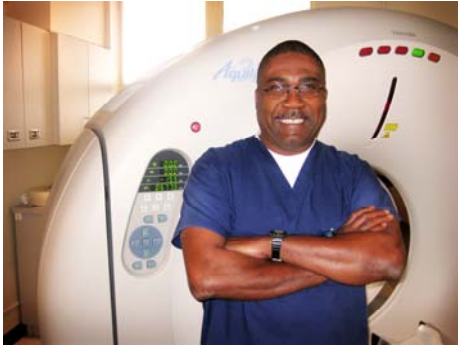


TRH Expands Radiology Services to Include CT Fluoroscopy System



In August, Touchette Regional Hospital announced a new service provided by the radiology department. As a way to better serve patients, they are now performing interventional radiology procedures utilizing a new CT fluoroscopy system.

The new system will be used for biopsies and drainages and provides the Radiologist with pin point accurate access by means of real-time visualization of the anatomy to be biopsied. This advanced technology means a much less invasive procedure and less costly than traditional surgery. Tony Graphenreed, Manager of

the Radiology Department is thrilled with the new service because of what it does for the patient experience.

“Since the procedure is less invasive, it leads to less stress on the patient and they do not feel as much discomfort,” stated Graphenreed. “As a staff member of TRH we strive to ensure our patients receive the best experience while here. We have several procedures with this technology and our patients are very appreciative of the advancement.”

An onsite pathologist is also available which allows for immediate interpretation on some specimens. Procedures include lumbar puncture, myelograms, liver biopsy, lung biopsy, and drainages.

Interventional Radiology is done with a team of professionals including licensed Radiologic Technologists and Registered Nurses. For more information regarding interventional radiology or any other radiology service, please call the radiology department at 618-332-5463.