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Call location for hours and directions

Locations:

Complete Diagnostic Imaging Services

Saint Anne's Hospital

Ground Floor, 795 Middle Street, Fall River
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Free valet parking

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795 Middle Street, Fall River, MA 02721
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Diagnostic Imaging Services at Saint Anne's Hospital

For our patients and their physicians, Saint Anne's Diagnostic Imaging Services combines the expertise of board-certified radiologists with a comprehensive range of advanced imaging technology. Our fully digitized network of imaging technology assures the highest imaging quality with less time and inconvenience for patients, as well as rapid access to the results for physicians. Images can be viewed and sent via computer to multiple specialists within the hospital, across town to a physician's office or to other hospitals and specialists.

Our dedicated team of physicians and technologists is focused on providing the highest quality imaging and patient comfort. This extends to working with our youngest patients as well as others who require special considerations and appointment scheduling for imaging.

We offer a spectrum of services, including:

- Computerized Tomography (CT) scanning
- Digital X-ray
- Digital Mammography provided in our dedicated Robert F. Stoico/FIRSTFED Center for Breast Care
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Nuclear Medicine with CT capability
- PET/CT imaging
- Ultrasound

INTERPRETER SERVICES AVAILABLE

Portuguese - Português

Fala Português? Vamos oferecer-lhe um intérprete gratuito.

Spanish - Español

¿Habla español? Le proporcionaremos un intérprete sin costo alguno para usted.

Digital Imaging: A High-Tech Change for Better Care

Digital imaging creates a "filmless" environment that permits rapid viewing of pictures and secure transmission to physicians whether they are in the hospital, their nearby practice or a specialist located miles away. Digital images are high quality, environmentally friendly and easier to access via PACS (Picture Archiving Communication System).

The PACS system is part of a patient's secure and confidential electronic medical record, which provides for improved care through integration of various tests and reports all in one easily-retrievable location.

Care Agreement:

You have the right to help plan your care. To help with this plan, you must learn about your health condition and how it may be treated. You can then discuss treatment options with your caregivers. Work with them to decide what care may be used to treat you. You always have the right to refuse treatment.

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Ultrasound

PATIENT INFORMATION



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Understanding Your Exam

What is an Ultrasound?

An ultrasound (ull-truh-sound) is a safe and painless test using sound waves to look at different parts of your body. Your internal organs (heart, liver, spleen, gallbladder, pancreas, kidneys, uterus and bladder) can be examined with ultrasound. This test also looks at lymph nodes or blood vessels. Images (pictures) of the body part or area being tested show up on a TV-like screen. Ultrasound images can show movement of internal organs. Ultrasound can also show blood flow. This is called a Doppler ultrasound. An ultrasound is not an X-ray and does not use radiation (ra-d-a-shun). This test usually takes 10 to 30 minutes.

Why do I need an Ultrasound?

Caregivers may be trying to find the cause of a problem or symptom you are having. If you are pregnant, an ultrasound may be done to look at your baby inside your uterus. Tumors, gallstones, or heart defects may also be seen in an ultrasound. An ultrasound can be used to guide a needle to get a tissue biopsy from an organ for testing.

How does the Ultrasound work?

A caregiver uses a device called a transducer (trans-dew-sir). The transducer may also be called a probe. It is connected to the ultrasound machine. The transducer sends and receives sound waves as it is moved over your skin. The sound waves bounce off or “echo” against the organs inside your body. The echoes are then sent through the machine and are changed onto an image on the TV screen. Sound waves cannot go through air, bone or gas in the bowel.

During The Test

The ultrasound may be done in your hospital room, in your caregiver’s office, or in an exam room. You are asked to put on a gown and then a caregiver helps you lie on a table or bed. Gel is put on your skin over or near the area being tested. The gel removes any air that may be between you and the transducer. Gel also helps to send the sound waves into your body. A caregiver gently moves the transducer in many directions over the skin. Try to lie still during the ultrasound. But, you can talk to the caregiver while the ultrasound is being done. The caregiver removes the gel after the test and you can get dressed.

After You Leave

Continue with your medications according to your physician’s directions and follow the instructions given to you after the test. If you think your medicines are not helping or if you feel you are having side effects, call your physician. If you are taking antibiotics, take them until they are all gone, even if you feel better.

Appointment Scheduling

508-235-5339

Monday-Friday 8 am - 6 pm

Your physician’s office will schedule your Ultrasound. Our Scheduling staff are able to assist with all scheduling needs, as well as provide patients and physician practices exam preparation instructions when applicable.

If you are unable to keep your appointment and need to reschedule or if you wish to cancel your appointment, please contact us as soon as possible. A 24-hour notice would be greatly appreciated.

Pre-Registration By Phone: 508-235-5674

To expedite your visit, please contact our Patient Assistance Center to pre-register for your exam. If we do not hear from you, a member of our staff will attempt to reach you. Please ensure your physician has your most up to date contact information. During the registration process we can assist you with your co-pay, coinsurance, and deductible.

Once you have pre-registered, you can arrive on the scheduled day and time and go directly to the Diagnostic Imaging Services location.

The Day Of Your Exam

- Use the Valet Parking services where available, Monday through Friday, and reduce the amount of time you spend looking for parking. It’s free, and you can pick up your car at the entrance when you are finished with your appointment. No long walks! Hours vary by location.
- For exams scheduled at the hospital: If you have not pre-registered, please go to Patient Registration, located near the main entrance to the hospital, 30 minutes prior to your scheduled exam appointment to be registered for your exam.
- If you are diabetic, inform staff and take your medications as you would normally.
- We want our patients to be as comfortable as possible while having tests performed. However, we ask that you not bring children with you unless you have an adult to watch and care for them while you are having your procedure.
- Pediatric patients must be accompanied by either a parent or legal guardian in order to receive care.