



## **Choosing Your Radiology Facility**

When you visit your doctor and an imaging exam is recommended, you may not realize that you have a choice of where to go for your exam. Your doctor's office may ask you where you would prefer to go or even provide a list of recommended locations. However, most often patients will simply go where they are instructed or where their prescription is made out to.

**It's important to realize that as a patient you always have a choice as to where you would like to receive your care and you can exercise this even after you leave your doctor's office.**

In the past, hospitals were the only place to have radiology exams done. Today there are numerous outpatient choices, like Southtowns Radiology, that provide the same services. These facilities can offer patients the same high quality exams that are read by board certified radiologists just as they are in hospitals. Moreover, an outpatient facility has added benefits such as closer proximity to your home or work, ease of parking or flexibility of hours or appointment times.

The many options available to patients eliminates the need to drive long distances for the same services or to wait weeks for an appointment. For example, should you need a routine X-ray exam you no longer need to go to an emergency room and wait to have it done. Walk-in X-ray appointments are available at Southtowns Radiology anytime during our normal business hours. This can be a huge convenience for busy families or professionals.

When you receive a prescription from your doctor for an imaging test, it provides you with the authorization to have your exam completed at a local hospital or outpatient facility. Choose the facility that is best for you. You can learn about local radiology facilities by doing a quick search of the internet, and visiting websites like [southtownsradiology.com](http://southtownsradiology.com). Call or walk-in for your appointment with the same prescription that your doctor gave you. If it is for another location, the office staff can accept it as is and make the necessary changes with your insurance company for you. Additionally, if you have had other exams, such as routine mammograms, done previously at another facility the staff can arrange for those films or CDs to be couriered to the office for you.

Because the scope of radiology services differs at every place it is performed, it's good to ask questions when making your appointment. At Southtowns Radiology, centralized scheduling is used to offer you the widest variety of appointment times and locations to fit your needs.

For more information or to book an appointment at Southtowns Radiology, call 716-649-9000 or visit [southtownsradiology.com](http://southtownsradiology.com).