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Upgraded MRI Service at St. James Mercy Hospital Will Launch June 1

Hornell, NY – St. James Mercy Hospital will launch a new, upgraded Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) service June 1. The service will be provided with a new machine that represents a significant upgrade in technology and capabilities when compared to the machine the Hospital previously used.

"The new MRI service at St. James Mercy Hospital features a machine that generates better images than ever before, which means we can see more and do more for our patients in Hornell," said Dr. David Waldman, Chairman of Imaging at University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC), which provides imaging services at St. James Mercy Hospital.

The GE Signa HDxt 1.5T MRI machine will be located in a mobile unit adjacent to the existing entrance to the Emergency Department at St. James Mercy Hospital. Crews have been working for several weeks to construct the required corridor and technology connections for the unit.

MRI machines use a powerful magnetic field, radio waves, and a computer to produce detailed pictures of the inside of the body. Those images are typically used to help diagnose or monitor treatment for a variety of conditions within the chest, abdomen, and pelvis.

St. James Mercy Hospital was founded in 1890 and now provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, general surgery, physical therapy, Express Care, mammography, digital imaging, a Coumadin clinic, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, and a personal emergency response system called MercyLine. The Hospital works on an ongoing basis to build collaborative relationships with a host of regional partners, in order to ensure the continued continuity of critical health care services in the Hornell community.

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