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North Shore Medical Center FMC Campus Earns ACR Ultrasound Accreditation

Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 2011) — North Shore Medical Center FMC Campus has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in ultrasound as the result of an extensive review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Ultrasound imaging, also known as sonography, uses high-frequency sound waves to produce images of internal body parts to help providers diagnose illness, injury, or other medical problems.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards, following a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report they can use for continuous practice improvement.

The ACR is a national professional organization serving more than 34,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

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About North Shore Medical Center FMC Campus

North Shore Medical Center FMC Campus, part of Tenet's Miami-Dade/Broward Health Network, is a 459-bed acute care hospital founded in 1973 and fully accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Located at 5000 West Oakland Park Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale in western Broward County, FMC Campus offers a broad range of medical and surgical services. Its Heart Institute of Florida, the hospital's center for cardiac services, is a Joint Commission Certified Advanced Primary Stroke Center, Accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI, and has received recognition from the American Heart Association's "Get With the Guidelines", for Gold Performance Achievement in Heart Failure, Coronary and Stroke. FMC Campus is also recognized by UnitedHealthcare as a Premium Specialty Care Center for cardiovascular surgery, electrophysiology, and interventional cardiology and by Blue Cross Blue Shield Florida Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac Care. FMC Campus's additional services include the Surgical Weight Loss Institute recognized by the American Society for Bariatric Services as a Bariatric Center of Excellence, neurology and neurosurgery, cancer care, orthopedics, urology, psychiatry, gynecology, imaging, pain center, sleep lab, wound care, and 24-hour emergency services.