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7.4 million Americans have a history of cancer, and 1.3 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed this year. Coronary heart disease claims the lives of approximately 500,000 Americans a year, the leading cause of death in America today. Positron Emission Tomography (PET) examinations provide the most effective method of diagnosing or ruling out these conditions. PET shows all the organ systems of the body with one image and replaces multiple medical testing procedures with a single examination. PET examinations can even be used for the early detection of brain disorders including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

Biomedical Research Foundation Of Northwest Louisiana, PET Imaging Center located in Shreveport, LA, was granted accreditation by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Laboratories' (ICANL). The laboratory is one of the first Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging centers in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to be so recognized for its commitment to high quality patient care and its provision of quality diagnostic testing.

The ICANL accreditation program evaluates the quality of critical elements of a PET imaging facility, in addition to Nuclear Cardiology and General Nuclear Medicine laboratories.

The ICANL was established with the support of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section, the American College of Cardiology, the American College of Nuclear Physicians and the Academy of Molecular Imaging (formerly known as the Institute for Clinical PET). The ICANL provides a peer review mechanism to encourage and recognize the provision of quality nuclear medicine diagnostic evaluations by a process of voluntary accreditation. A non-profit organization, the ICANL is dedicated to ensuring high quality patient care and to promoting health care.

Participation in the accreditation process is voluntary. Accreditation status signifies that the facility has been reviewed by an independent agency that recognizes the laboratory's commitment to quality testing.

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