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## LECOM Health Corry Memorial Hospital Launches Mobile PET/CT Exam to Identify Cancer

CORRY, Pa. (April 13, 2022) — LECOM Health Corry Memorial Hospital has received approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Health to begin offering Positron Emission Tomography and Computed Tomography (PET/CT) in partnership with Vantage Mobile Services.

PET/CT is an advanced diagnostic imaging procedure used to identify cancer. It can also detect certain diseases of the heart and brain, such as Alzheimer’s disease and seizures. In addition, the scan is often capable of detecting disease processes before a physical change can be seen by CT or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) alone, all in one exam. No side effects have been attributed to the exam.

“The PET/CT exam is safe and painless,” said Barbara D. Nichols, president and chief executive officer of Corry Memorial Hospital. “We have worked diligently to bring this advanced technology to the Corry community. Should any cancer be found during the exam, our oncology clinic can provide the best healthcare possible while still offering the small-town values patients have come to expect from us.”

The technology combines the functional information of the body obtained through PET with the precise anatomical information of the body obtained through CT. The scanner records the signals released by radioactive sugar after it has attached to the targeted cells within the body. A computer then reassembles the signals into actual images – the first pictures ever to show both functional and anatomical disease in one scan.

Pregnant or nursing women should not have a PET/CT exam unless the risks are specifically discussed with a physician.

Providers may schedule the PET/CT through Vantage scheduling at 866-251-0710.

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