

Services

Positron Emission Tomography (PET)/CT
Multi-Slice High-Speed CT scanning
Ultra High-Field 3T Open MRI
Breast MRI and MRI-Guided Biopsy
4-D Ultrasonography—Color Vascular Analysis
Digital Mammography/Stereotactic Breast Biopsy
MR & CT Angiography
Digital Radiography/Fluoroscopy
Needle Biopsies
3D Bone Mineral Analysis
Total Body/Heart Screening
Virtual Colonoscopy

Our Medical Director

Dr. Vernacchia attended medical school and completed his residency at University of California, San Francisco. He began practicing radiology in San Luis Obispo in 1986.

Dr. Vernacchia founded San Luis Diagnostic Center in 1994 because he was committed to providing state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment and techniques. In fact, San Luis Diagnostic Center was the first facility in the county to offer Stereotactic Breast Biopsy, Digital Mammography, 3D Bone Mineral Analysis, MR Angiography, CT Angiography, Multi-detector CT, 3T MRI, 4D ultrasound for pre-natal diagnosis, Virtual colonoscopy and to have a permanent PET/CT scanner for cancer detection.

Dr. Vernacchia has authored numerous medical articles, lectured to other radiologists internationally and has served as a director on many non-profit boards.

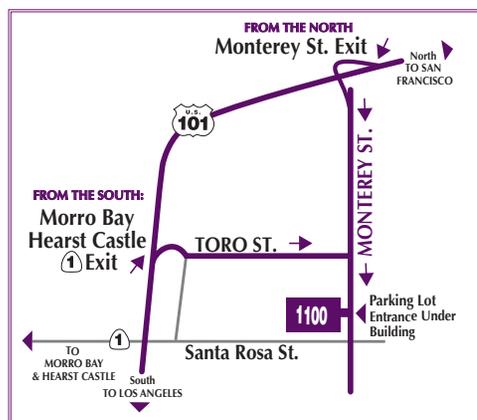
Fred lives in San Luis Obispo with his wife and three daughters. In his free time, he likes to travel and referee youth soccer.



Insurance

San Luis Diagnostic Center contracts with most major insurance companies and bills patients' insurance companies for them. Prior to an examination, we contact all patients for details regarding their insurance coverage. We ask patients to sign an assignment of benefits form so that payment comes directly to our center. Any amounts not covered by insurances, such as deductibles or co-insurance amounts, we collect at the time of service. For our patients' convenience, we accept personal checks and credit cards.

Specific insurance inquiries are handled by our business office at 805-542-9700.



FROM THE NORTH: Hwy 101 South to Monterey St. exit. Left over the freeway. Stay on Monterey Street 4 blocks. Driveway is on right before Santa Rosa St. Park at street level, below the building.

FROM THE SOUTH: Hwy 101 North to Morro Bay / Hearst Castle Hwy 1 exit. Veer left on Toro, straight 5 blocks to Monterey St. Right on Monterey. Driveway is on right before Santa Rosa St. Park at street level, below the building.

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Our Center

Going
Beyond
Imaging



A true diagnostic facility
with state-of-the-art
equipment and a caring staff

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The San Luis Diagnostic Center is a true diagnostic facility—it goes beyond simply imaging. From our courteous, proficient office staff and highly skilled, caring technologists, to our state-of-the-art equipment and prompt reports, at San Luis Diagnostic Center we do everything we can to make a timely, accurate diagnosis.

When we designed our center, the patient came first. Our waiting room is open and airy, and family members can choose to wait there or outside on our balcony.

Our center is split into three regions, each with its own dressing and waiting areas. This helps maintain patient privacy, and patients wait with others having similar exams. Exam rooms are bright; many have skylights, including the CT and MRI rooms. This open, relaxed environment helps ease any patient apprehension and claustrophobia.



Our Ultra-High field, 3T Skyra MR scanner provides the greatest comfort with no compromise of image quality. It has one of the shortest bores and biggest openings available.

Our Equipment

San Luis Diagnostic Center is a full-service diagnostic facility. We have the most advanced equipment available. In fact, because of the unique nature of our facility, we have been chosen as a GE Show Site. This distinction means that GE brings potential customers from all over the world to see our facility and GE equipment at work.

We are the only facility in the county to offer a Siemens Ultra High-Field 3T Open MRI. We were the first imaging facility in the county to offer cardiac CT, permanent PET/CT for cancer detection, digital mammography, and 4D ultrasound for stunning prenatal images. In addition, we have 3D Bone Mineral Analysis and X-ray. We also perform biopsies and drainages using our sophisticated equipment to provide guidance.

Whenever needed, we reconstruct data collected during CT and MRI scans into three-dimensional images. These images allow physicians to see exactly what is going on inside a patient's body and allow diagnoses to be made that would not be possible otherwise.

Our sophisticated digital imaging system means that images are available instantly over the internet for a doctor to review.



PET scanning can detect abnormalities before they appear on a CT or MR scan.

Our Service

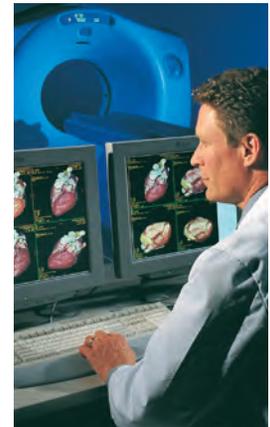
Our service is one of our biggest assets. San Luis Diagnostic Center has a highly skilled, efficient staff. Patients are pre-registered by phone or fax before their appointments. On the day of their examination, all they need to do is check in with the receptionist so that they can be directed to the correct area in our facility for their examination. We pride ourselves with our on-time service record. 95% of our patients are seen within 5 minutes of their scheduled appointment time.

The advanced technology of our equipment allows us to offer the fastest examinations anywhere.

A CT scan that might take 30-45 minutes on an older piece of equipment takes just minutes at San Luis Diagnostic Center. Our Siemens Ultra High-Field 3T Open MRI, which has the shortest imaging times available, provides the most detailed images of the body ever seen!

At San Luis Diagnostic Center we know how hard it can be waiting to find out the results of an examination. So once a patient's examination is completed, our radiologist interprets the study that same day. If the physician has requested it, our radiologist calls him/her with the results. Otherwise, the report is sent to the referring physician electronically or by fax the same day.

Patients scheduled for an interventional procedure, such as a biopsy, first meet with our radiologist to discuss the procedure. This gives the patient an opportunity to ask questions and have any fears alleviated. We have a private consultation room specifically designed for this purpose.



We can detect coronary artery calcification during a non-invasive CT scan of your heart.