ECRI Institute and Health Care Improvement Foundation Launch CT Radiation Safety Collaborative

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PLYMOUTH MEETING, Pa., June 29, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- **ECRI Institute** [1], an independent nonprofit that researches the best approaches to improving patient care, and the Health Care Improvement Foundation [2], an independent nonprofit corporation with a multi-dimensional focus on healthcare safety, announce the launch of a new Partnership for Patient Care regional collaborative focused on improving CT radiation safety. Jointly funded by area hospitals and Independence Blue Cross, this collaborative will engage hospitals and imaging centers in Philadelphia and surrounding counties in a 12-month project aimed at strengthening patient safety specific to CT imaging.

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"The overall goal of this program is for 100% of the participants to be actively monitoring recorded CT radiation doses in order to deliver doses that are as low as reasonably achievable," said Kathy Shostek, senior risk management analyst, ECRI Institute, and the program's manager.

CT radiation dose can result in unnecessarily high exposures, placing patients at increased risk of cancer and other conditions. Inappropriate radiation doses nationally have raised public concerns and attracted attention in the media recently. Specific strategies for this program will focus on addressing factors related to inappropriate or excessive radiation doses and implementing practices that optimize CT studies.

The Partnership for Patient Care (PPC) is a multi-year patient safety collaborative among the Health Care Improvement Foundation, Independence Blue Cross, and healthcare organizations across Southeastern Pennsylvania. The PPC's objective is to accelerate the effective adoption of evidence-based clinical practices by pooling the resources, knowledge, and efforts of provi
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