tomography services at Phoenixville Hospital recently received ACR accreditation.

The department is now ACR accredited in three modalities, which are CT, mammography, and MRI.



The Phoenixville Hospital Diagnostic Imaging Department poses for a photo after recently receiving two new accreditations from the American College of Radiology.

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This means that the hospital has already achieved its accreditations prior to January 1, 2012, when the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Medicare Im-

provements for Patients and Providers Act) makes it mandatory to receive reimbursement from Medicare.

Darlene May, administrative director, said the accreditations

show that the department holds themselves to a higher standard.

"We went ahead and already did it," May said. "It is a quality and service of excellence for our patients. We did an application and

they sent back a list of what they wanted — both positive and negative studies of films such as brains, depending on what they want.

"You have to meet certain criteria. We print them out and send them in. They are reviewed and you find out whether you passed or failed. You know within 90 days."

May said that while this wasn't the first mammography accreditation the hospital received, it was a first for CT and MRI.

"We have to get accredited every two years," she said. "We are now working on our nuclear medicine accreditation."

Dr. David Levy, chair, Department of Radiology, said that the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Phoenixville Hospital and the

Phoenixville Hospital at Limerick satellite facility is staffed by radiologists from the University of Pennsylvania Department of Radiology.

"All of the radiologists are board certified," Levy said. "Most have subspecialty fellowship training and expertise. Many of the radiologists have been selected among the best in their field by local and national organizations."

With 128 employees in the department, May said that the standard of patient care is very high.

"All of my employees practice a patient centered approach, which encompasses them acknowledging the patients and thanking them for coming here," she said. "I monitor it through surveys our patients fill out."