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Halifax Regional Earns ACR Re-Accreditation in Mammography Mammography Center Recognized for Highest Level of Image Quality and Patient Safety

December 7, 2015 (Roanoke Rapids, NC) — The Halifax Regional Mammography Center has been awarded another three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Mammography is a specific type of imaging test that uses a low-dose x-ray system to examine breasts. A mammography exam, called a mammogram, is used to aid in the early detection and diagnosis of breast diseases in women.

“Our re-accreditation reflects excellence in providing state-of-the-art equipment, image quality, and keen attention to radiation safety, said Dr. Douglas Ericson, who has over 28 years of experience and specializes in diagnostic radiology. More significantly, it speaks to the highly skilled group of technologists who are the most compassionate team of people I’ve work with and their reputation in the community is unparalleled.”

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 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.

Recognition by the ACR also highlights the Mammography Center’s excellent and caring technologists. Seven mammography technologists serve at the Halifax Regional Mammography Center including: Tammy Barrow, Kelly Hux, Terry Mason, Junie Conner, Sherry Gupton, and Rosalyn Watson. These dedicated mammography technologists have 97 years of combined experience and are the faces of the Halifax Regional Mammography Center in the community.

The ACR is a national professional organization serving more than 36,000 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 Halifax Regional

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. The Medical Center was recently honored by the North Carolina Nurses Association as a Hallmarks of Healthy Workplaces for nursing excellence. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.org.