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**STURDY MEMORIAL INTRODUCES PET/CT SCANNING;
EXPANDS CANCER DIAGNOSTICS CAPABILITIES**

ATTLEBORO, MA, December 13, 2006 – Sturdy Memorial has expanded its cancer diagnostics complement to offer on-site PET/CT Scanning. PET is an acronym for Positron Emission Tomography. PET is a test that uses special imaging cameras and a radioactive type of sugar to produce pictures of the function and metabolism of the cells in the body. CT stands for Computed Tomography and is an x-ray test that generates a detailed view of the anatomy or structure of organs and tissues in the body. A PET/CT scan combines diagnostic (PET) and (CT) into one scan, making it possible to collect both anatomical and physiologic information during a single exam. The information obtained by the PET/CT scan allows for more accurate tumor detection and localization for a variety of cancers, including melanoma, lymphoma, lung, colorectal, head and neck and ovarian cancers. The patient benefits of this new technology are tremendous and include earlier cancer diagnosis, greater accuracy in determining a cancer's stage, and more precise treatment planning.

The PET/CT scan typically takes less than thirty minutes; is painless and safe.

Sturdy Memorial and Alliance Imaging have collaborated to provide PET/CT scanning in this area. Having this service at the Hospital means patients have access to the gold standard in care right in their community.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital is a full-service, independent, financially stable, non-profit acute care community hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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