

NEW QUAD-SPIRAL CT MACHINES AT RADIA-STAFFED HOSPITALS ARE A FIRST IN WASHINGTON

EVERETT , Wash. -- (May 7, 1999) -- Evergreen Hospital Medical Center in Kirkland and Providence Everett Medical Center in Everett both installed new quadrature spiral CTs the first week of May, 1999. These quad CTs are the first in Washington, and the second and third on the West Coast.

The quad-spiral CT obtains three to six slices for each 0.8-second rotation, which is a significant improvement over the standard of one slice per rotation. Chest, abdomen, and pelvis scans can be completed in 14 seconds, instead of the half an hour typical in older scanners.

This new CT technology offers superior imaging and evaluation, especially of cancer and trauma patients, and can produce high-definition 3D images.

Swedish Medical Center, Providence Campus will install a quad-spiral CT sometime within the next year.