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LRA Announces Initiative to Improve Patient Outcomes Through Point of Care Testing

Lumberton, April 10, 2007: Lumberton Radiological Associates announces the use of i-STAT[®] hand-held analyzers to help improve patient outcomes by providing lab-quality test results within minutes. Designed to expedite patient diagnosis and treatment, i-STAT analyzers perform a comprehensive panel of critical tests using two or three drops of blood. LRA is using this Point of Care testing (POCT) device for their patients needing diagnostic imaging exams that require contrast material.

According to Dr. Ben Gasque radiologist and CEO of LRA. "This is just one more thing that our patients and their primary healthcare providers do not have to worry about when they schedule their outpatient imaging exams here at LRA."

The device's automated technology coupled with the whole-blood application at the patient site eliminates the time delays and potential for medical errors caused by blood sample transport to, and processing at a central laboratory. For patients, this translates to early and accurate diagnosis and treatment, and ultimately, improved outcomes.

"The i-STAT analyzer delivers lab-accurate testing for blood gases, electrolytes, chemistries, coagulation, hematology, glucose and cardiac markers in minutes," says Gasque. "By obtaining these critical results rapidly, we can quickly assess and monitor a patient's status and better manage their care."

For more information concerning LRA's point of care testing or any of LRA's 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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