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**Ukiah Valley Medical Center Enhances Ability to Diagnose Cardiac Disease**  
*Innovative Medical Imaging Equipment Recently Installed*

Heart disease is the most common cause of death in the United States. According to the American Heart Association, nearly 13.2 million people suffer from some form of coronary heart disease. Without proper diagnosis and treatment, far too many will die. To battle this life-threatening disease, Ukiah Valley Medical Center (UVMC) has just installed a state-of-the-art nuclear medicine imaging device called the Millenium MG, manufactured by GE Healthcare.

According to Mark Levin, UVMC Nuclear Medicine Technician, "We will now be able to provide exceptional functional imaging to complement our MRI, digital mammography, digital X-ray and other powerful imaging modalities at the hospital."

With this innovative system, doctors have the ability to see the workings of the body. If it is not working properly, this camera will enable them to detect, characterize, and quantify diseases to an unprecedented extent. This is especially true with coronary heart disease in patients. The Millenium MG was purchased by UVMC to handle a high volume of whole body imaging, 3-dimensional reconstruction, and imaging synchronization with the patient's body rhythms. "This advanced

technology coupled with the wide selection of procedures we do and our high priority of customer service makes our program one of the best in Northern California,” said Levin.

The camera is designed with patient safety and comfort as a top priority. Therefore patients can expect shorter visits with better information for their doctors. “We want to reach the next generation of accuracy with our unique capabilities,” Levin added. “By bringing this camera to our community, UVMC once again continues to prove itself as a center of excellence for diagnostic imaging.”

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