

Radia partners with Cancer Care Northwest and Deaconess Medical Center

Radia has gained another partner in the Spokane market. Radia IT, Transcription, Billing and teleRadia welcomed the PET/CT business of Cancer Care Northwest (CCNW) in mid July.

This new venture is a collaboration between Radia, Deaconess Medical Center (DMC) and CCNW. CCNW sought new radiology interpretive services as well as a PACS storage solution when the organization upgraded to a new PET/CT scanner. An agreement was reached with DMC for PACS storage and by using DMC's infrastructure, CCNW accessed the system enabling PET/CTs imaging to be transmitted to teleRadia for interpretation by a Radia PET specialist.

Hats off to Radia's Richard Satre, MD, who worked hard to gain the contracted work. Brian Pence, CCNW's Director of Radiation and Imaging Services, said he is excited about the collaboration and the potential for future business. The PET/CT scanner is located in CCNW's largest office which is in the Deaconess Health and Education building next to Deaconess Hospital.

CCNW is the largest oncology practice in the Inland Northwest region. Staffed by 18 physicians practicing in the areas of medical, radiation, breast surgery, gynecologic and surgical oncology, the group offer services at four Spokane offices and have outpatient clinics in Chewelah, Davenport, Moses Lake and Ritzville. CCNW is the only fully integrated cancer treatment center in the Inland Northwest offering PET/CT, two stand alone CT scanners, plain films, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, clinical research and support services from their practice locations.

Radia currently sees about six PET/CT's a day and in the very short term will take on the CT work from CCNW's North and South offices adding about 15 CT exams a day. The CCNW breast surgeons enjoy working with Radia's Elizabeth Hayes, MD, and they are looking forward to rebuilding their Women's Imaging Center when Radia staffs a full-time radiologist specializing in mammography and breast ultrasound.