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Advanced PET/CT Hybrid Imaging Unveiled at the West Boca Diagnostic Imaging Center

BOCA RATON, Fla.- March 22, 2011- The West Boca Diagnostic Imaging Center, located at 7070 W. Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton, announces advanced clinical offerings with the arrival of the biograph PET/CT system from Siemens Medical Solutions. The biograph is one of the most important developments in diagnostic imaging, allowing a patient's anatomy, as well as organ function, to be evaluated in a single exam.

"West Boca Medical Center and its Diagnostic Imaging Center are taking imaging and patient care to the next level," said Mitch Feldman, chief executive officer, West Boca Medical Center. "The new biograph PET scanner brings exceptional image quality and can also reduce the number of scans a patient may need to receive an efficient and accurate diagnosis; this means improved quality of care, as well as patient safety and comfort."

By performing the PET scan and CT scan at the same time, improved diagnostic results can be expected. This system virtually eliminates motion artifacts between the PET and CT, providing superior diagnostic information. The biograph improves not only the diagnostic information derived from the patient exam, but it also improves the speed of the PET scan by up to 50%. This increased speed means less time spent on the exam table, and much happier patients. In addition to improvements over previous PET systems, it also supplies new clinical applications to the practice, ranging from diagnosis and staging of cancers to advanced cardiac applications.

To tour the center or to see a demonstration of the new biograph scanner, call Gary Grandovic, director of outpatient services, at 561-417-7920.

ABOUT WEST BOCA MEDICAL CENTER

West Boca Medical Center, part of Tenet South Florida, is a 195-bed acute care hospital located at 21644 State Road 7 in Boca Raton, Florida. West Boca Medical Center has been serving the medical and healthcare needs of its community and surrounding areas for over 20 years.

West Boca Medical Center offers a broad array of services, including general medical and surgical care, orthopedics and sports medicine, a robotic surgery program offering minimally invasive surgery for gynecological, urological and general surgical procedures, a state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging center featuring open MRI and digital mammography, cardiac and surgical intensive care, outpatient surgery services, 24-hour emergency services for adults and children, diabetes education, a cystic fibrosis program for adults and children, outpatient rehabilitation services and a specialized sleep

diagnostic center with a dedicated lab for infants and pediatrics as well as adults. West Boca Medical Center is also a Certified Primary Stroke Center, and received the 2010 American Stroke Association/American Heart Association's *Get With The Guidelines*-Stroke Bronze Performance Achievement Award, and the *Get With The Guidelines*-Heart Failure Silver Performance Achievement Award.

The hospital also offers several specialties, including a level III neonatal intensive care unit, the BirthCare Pavilion, a pediatric unit and a pediatric intensive care unit. It is also a recipient of the HealthGrades Maternity Care Excellence Award five years in a row (2006-2011). In addition, HealthGrades has ranked West Boca's maternity program among the top 5% five percent in the nation for four years in a row (2007-2011).

The hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency. For more information about West Boca Medical Center or for physician referral, call 866-904-WBMC (9262) or visit the website at www.westbocamedctr.com.

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