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### **EXCELLENCE IN IMAGING QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY EARNS LINCOLN HOSPITAL NUCLEAR MEDICINE ACCREDITATION**

Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in nuclear medicine by the American College of Radiology (ACR). The ACR gold seal of accreditation is awarded only to facilities that have voluntarily undergone rigorous evaluation of image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, and effectiveness of quality control procedures.

“By measuring ourselves against these quality standards, we validate the excellent service available to our patients,” said Melissa Schori, M.D., Lincoln Hospital’s Chief Medical Officer. “These measures provide guidelines by which we may continuously improve on the quality of care that we provide our patient population.”

Lincoln Hospital performs an average of 3,300 imaging procedures annually in the Nuclear Medicine Division of Radiology. Among those who benefit from cutting-edge technology in nuclear medicine are patients with thyroid diseases, cancer, and coronary artery diseases.

“This is a significant accomplishment in the field of nuclear medicine and indicative of our compliance with national standards for radiation safety and image quality,” said Iris Jimenez-Hernandez, Lincoln Hospital Executive Director and Network Senior Vice President. “Voluntarily undergoing Arc’s meticulous assessment process demonstrates Lincoln Hospital’s continued commitment to quality patient care and provides the competitive edge that is vital in today’s marketplace.”

Dr. Sarwat Amer, Director of the Nuclear Medicine Division, said “This accreditation is evidence that our personnel are well qualified, through education and certification, to perform and interpret nuclear medicine images, and administer radiopharmaceuticals for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes.” He added, “Our patients can rest assured that their nuclear medicine procedures will be performed by expert technologists at our facility.”

Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, located at 234 East 149<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx, is a 347-bed, acute care level 1 trauma center with the busiest emergency department in the region. The hospital emphasizes primary care and specialty medicine and utilizes the latest advances in medical science. 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.

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), is a \$6.3 billion integrated healthcare delivery system and the largest municipal healthcare organization in the country. HHC serves 1.3 million New Yorkers every year and nearly 450,000 who are uninsured. HHC provides medical, mental health and substance abuse services through its 11 acute care hospitals, four skilled nursing facilities, six large diagnostic and treatment centers and more than 80 community based clinics. HHC Health and Home Care also provide health services at home for New Yorkers. To learn more about HHC, visit [www.nyc.gov/hhc](http://www.nyc.gov/hhc).

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