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NEW DIGITAL IMAGING SYSTEM INVESTMENT AT LINCOLN MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IMPROVES PATIENT SERVICES --Cutting-edge Technology Enhances Accuracy of Diagnosis and Safety of Procedures--

Bronx, NY – Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center has one of the most advanced imaging technologies in the country – a new, all-digital X-Ray imaging system to help doctors diagnose and treat cardiovascular, neurovascular and other conditions.

This cutting-edge technology is capable of imaging the hard-to-see small blood vessels and anatomy, by capturing the full size of the patient's sides and front anatomy simultaneously. This advanced system, known as Innova® 31311Q digital flat panel biplane imaging, expands the hospitals' diagnostic and treatment options in a variety of interventional procedures such as stent placement, blood vessel interventions and the minimally invasive treatment of uterine fibroids, cancer, trauma and numerous other conditions.

“The investment in this equipment at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center represents the facility's commitment to providing effective and efficient delivery of healthcare, utilizing state-of-the-art technology to serve the residents of the South Bronx,” said José R Sánchez, the facility's Executive Director and Senior Vice President of Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network. “As imaging technology continues to develop, Lincoln Hospital will explore other ways to upgrade and enhance services with the most advanced technology available to increase patient access, help reduce wait times and improve quality of service.”

Paul Moh, M.D., Chief of Radiology Service, noted, “Our new digital biplane system is an ultra modern X-ray technology that allows our medical teams to diagnose and treat many diseases in different parts of the body, including those in the brain and

blood vessels. It enables doctors to see extremely detailed anatomy in two different projections simultaneously, and enhances the accuracy of the diagnosis and the safety of the procedures.”

The Innova® 3131IQ system, developed by GE Healthcare, allows physicians to see clearly enough to use small medical devices – such as catheters, stents, and guide wires – while performing a wide range of image-guided treatment.

Lincoln is the first hospital in the South Bronx to have been designated by the New York State Department of Health as an official Stroke Center. Stroke Center designation ensures that stroke victims will be seen quickly and receive the specific treatment that is critical to preventing permanent disability or death.

According to the American Stroke Association, each year close to 700,000 people--approximately one person every 45 seconds--will suffer a new or recurrent stroke in the United States. In New York, as reported by the State Department of Health, cardiovascular diseases, specifically heart disease and stroke, are the leading causes of death among New Yorkers, killing more than 70,000 residents each year. For every person who dies from a heart attack or angina in New York, 18 people live with these conditions in the state.

Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, located at 234 E. 149th Street in the Bronx, is a 347-bed, acute care level 1 trauma center with the busiest emergency room in the region. The hospital emphasizes primary care medicine and utilizes the latest advances in medical science. In addition, Lincoln ranked number two for appropriate care in New York State in the areas of heart attack and heart failure care, as well as surgical infection prevention--an HHC corporate initiative.

Lincoln Hospital is a member of the Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network, a healthcare conglomerate which is part of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Harlem Hospital Center in Central Harlem and three Diagnostic and Treatment Centers: Segundo Ruiz Belvis and Morrisania in the Bronx and Renaissance in Northern Harlem are also part of the Network.

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