



PSM Outpatient Diagnostic Imaging Services

Pet Specialists of Monterey (PSM) is dedicated to working closely with and supporting our referral veterinarians as well as enhancing the local veterinary community. In an effort to expand the diagnostic tools available in the area we are happy to offer a new outpatient CT imaging service. We will also continue to offer our outpatient diagnostic ultrasound service. These services are intended to aid you in developing your treatment plan with your patients.

PSM outpatient diagnostic imaging services are designed to keep the control of the case in the hands of the primary veterinarian. Our specialists will be communicating directly with the primary veterinarian to discuss any imaging needs, and a report with imaging findings will be created for all outpatient imaging services. Imaging reports for CT scans will come from boarded radiologists which we contract with for teleradiology services. Imaging reports for US will be written by the internist that performs the scan. Direct communication with clients and decisions regarding treatment will remain with the primary veterinarian referring the case. Please notify your clients prior to scheduling an outpatient appointment that they will not be speaking with the specialists and that they will receive the results of the imaging through your office directly. Please use the appropriate referral forms and send the required records prior to scheduling an appointment. Appointment scheduling will be dependent on receipt of proper documentation. Required records for outpatient diagnostic imaging services include all pertinent medical records, all recent lab work, and any recent or pertinent radiographs. Please contact Pet Specialists at Monterey at (831) 899-4838 to schedule an appointment. Please note specific time windows exist in the schedule for outpatient services so last minute requests may not be possible. If you feel that the case is emergent or time sensitive please call to discuss the option of immediate admission through the emergency service. In an effort to effectively use outpatient diagnostic services, some qualifications will need to be met.

Please ensure patients referred for outpatient US are stable, nonemergent, and behaviorally would not require sedation for an ultrasound evaluation. Patients with acute severe disease, critical illness, or behavioral complications should be scheduled as a new patient internal medicine consult to facilitate direct client communication and allow allotment of additional time for planning prior to the ultrasound. Common conditions that will benefit from this service include routine monitoring of adrenal tumors, structural evaluation of kidneys, inappropriate elimination, chronic vomiting or diarrhea, elevations of liver or kidney enzymes, evaluation for metastatic lesions, and evaluation of nonspecific clinical signs in stable patients. Emergency cases such as acute abdomen, severe pain, intestinal or urinary obstruction, or respiratory distress cases are not candidates for outpatient US.

Patients referred for outpatient CT imaging should be stable, nonemergent, and healthy enough for the sedation or anesthesia that will be required for imaging to be performed. Recent bloodwork (within the last 30 days) will be required. Any prior kidney compromise or questions on kidney health should be highlighted in the referral history as this may affect the patient's ability to receive IV contrast. If surgical, orthopedic, or neurologic disease is suspected please consider scheduling these patients as a new patient consult with the surgery service to facilitate direct client communication including surgical planning prior to CT imaging. Common conditions that will benefit from this service include, metastatic evaluation in the thorax, tumor evaluation, evaluation of chronic and juvenile orthopedic diseases, chronic and acute nasal, otic, and dental diseases.



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