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Rihner, Gupta and Grosz Cardiology PC seeks to acquire a Siemens ECAT EXACT HR+ SCINTRON Cardiac PET system to better service our patients in need of evaluation for coronary artery disease.

We seek to establish a Cardiac PET MPI program with CardioGen-82[®] (Rubidium Rb 82 Generator) for use in positron emission tomography (PET) myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI). Rubidium Rb 82 chloride injection is a radioactive diagnostic agent indicated for PET imaging of the heart under rest or pharmacologic stress conditions to evaluate regional myocardial perfusion in adult patients with suspected or existing coronary artery disease.

Cardiac PET MPI has been shown to outperform SPECT MPI for determination of coronary artery disease. This modality will support our organization by providing an accurate and cost-effective means of diagnosing and managing patients with coronary artery disease.

Adopting this technology will assist our facility in meeting the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC) Recommendations for Reducing Radiation Exposure in Myocardial Perfusion Imaging and the ASNC and Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Joint Position Statement on the Clinical Indications for Myocardial Perfusion PET.

Our current diagnostic offerings with SPECT imaging contribute to lower sensitivity and specificity, diagnostic accuracy, and interpretive confidence when compared to the capabilities of PET imaging. As a result, some patients may receive inappropriate downstream testing, which increases cost of care and inconvenience to the patient. Additional benefits of PET MPI include decreased patient staff exposure to radiation, increased departmental efficiencies and higher rates of patient satisfaction.

We are requesting a Letter for Non Reviewability from the Alabama SHPDA based on the Physician's Office Exemption based on Alabama Code Section 22-21-260(6).

- The scanner shall be acquired and owned by Rihner, Gupta and Grosz Cardiology, P.C. The only shareholders of Rihner, Gupta and Grosz Cardiology, P.C. are Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Dr. Michael Rihner and Dr. Stephanie Grosz. All three physicians are equal owners of the P.C.
- The office of Rihner, Gupta and Grosz Cardiology, P.C. is located at 600 Providence Park Dr, Mobile, AL 36695 and is the sole location for the practice. The PET service will be utilized solely by the physicians, either owners (Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Dr. Michael Rihner and Dr. Stephanie Grosz) or other employed physicians or employees of the practice for the care of our patients.



- All patient billings related to these services are directly through Rihner, Gupta and Grosz Cardiology PC.
- The equipment will not be used for inpatient care or on behalf of any healthcare facility or by any other practice other than Rihner, Gupta and Grosz Cardiology, P.C.

In addition, the following information is being provided as required by SHPDA Rule 410-1-7-.02:

1. Name of the company seeking the reviewability determination: Rihner, Gupta and Grosz Cardiology, P.C.
2. Address and Contact information for the authorized company representative:
 - **Ritesh Gupta MD**
President of Rihner, Gupta and Grosz Cardiology, P.C.
600 Providence Park Dr
Mobile, AL 36695
3. Service Area for the proposed service
 - **600 Providence Park Dr,**
Mobile, AL 36695
4. New services to be provided under the proposed project: **Cardiac PET MPI program.**
5. Approximate cost of the proposed project:
 - Equipment:
 - i. PET camera with cardiac software: \$389,700.00
 - ii. Shipping and setup of the CardioGen-82 infusion system: \$5,000.00
 - First year annual operation cost

Monthly Costs

Fixed Costs: EXAMPLE (based on 42-day delivery cycle)	
CardioGen-82® Generator \$46,000× (8 / 12)	\$30,666.67
Generator Shipping Charges (\$175 × 10 / 12)	\$145.83
Infusion System Rental and Service	2,000.00
	Fixed Costs: \$32,812.50
Variable Costs	
CardioGen-82® Patient Administration Sets/25 patients	\$424.46
<i>3 patients per day over 21 working days = 63 per month or 3 boxes</i>	3 Boxes
	Variable Costs: \$1,273.38
Total Estimated Monthly Costs: \$34,085.88	

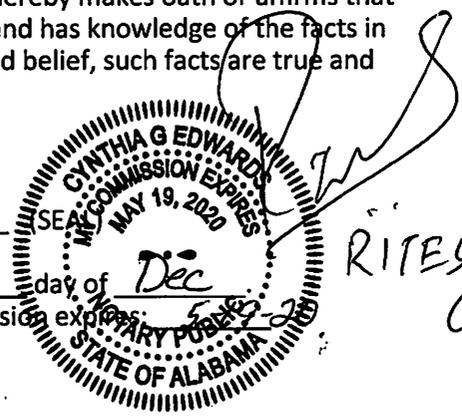
- The PET scanner will be installed in the existing structure with a modification cost of \$25,000.00.
6. Disclosure of financial interests in the entity requesting the reviewability determination held by any other healthcare facilities or groups: **None**
 7. Attestation by Ritesh Gupta, M.D., as President of Rihner, Gupta and Grosz Cardiology, P.C., has knowledge of the facts disclosed in this reviewability request, and affirms as follows:

Affirmation of Requesting Party:

The undersigned, Ritesh Gupta, M.D., being first duly sworn, hereby makes oath or affirms that he is the President of Rihner, Gupta & Grosz Cardiology, P.C. and has knowledge of the facts in this request, and to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

Affiant Cynthia G Edwards

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12/12/18 day of Dec
2018 Notary Public My commission expires



RITESH GUPTA