



**EXPANDED MEDICARE INDICATIONS**

Indication	Currently Covered	Covered by <b>NOPR</b> (eff Feb '06)
Breast Female -Staging Metastases, Restaging, Monitoring* Male Female - <i>Diagnosis, Staging Axillary Nodes</i> - <b>NONCOVERED</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NOPR</b>
Cervical -Staging as adjunct to conventional imaging -Diagnosis, Staging <sup>1</sup> , Restaging, Monitoring*	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NOPR</b>
Colon and Rectal -Diagnosis, Staging, Restaging -Monitoring*	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NOPR</b>
Esophagus -Diagnosis, Staging, Restaging -Monitoring*	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NOPR</b>
Head and Neck (non-CNS/thyroid) -Diagnosis, Staging, Restaging -Monitoring*	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NOPR</b>
Lung Solitary Pulmonary Nodule (Characterization) Non-Small Cell -Diagnosis, Staging, Restaging -Monitoring* Small Cell Pleura	<b>CURRENT</b> <b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NOPR</b> <b>NOPR</b> <b>NOPR</b>
Lymphoma -Diagnosis, Staging, Restaging -Monitoring*	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NOPR</b>
Melanoma -Diagnosis, Staging (Axillary Lymph Nodes) -Monitoring* - <i>Staging Regional Lymph Nodes</i> - <b>NONCOVERED</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NOPR</b>
Thyroid -Restaging of <b>follicular</b> cell tumors <sup>2</sup> -Restaging of medullary cell tumors -Diagnosis, other staging & restaging -Monitoring*	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>NOPR</b> <b>NOPR</b> <b>NOPR</b>
<b>NEW</b> (Diagnosis, staging, restaging, monitoring*): Anal Ovarian Bladder Pancreas Bone/Cartilage Peritoneum Brain Prostate Connective Soft Tissue Retroperitoneum Eye Sarcoma Gallbladder Small Intestine Heart Stomach Kidney Testicular/Penile Leukemia Thymus Liver Unknown Primary Mediastinum Uterine Myeloma Any Other Not Listed		<b>NOPR</b>
<p>* <i>Monitoring = monitoring response to treatment when a change in therapy is anticipated.</i>  <sup>1</sup> <i>Patients who do not qualify for covered indication (e.g. because CT or MRI not done or either showed extrapelvic metastatic disease)</i>  <sup>2</sup> <i>with negative I-131 imaging and elevated serum thyroglobulin</i></p>		



## National Oncologic PET Registry

### Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Expansion of Medicare coverage for PET scans for management of patients with cancer is slated to begin early 2006! This includes all cancer types **not presently covered** by Medicare using a "coverage with evidence development" initiative (see back page).

NCPIC will be a registered PET Center who will facilitate obtaining the required information from the referring physicians for the National Oncology PET Registry (NOPR). Due to the strict timeline for this project (shown below), NCPIC is pleased to offer our assistance. We have a team available for any service level you may need to help you complete the necessary forms.

*Please call us so that your patients can benefit from this new program!*

