

About Diagnostic Imaging

Diagnostic imaging is one of the most important tools healthcare providers use for diagnosis or use as part of your treatment plan.

It is important that you speak to your healthcare provider about the test you are scheduled to receive – **Ask** what the test is for and why it is medically recommended; **Talk** about the risks and benefits associated with the test; and **Listen** to what your healthcare provider tells you. If you don't understand, ask for it to be repeated or for more information.

There are many different kinds of diagnostic imaging tests offered at our hospitals.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Charlottetown)

- Bone Densitometry (BMD)
- Computed Tomography (CT or CAT Scan)
- Digital Mammography
- Echocardiography (ECHO)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Nuclear Medicine
- Ultrasound Imaging
- X-ray or Radiography

Prince County Hospital (Summerside)

- Computed Tomography (CT or CAT Scan)
- Digital Mammography
- Echocardiography (ECHO)
- Ultrasound Imaging
- X-ray or Radiography

King's County Memorial Hospital (Montague)

- Echocardiography (ECHO) – 1 day per week
- X-ray or Radiography

Western Hospital (Alberton)

- X-ray or Radiography

Community Hospital (O'Leary)

- X-ray or Radiography

Stewart Memorial Hospital (Tyne Valley)

- X-ray or Radiography

Souris Hospital (Souris)

- X-ray or Radiography

For more information on diagnostic imaging procedures, visit:
Health PEI
www.healthpei.ca

Canadian Association of Radiologists
www.car.ca

Radiology Info
www.radiologyinfo.ca

For more information on patient safety in Diagnostic Imaging please contact:

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PATIENT SAFETY IN DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING: TIPS FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES



Ask • Listen • Talk

You CAN Participate in Your Care!

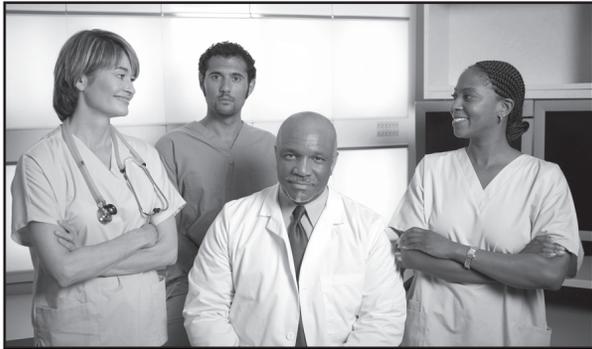
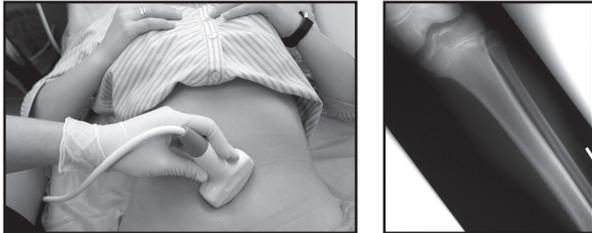
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Patient Safety

Every member of our staff is committed to ensuring that you are confident in the care that you are given.

We are also dedicated to the safe and accurate diagnosis, treatment and overall comfort of all of our patients.

As a patient, you also play an important role throughout each stage of your care. We encourage you to be more involved and **Ask, Listen** and **Talk** with members of your healthcare team before, during and after you receive a diagnostic imaging exam.



Tips for Patients

Write down all of the questions you want to ask your healthcare provider about your test so you won't forget them.

Talk with your healthcare provider if you have any questions or concerns.

Speak up if something doesn't seem right or if you have concerns as **YOU** are the expert on you.

Make sure your healthcare provider explains your care in a way you understand.

Bring a family member or friend for support or to ask questions on your behalf.

Educate yourself about your condition, what your treatment options are, and what you can do to improve your health.

Know what medications you are taking and keep an updated list that includes over the counter medications, vitamins and inhalers.

Tell your healthcare provider if you are, or think you might be, **pregnant** before having a test.

Know the names of the healthcare providers responsible for your diagnostic imaging test. Healthcare providers should also:

- Introduce themselves
- Explain their role
- Wear an ID badge
- Verify that you are the right person scheduled for the exam

Don't insist on an imaging test if your healthcare provider explains there is no need for it.

