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St. James Mercy Hospital Earns Nuclear Medicine Accreditation

August 1, 2011...Hornell, NY... St. James Mercy Hospital has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in nuclear medicine by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

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 after 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 thoroughly assessed during the review.

The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the hospital with a comprehensive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

Nuclear medicine is a branch of medical imaging that uses small amounts of radioactive material, ingested by the patient, to diagnose and treat a variety of disease, including many types of cancers, heart disease, and certain other abnormalities within the body.

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