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Hospital

Today's Community Health Network started with the opening of Community Hospital on 16th Street and Ritter Avenue in 1956. Since that time, Community has grown into an integrated health network guided by the mission of providing compassionate, quality, cost-effective health care services that help the residents of central Indiana get well and get back to what is important in their lives.

Building on that success, in June 1985, Community Hospital North opened in the growing corner of Indianapolis just off 86th Street and I-69. Then in September 1989, University Heights Hospital joined the network as Community Hospital South serving the Indianapolis South Side.

Community has evolved throughout its nearly 50 years of existence, adapting to meet the constantly changing needs of the communities it serves with advances in medicine.

MR DEPARTMENT

Community Imaging Center opened in December 2004 and was the first outpatient imaging center for the Community Health Network. We now have five locations with an array of medical imaging services offered at each location. Our original MR is a 1.5T GE Signa that is located at our north imaging location and we have recently added the Hitachi Oasis 1.2T to our newest facility in Noblesville, a neighboring community. Additional services offered in the Community Imaging Centers are CT, ultrasound and x-ray.



Why did you choose Hitachi's High-Field Oasis?

The need for quality Open MRI services continued to become more apparent on the North side of Indianapolis. Sure there were low field magnets in the area but we wanted to see what the latest technology was. After visiting the Hitachi offices in Cleveland and a visit to RSNA there was no doubt in our minds that this was the magnet that was needed. Excellent image quality and fast scanning were big tipping points for us not to mention the openness of the MR itself.

How has Oasis impacted your MR department?

"The Hitachi Oasis combines patient comfort with image quality that matches and in some cases exceeds that of a 1.5T scanner. Our patients love that there is nothing touching their sides and that they are able to lie comfortably during their exam. Claustrophobic patients can even have a loved one in the MRI Suite with them during the exam and because of the design of the machine are often able to look out at that person to help them through the exam. In addition, the Oasis exam times are comparable to a 1.5T closed scanner so the patient does not have to be in the scanner longer just because it is an open scanner." said MRI Technologist Lisa Myers.

Dr. Jim Bognanno
Radiologist

“ The Oasis MRI scanner is a revolutionary advancement in MRI technology combining the high resolution, extended capabilities and fast scan times of a high field closed magnet with the comfort of the open MRI magnet architecture. We are able to do all the examinations available on traditional closed magnet with the same high quality. Because of the open magnet design, the magnet speed, and the available CinemaVision video system, our patients rarely require sedation. The high-field open design also allows high quality images to be obtained even on our largest patients.

“ **Jeff Beatty**
Director

Oasis has been an excellent addition to our outpatient imaging service line. I knew that when the time came to purchase and install an additional magnet that we would be very interested in an open MR. The biggest concern for me was to make sure that we could break the stigma surrounding open MRI that images are not comparable to a 1.5T. After looking at the images from the Oasis, I felt confident we made the right choice for our patients. I knew that this system could deliver high quality images and we could scan anyone. The high-field open has made the success of our newest center easier and is definitely the STAR attraction.

“ **Lisa Myers**
MRI Technologist

In my opinion, the Hitachi Oasis is the best choice for most MRI exams for all patients and is quite possibly the future of MRI.

“ **Jane A Clark**
Oasis Patient

I have had several MRI's in the past but this was the best one I have gone thru. The open sided machine makes it tolerable with my claustrophobia and the addition of headphones and TV made this long test go by much faster and without the anxiety I usually have.

Oasis True Stories is a series highlighting how the Oasis high-field Bore-less MR is transforming hospitals across the country. For complete testimonies, including online interviews, visit www.hitachimed.com