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NORWEGIAN AMERICAN HOSPITAL INSTALLS NEW DEXA SCAN MACHINE

CHICAGO – Norwegian American Hospital is pleased to announce that it has purchased a new Hologic DEXA Scan machine for the hospital. This DEXA (Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry) machine estimates the amount of bone mineral content in specific areas of a patient's body. Two X-Ray energies allow the Radiologist to tell the difference between bone and soft tissue, giving a very accurate estimation of bone density. DEXA scans determine the risk of broken bones and can confirm a diagnosis of osteoporosis.

A bone mineral density measurement with DEXA is painless, and requires no injections, invasive procedures, sedation, special diet or any other advance preparation. During a DEXA exam, the patient lies fully clothed on a padded table while the system scans one or more areas of bone (usually the lower spine or hip). The entire exam typically takes just a few minutes to complete. After the study is complete, a board certified radiologist will evaluate the image results and send a full report to the patient's doctor, who will discuss the results with the patient.

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