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## Medical Imaging department supervisors named

ROME – Rome Memorial Hospital’s Medical Imaging Director Sharon Carson, R.T. (R)(M), has announced that April Whip, RT (R)(CT), has been named CT supervisor and Leigh Rodgers, RT (R), has been named diagnostic X-ray supervisor.

“April and Leigh both bring enthusiasm and excellent communications skills to our supervisory team,” said Carson. “Most importantly, each has shown a tremendous acumen for producing excellence in image quality, which ultimately benefits our doctors and patients.”



April Whip



Leigh Rodgers

Whip, who has worked at the hospital since October 2008, developed an interest in medical imaging from an early age. “I decided to become an X-ray tech when I was 14 years old because I had multiple X-rays and thought it looked fun,” she explained. “While it’s still fascinating to this day, there is so much more to this job than I ever realized.”

Whip works with her staff of seven CT technologists to ensure quality images, review and develop protocol, with an emphasis on customer

care. “We see people at some very difficult times in their lives,” she continued. “Some are not feeling well, others are nervous about having a test done, while others may have just found out they have cancer. I like being able to help them through the test by just showing them kindness and concern for what they are going through. It is very rewarding for me to know that the quality of my image may help their doctors determine the best course of treatment to help them get better.”

Whip said she is proud to work for an organization that invests in state-of-the-art technology to provide the best diagnostic information for patients and their physician. She touted the hospital’s recent investment in specialized FDA-approved dose reduction software to minimize patient’s exposure to radiation when they have a CT scan. “The new technology can reduce radiation dose by up to 40%, while delivering the same high quality images,” she said. “Even though we’re a community hospital, our technology rivals that of major medical centers.”

Originally from Springfield, Ohio, Whip graduated from Sinclair Community College of Dayton, Ohio with an associate's degree in applied sciences in radiologic technology. She lives in Clinton with her husband, Sean, and their children, Mason, 14, and Abigail, 11.

Rodgers began working in Rome Memorial Hospital's Radiology Department in 1999 as a tech aide. After graduating from St. Elizabeth's School of Radiography in 2003, she advanced to a full-time X-ray technologist at the hospital.

As a diagnostic X-ray supervisor, Rodgers works with her staff of 20 X-ray technologists with the shared goal of placing the patients' needs first. "I really appreciate the diverse challenges that my job offers, whether it's working with patients, other departments or vendors," she said. "I come to work every day with the intention of ensuring that my team is working hard to provide high quality images and excellent patient care. What I love about my job is that I think we not only live up to that expectation on a daily basis, but that we consistently go above and beyond what is expected."

Having assisted and/or worked in virtually every department in Medical Imaging gives Rodgers a unique perspective as a supervisor. "I definitely have a more globalized view of how the department works," she explained. "Having been in the department for so long has given me an appreciation for the amount of stress that the staff is faced with on a day-to day basis. With that in mind, I have tried to ease the pressure by creating a relatively fun environment where staff enjoys coming to work. When people enjoy what they do, they can better focus on the most important thing, ensuring that our patients get the best care."

Rodgers lives in Rome with her husband, Rick, and their children, Ruby, 13 and Aiden, 7.