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FACILITY Recognized for Excellence with ACC Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation

***FACILITY** provides necessary care, resources to cath lab patients*

DATELINE (Month xx, 20XX) — The American College of Cardiology has recognized **FACILITY NAME** for its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients who come to a cardiac cath lab for care. **FACILITY NAME** was awarded Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation in **MONTH** based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients who come to the cardiac cath lab.

Hospitals that have proven exceptional competency in treating patients who require cardiac catheterization have standardized their assessment process for patients before undergoing catheterization to ensure quality and patient safety. They ensure that care in the procedure room for sedation, infection control, radiation safety, universal protocol, and time out procedures is fully coordinated; and have mastered the appropriate transfer to a cath recovery unit to better monitor and track complications, enhance physician-to-patient communication, patient family communication, discharge instructions and follow-up information.

"ACC Accreditation Services is proud to bestow Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation on **FACILITY NAME**," said Abraham Joseph, vice president of ACC Accreditation Services. "We commend **FACILITY NAME** for its demonstrated commitment to providing **COMMUNITY NAME** with excellent cardiac care."

Hospitals receiving Cardiac Cath Lab Accreditation from the ACC must take part in a multi-faceted clinical process that involves: completing a gap analysis; examining variances of care; developing an action plan; a rigorous onsite review; and monitoring for sustained success. Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing guidelines and standards, and adopting best practices in the care of cath lab patients. Facilities that achieve accreditation meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other administrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to improved patient outcomes.

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The ACC and the American Heart Association are collaborating to offer U.S. hospitals like **FACILITY NAME** access to a comprehensive suite of co-branded cardiac accreditation services designed to

optimize patient outcomes and improve hospital financial performance. These services are focused on all aspects of cardiac care, including the cath lab.

About (FACILITY)

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About the American College of Cardiology

The American College of Cardiology is the professional home for the entire cardiovascular care team. The mission of the College and its more than 52,000 members is to transform cardiovascular care and to improve heart health. The ACC leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. The College operates national registries to measure and improve care, offers cardiovascular accreditation to hospitals and institutions, provides professional medical education, disseminates cardiovascular research and bestows credentials upon cardiovascular specialists who meet stringent qualifications.

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