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Rankin Inlet receives new portable MRI for head scans

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut (December 17, 2025) – The Kivalliq Health Centre (KHC) in Rankin Inlet now has a Hyperfine Swoop Portable Head MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging), permanently stationed and ready to serve communities and residents across the Kivalliq region.

This new diagnostic tool will reduce out-of-territory travel for patients with head injuries, improve access to advanced diagnostics across the Kivalliq region and reflect the territory's commitment to improving access to advanced medical technology while delivering care closer to home.

"I am determined to build on the foundation set by Premier John Main during his time as Minister of Health to continue strengthening health services across our territory, ensuring that more Nunavummiut receive care without having to leave their communities," said Minister of Health Janet Pitsiulaaq Brewster.

The MRI is available for traumatic head injury cases with a referral from a local physician. Appointments will be scheduled on an as-needed basis. Trained, local diagnostic imaging technicians will operate the equipment, and reports will be issued by radiologists in Ottawa who oversee Nunavut's diagnostic imaging services.

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