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The Neuron Clinic to Become First Practice to Offer Point-of-Care PET Imaging with Prescient Imaging BBX™-PET

Hawthorne, CA – Prescient Imaging, a pioneer and leader in point-of-care PET imaging today announced that The Neuron Clinic – a neurology group in Southern California will become the first neurology practice in the nation to provide on-site PET imaging for their patients using the BBX™-PET scanner.

Prescient’s flagship product, BBX-PET, is an innovative PET-only brain scanner. Affordable and practical, it meets the needs of private practice and hospital-based neurologists diagnosing and treating Alzheimer’s and other neurology patients.

BBX-PET delivers superb clarity and precision for neuroimaging with an open and comfortable 29cm bore that keeps the 3500 LYSO crystals proximal to the brain. Designed for point-of-care use, it weighs less than 500 lbs. and can be used on any floor of a medical arts building. The BBX-PET fits easily in an 8’ x 10’ space, requires standard electric service, and requires only minimal shielding since it is not fixed to a CT.

“This is an important milestone for Prescient and for the neurology community as a whole,” said Dr. Farhad Daghighian, President, Prescient Imaging. “Of course, we are excited to announce our first commercial customer. But more importantly, today marks a major step forward for neurologists. Just as X-Ray, Ultrasound and SPECT have all moved to the point-of-care, we fully expect point-of-care PET imaging to become the standard of care in neurology. The Neuron Clinic are at the forefront of this patient-centric process, and we commend them for their vision and leadership.”

Dr. Branko Huisa MD, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Neuron Clinic, added, “Clinically, we cannot over-emphasize the importance of accuracy when diagnosing dementia patients. PET imaging remains the gold standard for confirming the presence of amyloid plaques and tau tangles that are found in the brains of Alzheimer’s patients, so we are excited to bring this important diagnostic tool in-house. Wait times for neuro-PET scans have been increasing. With BBX-PET, we will have precise diagnostic images that meet our exact requirements faster than ever, and we will be able to elevate the care we can provide to our patients in a way that also happens to be economically advantageous to our practice.”

About Prescient Imaging

Founded in 2008, Prescient Imaging is a pioneer in point-of-care PET imaging. Our compact, precise, and affordable scanners make molecular imaging more convenient for patients, caregivers, and physicians. Point-of-care PET imaging can improve outcomes by being readily available and economical, thereby facilitating early and accurate diagnoses. Early diagnosis of memory disorders is paramount to maintaining patients' quality of life and reducing the cost burden of Alzheimer's and related pathologies.

About The Neuron Clinic

The Neuron Clinic is a multispecialty neurology group who provides high-quality neurological services to communities in San Diego and Riverside Counties. Each of our doctors is at the forefront of industry breakthroughs and brings to the group a specific area of expertise. The Neuron Clinic provides a synergistic approach to dementia and cognitive disorders by offering prevention, diagnosis, intervention, and treatment through clinical trials. Early identifications of patient with Alzheimer's and other dementia are key for medical management and selection of new targeted therapies. The Neuron Clinic recognizes that traditional PET imaging is the most sensitive medical tool to diagnosed dementias, but it is currently inaccessible for many patients with suspected memory disorders, partly due to cost and partly due to extensive wait times. Partnering with Prescient Imaging will clear the way increasing patient access and providing cutting edge diagnostics to our patients.

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