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## **Adirondack Radiology Donates New X-Ray to Hudson Headwaters** Group Also Agrees to Offer Sliding Fee Discounts to the Uninsured

Glens Falls -- Hudson Headwaters Health Network's Health Center on Broad Street has acquired a new \$100,000 X-ray unit courtesy of Adirondack Radiology Associates. The updated equipment, greatly improves the way X-rays are processed and what radiologists are able to see.

"We are extremely grateful to Adirondack Radiology for this generous donation to Hudson Headwaters," said John Rugge, M.D., CEO. "Adirondack Radiology has long supported our efforts, and they have recently joined us in offering a Sliding Fee payment plan to Hudson Headwaters patient's who don't have health insurance. Their commitment will help many people who might otherwise not find the primary care services they need."

"Adirondack Radiology has had an excellent working relationship with Hudson Headwaters for more than 25 years," William Reynolds, M.D., of Adirondack Radiology. "Our radiology specialists are part of Hudson Headwaters' comprehensive primary care services. We work with their physicians to read the X-rays and other diagnostic images taken of Hudson Headwaters patients.

"We believe that in these difficult times it is especially important to help people find care, and we are pleased to extend the Sliding Fee plan benefit to Hudson Headwaters' uninsured patients."

### **New Equipment Offers Better Image Quality**

"It's like night and day," said Shelly Williams, Imaging Services Manager at the Warrensburg Health Center. "The images are much clearer." Williams said that patients probably won't notice any difference when they are being X-rayed. "We follow the same routines," she said, "but the machine is more sophisticated. It has a photo timing feature that automatically uses the exact amount of radiation needed to create the image."

Once the X-ray has been taken, a technician views it on a digital work station that enables the image to be manipulated. "We can focus on whatever the radiologist wants to see up close," said Williams.

Another benefit of the new X-ray system is the weight-bearing capacity of the table. "We used to be limited to 300 pounds," Williams said. "With the new X-ray table, we can handle up to 600 pounds."

As with the unit it replaced, the new equipment still requires the printing of the X-ray. However, the image is printed electronically, rather than in a darkroom. "There are no chemicals to handle anymore, and no bad smell," Williams added. "This new X-ray equipment is a big step forward."