

## **Many Surprised by Advanced Radiology Services in Eastland County**

*Common diagnostic imaging tests and screenings can be performed at local hospital.*

EASTLAND, Texas (July 21, 2015) – Whether your medical condition calls for a CT scan, x-rays, a digital mammogram, MRI, or virtually any other type of imaging service, many local residents are surprised to learn Eastland Memorial Hospital (EMH) has among the most advanced radiology capabilities in the region.

"The numerous capabilities our imaging department has are a huge asset to our community," says Ted Matthews, CEO of EMH. "The range of diagnostic imaging capabilities available here in Eastland is not always available in other counties across Texas, so we take great pride in being able to offer these services."

The radiology department at EMH provides a large array of modern radiology services such as x-rays, digital mammography, CT scans, in-house MRI, bone density testing and ultrasound exams, among others.

One of the often used machines is the hospital's CT scanner, which x-rays a cross-section of the head and body. Carol Davis, manager of the hospital's radiology department, explained that CT scans are often an important test can be used to find, among other things, tumors or masses that might escape detection in a regular x-ray.

"Our CT equipment uses low-dose technology, which means patients are exposed to the least amount of radiation possible while still allowing us to capture optimum images," Ms. Davis explains. "It's something that we take great pride in here in the medical imaging department."

For women, the radiology department has digital mammography equipment to help detect breast cancer, the most common cancer among women second to skin cancer. The American Cancer Society recommends a baseline mammogram for each woman at age 35, then a mammogram every other year from age 40 to 50, and a yearly mammogram for women over 50.

"I'm always amazed when women come in and have never had a mammogram, Ms. Davis says. "The exam is fast and can often detect malignant tumors years before they can be felt. It's a local life-saver that every woman should take advantage of."

The hospital's ultrasound unit is one that many people think of in connection with pregnancy. This diagnostic test, using radio sound waves, is used to check the development of a fetus along. In addition, ultrasound might also be used for men and women to make an abdominal diagnosis and blood flow status.



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EMH strives to ensure top of the line care is available locally with expert physicians, highly skilled medical professionals, and technology that rival large metropolitan hospitals.

“Surrounding communities in the Eastland area have access to an amazing array of healthcare services,” Matthews says. “Knowing who to trust and where to go is why we’re here.”

For more information on diagnostic imaging services and other hospital capabilities, visit [www.eastlandmemorial.com](http://www.eastlandmemorial.com) or call 254-629-2601.

### **About Eastland Memorial Hospital**

Eastland Memorial Hospital provides healthcare for those communities in Eastland County, Texas. Founded in 1953, Eastland Memorial Hospital offers a wealth of medical services including: 24 hour emergency care, advanced radiology services including CT scanning and MRIs, outpatient lab, physical therapy, surgical services, patient education, sleep studies, and more. For additional information, please visit [www.eastlandmemorial.com](http://www.eastlandmemorial.com).

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