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Salina Regional earns ACR accreditation for PET studies

(July 1, 2015) – Salina Regional Health Center has been awarded accreditation in Positron Emission Tomography (PET) as a result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology. Salina Regional's accreditation covers both oncology and brain imaging.

PET imaging focuses on establishing a diagnosis at the molecular level. These studies involve the injection of small amounts of radioactive glucose material to reveal how they are metabolized by the body. The results assist in diagnosis of a variety of diseases.

Salina Regional is one of only three facilities in Kansas to be listed by the ACR with accreditation in PET brain imaging. PET/CT combination studies, available at Salina Regional, provide a cutting edge diagnostic tool to look at brain function when investigating the presence of Alzheimer's and dementia. The technology also can be used for evaluation of Parkinson's and other movement disorders.

“PET/CT can be one of our most accurate tools for detecting early stages of Alzheimer's and dementia,” said Terry Hauschel, executive director of operations at Salina Regional. “Early detection and medical treatment can often help slow the progression of the disease process.”

PET is most commonly used for cancer diagnosis and evaluation of malignancies. Radioactive glucose is rapidly metabolized by cancers showing their precise location, shape and whether disease is localized or spread. This test also is very important in helping evaluate the effectiveness of ongoing cancer treatment.

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