

Sutter adds outpatient nuclear imaging center

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FAIRFIELD - North Solano County residents no longer have to go to a hospital for advanced diagnostic imaging scans.

Sutter Regional Medical Foundation (SRMF), an affiliate of Solano Regional Medical Group (SRMG), recently acquired the BrightView nuclear imaging system - or gamma camera - an advanced digital and potentially life-saving technology, now being offered in an outpatient setting, according to the announcement.

This is Solano County's first non-hospital-based nuclear imaging facility, said Keith Tao, director of radiology at Sutter Fairfield Diagnostic Imaging Center, in a prepared statement.

With the BrightView system, non-invasive, highly advanced diagnostic scans can be performed, the statement notes. These scans can be helpful for cardiology patients and for examining gallbladder, kidney, liver and spleen functions, and for detecting the spread of cancer to the bones, according to the statement. Bone scans can also see fractures much earlier than conventional X-ray scans, it notes.

Sutter Fairfield Diagnostic Imaging Center offers other services, as well, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), computed radiography (CR), general radiology, fluoroscopy and ultrasound, according to the statement. Women receive specialized service in a private, quiet atmosphere for digital mammography, bone densitometry and ultrasound, the statement notes.