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Patients at Perkins County Health Services will now be able to have their bladder volume measured with a bladder scanner—a portable ultrasound instrument.

The new bladder scanner provides a quick, painless, reliable, non-invasive alternative to bladder catheterization, explained PCHS Foundation Administrator Jody Snogren, who was instrumental in granting \$10,000 from the foundation toward purchasing the scanner at a cost of \$11,450.

“Extensive research was done by Director of Nursing Dana McArtor and Dr. Clifford Colglazier prior to purchasing the model that best suited the needs of the facility,” said Snogren.

Bladder scanners help medical providers diagnose, manage and treat urinary dysfunction. Avoiding catheterization reduces rates of urinary tract infections, improves patient care, eliminates unnecessary trauma to patients, and helps preserve their dignity.

Use of the bladder scanner has also proven to be cost effective by saving staff and patient time, said Snogren.