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Robeson County Has Access To Bone Disease Testing

Lumberton, January 15, 2007: Lumberton Radiological Associates recently installed a new clinical bone densitometer—improving the quality of bone density testing to its expanding list of health services for women. Based on a technology called Dual-energy X-ray Absorptiometry—or DXA—the bone densitometer measures the bone mineral content and density of specific bone sites (mainly the hip and spine) that are most susceptible to fracture due to osteoporosis and other degenerative bone diseases. The prevalence of these diseases, especially in post-menopausal women, makes bone densitometry a necessary part of a complete bone health program for women.

“All women over age 50 or past menopause should talk to their doctors about their risk of developing osteoporosis,” encourages LRA radiologist Dr. Ben Gasque. “It’s much higher than most women realize.”

The statistics released by the National Osteoporosis Foundation are quite grim. One out of every two women past menopause will develop the disease and one out of three will fracture. Now that there are drugs that have been shown to actually reverse the bone-loss process, it seems all the more troubling that a woman loses her independent lifestyle because of a hip fracture that could have been prevented.

Bone density testing is fast and painless. It requires no injections or invasive procedures. During a test, a woman lies fully clothed on a padded treatment table while the machine scans one or more areas of bone. The entire test normally takes only minutes to complete. And even though the machine emits x-rays, the radiation dose during the test is less than the radiation exposure during a coast-to-coast airline flight.

For more information concerning LRA’s bone density testing, or any of LRA’s comprehensive women’s health services, please feel free to contact Mike DeCinti, Director of Marketing, at (910)738-8222 ext 258 or by e-mail at mdecinti@lraxray.com. Also please feel free to visit our website at www.lraxray.com.

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