



Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region

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Review of diagnostic images in MCRHR complete

A review of diagnostic images in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region is complete. The review of the diagnostic images was undertaken as a result of the concerns expressed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan about the reading of some images by Dr. L. Darius Tsatsi. Forty two ultrasound exams and one x-ray performed at the La Ronge Health Centre between June and August, 2004 were originally read by Dr. Tsatsi, who provided locum coverage for radiology at the Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert during that period.

The health region sent these images to be re-read by radiologists in Edmonton. Upon review, a difference in interpretation was noted in three of the ultrasound cases.

"None of these variances are expected to affect the patients' clinical management," said Dr. David Stoll, Senior Medical Officer.

All clients whose images were originally read by Dr. Tsatsi are being contacted, even if there is no change in interpretation. However, since the contact information that the region has from five years ago may be out of date, anyone who had an ultrasound or x-ray during the summer of 2004 may call the Quality of Care Coordinator toll-free at 1-866-431-2422.

"We are pleased that this review is complete," said Chief Executive Officer Kathy Chisholm, "and patients will be able to rest assured that they are receiving the care they need."

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