

Van Buren County Hospital Celebrates Staff Sonographers October - Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month

Van Buren County Hospital recognizes the important role that diagnostic medical sonographers play in the medical field during Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month (MUAM), which is celebrated annually during October.

Ultrasound is a type of medical imaging that uses high-frequency sound waves to look inside the body. The technology was discovered in the 1820s and first used in modern medicine in 1942. According to Betsy Caviness, Radiology Manager, ultrasound equipment and the technologists who run the machines play an instrumental role in providing high-quality patient care.

“Most people know that healthcare experts use ultrasound machines to view images of the beating heart, fetal growth, blood vessels and more,” Betsy said. “What people don’t know is that sonographers—also called ultrasound technologists—do very technical and detailed work to support improved patient care and outcomes. That’s why we’re excited to recognize the important job they have at our facility during MUAM.”

Van Buren County Hospital would like to recognize Miranda Van Ausdall, RDMS (AB OB/GYN) RVT (VT), our Ultrasound Technologist.

If you haven’t had an ultrasound exam recently, chances are you will in the future. Ultrasound is applied in many clinical settings, especially radiology, obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN) and cardiology, and is growing in specialty areas, such as anesthesiology and oncology. In addition, ultrasound is growing faster than other medical imaging exams, such as CT or MRI. Some reasons are because ultrasound is easy to use and low-cost.



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“Ultrasound equipment has improved significantly in the last several years” says Van Ausdall. “The image quality and high resolution on our ultrasound machine here at VBCH is top of the line.”

Talk to your health care provider if you are a smoker or have a history of smoking, have high blood pressure, high cholesterol and/or are a diabetic. Your provider may order a Carotid Doppler ultrasound for you.

For more information about the diagnostic imaging department at Van Buren County Hospital or to learn more about our ultrasound services, contact Betsy Caviness at 319-293-8707.