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**NEWS RELEASE – STATE-OF-THE-ART MRI SYSTEM INSTALLED AT  
JOINT TOWNSHIP DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Joint Township Hospital recently introduced its new, state-of-the-art magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner that is being described as a breakthrough tool for the diagnosis of disease.

The new system – known as Signa Infinity with EXCITE – is from GE Medical Systems, one of the world’s leading MRI manufacturers. Capable of acquiring diagnostic information significantly faster than other MR systems, the EXCITE scanner will enable doctors at Joint Township Hospital to improve the diagnosis of a wide range of conditions, including vascular disease; stroke; abdominal, chest, breast and brain disorders; and musculoskeletal conditions in the knee, shoulder and other joints.

“In essence, we now have the ability to capture diagnostic images at the speed of life,” said Denise Pugh. “This scanner reduced the length of MRI exams while improving the quality of the anatomical information. It will also make MRI exams more comfortable for patients, especially those who have difficulty holding their breath during certain procedures.”

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MRI utilizes computers and magnetic fields, rather than radiation, to provide safe and non-invasive images of the human anatomy. It is estimated that more than 30 million MRI exams are performed each year in the United States.

“Our continuing ability to provide the most advanced care to our patients requires leading-edge technologies, like the Signa EXCITE scanner,” said Pugh. “This system opens the door to new imaging applications that will improve the diagnosis of disease throughout the human body, from head to toe.”

Joint Township Hospital purchased the new MRI through a cooperative arrangement with Wayne Hospital, Greenville; Van Wert County Hospital; and Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital, Coldwater. “Our joint purchase and operation of the MRI provides significant financial advantage to our communities” says Jeff Vossler, CFO at Joint Township Hospital. “This continues our commitment to provide quality, cost efficient care to our patients.

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