

Richard Wahl, MD, World-renowned Expert in PET and PET/CT, to Give Guest CME Lecture at Lakeland

Richard L. Wahl, MD, a leading expert in nuclear medicine, positron emission tomography (PET) and PET/CT, will be giving a special CME presentation at Lakeland. The presentation, "Emerging Applications for PET/CT," will be at noon, Thursday, May 25, at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph. Dr. Wahl was the first to prove PET technology could accurately diagnose many common cancers. He pioneered the computer methods that joined PET and CT technologies to form fusion images of cancer, blending the metabolic activity of the tiniest cancers with the anatomical accuracy of the CT scan. Dr. Wahl and Johns Hopkins Medicine introduced their PET/CT scanner to the world in June 2001. The benefits of this technology led Lakeland to offer southwest Michigan's first PET/CT scans just two years later.

Dr. Wahl is currently director, division of nuclear medicine; vice chair for technology and new business development; professor, The Russell H. Morgan Department of Radiology and Radiological Science; Henry N. Wagner Jr. M.D. professor in nuclear medicine; professor, oncology at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. He completed his undergraduate degree in chemistry at Warburg College, Waverly, Iowa, and earned his medical degree at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis. He pursued concurrent fellowships in nuclear medicine and immunology before moving to Ann Arbor. Following his postdoctoral training, he served as professor of internal medicine and radiology, as well as director of general nuclear imaging at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor. In addition to his role in the discovery and development of PET and PET/CT, Dr. Wahl was a leader in the introduction and marketing of these technologies to the medical world.



For the past 20 years, Dr. Wahl has also been instrumental in the development and use of radiopharmaceuticals, which target tumor cells while sparing healthy tissue. He holds numerous patents on therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals. Dr. Wahl has authored more than 220 journal articles, and three books on PET technology. He has received multiple awards, including the Berson and Yalow award and Tetalman award of the Society of Nuclear Medicine; the Hounsfield Award of the Society of Body; CT Academy of Molecular Imaging Distinguished Scientist Award, and has been honored as the New Horizons Lecturer for the Radiological Society of North America.

"Dr. Wahl's presentation is an opportunity for physicians throughout southwest Michigan to learn more about the latest advances in the continuing applications of PET/CT technology," said Serge Schillio, MD, Medical Director, Lakeland Care CME. "We're pleased to be able to offer his lecture as part of our CME lecture series."

The CME presentation will be given in the Frederick S. Upton Education Center at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, 1234 Napier Avenue, St. Joseph and teleconferenced to Lakeland Hospital, Niles, 31 N. St. Joseph Avenue, Niles. The presentation is free, but preregistration is requested due to limited space. **Please call 269-983-8292 to reserve your seat.**

