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11 minutes

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Press Releases

Mercy Hospital Acquires New State-of-the-Art Technology that Helps in Early Detection of Lung Cancer

The new Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy™ uses GPS-like technology to locate, biopsy and prepare to treat a lesion on the lung

Miami, FL (April 21, 2010) – Mercy Hospital recently acquired a new state-of-the-art technology, which helps in the early detection of lung cancer and other lung diseases. The Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy (ENB) procedure offers patients a minimally-invasive option to locate, enable biopsy and plan treatment for a lesion (spot) detected deep in the lung. Mercy Hospital is one of the first in South Florida to provide the superDimension® inReach® System as an option for patients who have learned they have a hard-to-reach lesion on their lung.

“We are pleased to offer a minimally-invasive alternative for patients who have a lesion on their lung that is hard to reach or cannot tolerate a more invasive procedure,” said Dr. Raul Moas, Pulmonologist at Mercy Hospital. “This device is a great instrument in the early detection of lung cancer.” The ENB procedure combines GPS-like technology with a catheter-based system that uses the patient’s natural airways to access lesions that were previously hard to reach. Typical options for a patient with a spot on their lung is major surgery to remove a section of the lung, bronchoscopy (which does not reach lesions deep in the lung), needle biopsy, or watchful waiting. In most cases, patients diagnosed with lung cancer are not surgical candidates, but with the inReach System, doctors have safe and efficient access to stage and prepare to treat lung lesions in non-operable patients.

The ENB procedure is typically performed in an outpatient setting and its unique approach may increase the chances that a patient will safely get a diagnosis and begin treatment, if needed. Mercy Hospital was able to acquire this new technology thanks to a major donation by Mercy Foundation and its support group, the Ambassadors of Mercy.

The Pulmonary Care Program at Mercy Hospital specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic lung diseases. The Pulmonary Care Program at Mercy Hospital is the proud recipient of the HealthGrades® Excellence Award™ for Pulmonary Care for 2005-2010. HealthGrades is the nation’s leading provider of independent, objective healthcare ratings. Mercy Hospital has been nationally ranked in the top 50 for Respiratory Disorders in U.S. News’ 2009-10 publication of America’s Best Hospitals.

To learn more about lung disease, detection, and options for diagnosing a lesion on the lung visit www.spotonyourlung.com and www.superdimension.com.

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About Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital, a recipient of the prestigious Magnet™ award for nursing excellence, HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence Award™ (2003-2004, 2006-2010) and HealthGrades Patient Safety Excellence Award™ (2007-2009), is Miami-Dade County’s only Catholic Hospital. Established in 1950, it is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, Florida and a member of Catholic Health East. A 473-bed acute care hospital, staffed by over 700 physicians representing 27 medical



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specialties, its Centers of Excellence include: The Heart Center at Mercy Hospital, the Miami Cancer Center at Mercy Hospital, the Orthopedic Institute at Mercy Hospital, and the Minimally Invasive Surgical Institute at Mercy Hospital. Mercy Hospital is located at 3663 S. Miami Avenue, Miami, FL.

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