

### Hospital Gets New High Level CT Scanner

Physicians, patients, and employees at Anson Community Hospital have a new reason to smile. The hospital just replaced their eight-year-old CT scanner with a new, 16-slice GE Brightspeed CT that significantly improves the quality of medical imaging at the hospital.

The GE Brightspeed scanner, which acquires 16 CT slices simultaneously, is far more advanced and provides superior imaging compared to the old scanner. It is also much faster according to Dr. Carolyn Pomeroy, Anson Community Hospital's Radiologist.



"This is a big advantage as quicker results are essential, especially for patients from the Emergency Department who may have a life threatening condition." "It allows the physician on duty in the ED to make decisions regarding treatment almost immediately, if necessary", she said.

CT scanning, meaning computerized tomography, is a powerful X-ray tool that allows Radiologists to look at parts of the body in cross section and in multiple planes. A CT scan is used to diagnose serious illness or injury - especially when the cause or symptoms are not easily detectable with a conventional physical exam. A multi-slice scanner, like the new machine, makes multiple CT cuts simultaneously, making the examination much quicker, more accurate, and provides greater clarity of internal organs, bone, soft tissue and blood vessels than a normal x-ray.

"A CT scan has become one of the most important tools in diagnosing problems such as head and spine injuries, cancers, cardiovascular disease, infectious disease, trauma and musculoskeletal disorders as well as other diseases and illnesses," adds Dr. Pomeroy. "The new GE Brightspeed will definitely help us in our goal to provide patients at Anson Community Hospital with state-of-the-art medical care and treatment."

The Medical Imaging Department at Anson Community Hospital also provides other imaging modalities including general radiology, digital mammography, ultrasound, and MRI. For more information call 704-694-3472.

### JROTC Takes First Place in Recent Event

The Anson High School JROTC Bearcat Drill Team, Color Guard, Rifle Team and Raider Team all traveled last weekend to Sanford, NC for the fall 2011 Tri-Meet at Southern Lee High School. Competing against 35 schools, the Anson Drill Team captured a total of five trophies, including the First Place Overall for the entire meet!

In addition, Cadet Dalton Burr won the Second Place Trophy in Knockout Drill, defeating more than 100 cadets in competition. The Bearcat Rifle Team brought home two trophies, including the Third Place Overall for the entire match. And, in their first ever competition, the Raider Team had a very respectable showing, finishing in the middle of the pack.

It was an outstanding performance in the season for the cadets of Anson High School.

The Bearcat Rifle Team is on the road this weekend to South Rowan. The Drill Team is back on the road the 19th of November to South View High School, and the Raider Team travels to East Rowan on December 3rd. Come out and support your Bearcat cadets!



Drill Team and Color Guard Cadets pose with their trophies after last Saturday's victory at the 2011 Southern Lee Tri-Meet. The JROTC Drill Team and Color Guard defeated 34 other schools to bring home first place overall.



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