A new way to store and transmit your digital imaging information has been introduced in Saskatchewan. Benefits include:

- improved service in rural areas
- decreased waiting times between tests and results
- the elimination of film transport between locations
- enhanced patient safety

This new system called the Saskatchewan Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) joins the Pharmaceutical Information Program (PIP) as one of the first components of a provincial electronic health record.

**Safeguarding the information**

This system will enhance patient safety. Having access to enhanced information will help Saskatchewan health care professionals offer the highest quality of care to their patients.

Safeguards are in place to ensure only health professionals involved in your care access your personal health information. Policies, procedures and computer systems are in place to protect information from unauthorized use, error or loss.

**Can I prevent my images from being viewed by health professionals?**

While there are many benefits to the Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS), a “masking” option has been developed where residents can request that their digital images be hidden from view. Individuals who would like to investigate this option should call 1-800-667-1672 or go to Saskatchewan Health’s Website at www.health.gov.sk.ca for more information.