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### **Nuclear Medicine Imaging is Now Available Locally**

UHS Delaware Valley Hospital (DVH) announced the addition of Nuclear Medicine imaging services, in partnership with Heart Care Imaging (HCI). The new expansion in radiology services is commonly offered at larger hospital systems. Nuclear Medicine allows physicians to see how various organs actually are functioning. Due to the ability to see the function versus just the anatomy of a particular organ, nuclear medicine can identify abnormalities very early in the process of a disease – long before many medical problems are seen with other types of imaging. Nuclear Medicine uses very small amounts of a tracer that the nuclear imaging cameras detect to provide exact images of the area of the body being examined. Nuclear medicine offers an accurate method for physicians and patients to manage their care.

“Nuclear Medicine helps me to accurately diagnose heart disease and keep my patients closer to home,” says Dr. Keyoor Patel, Cardiologist at UHS Heart Institute and its Delaware Valley Hospital location.

Features and benefits of Nuclear Medicine include.

- Screening patients for heart disease risk
- Diagnosing stomach and digestive complications
- Evaluating bone pain from injury, joint replacement, or cancer
- Thyroid treatment planning
- Lung Scanning for blood clots and shortness of breath
- Evaluating kidney function and ruling out obstruction

Nuclear Medicine imaging became available in the spring of 2021. “By partnering with HCI, our hospital is able to efficiently offer this service. HCI provides the equipment and technologists; something that would otherwise be very difficult for a facility of our size to do,” said Randy Taylor, Director of Ambulatory Services. .

Nuclear studies require a referral from your provider and can be done at DVH regardless of where your provider practices. “Our hope is to save area residents from driving long distances for many of the most common diagnostic tests,” continued Taylor.

For more information on nuclear medicine and other testing services available at DVH, visit [www.nyuhs.org](http://www.nyuhs.org) or call the hospital’s imaging department at 607-865-2126.

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