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QUINCY MEDICAL CENTER EARNS ACR ACCREDITATION
Magnetic Resonance Imaging Services awarded three-year accreditation

Quincy, MA (July 21, 2011) – Quincy Medical Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). MRI is a noninvasive medical test that utilizes magnetic fields to produce anatomical images of internal body parts to help physicians diagnose and treat medical conditions. The QMC accreditation includes head, spine, body, MSK, MRA and cardiac MRI.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded 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 improvement.

Quincy Medical Center offers a full range of accredited diagnostic imaging services and it is one of only a few hospitals in the area to offer cardiac MRI. “Cardiac MRI is a state-of-the-art imaging modality that enables us to define cardiac structure, morphology and function with superior resolution compared to an echo,” says QMC cardiologist Leon Shturman, MD, who is fellowship trained in cardiac MRI and CT. “Cardiac MRI can help us better identify patients who would benefit from procedures such as angioplasty, and aid in the diagnosis of a host of heart problems, such as cardiomyopathy, myocarditis, pericarditis, cardiac masses and more. The excellent team of radiologists and technologists at Quincy Medical Center deserve high marks for spearheading this program.”

About ACR

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.

About QMC

Quincy Medical Center is a 196-bed acute care community-teaching hospital, providing the highest quality, most personalized and comprehensive medical and surgical services to patients throughout the South Shore. A private, nonprofit hospital, QMC has played a vital role in the community since 1890, serving the needs of its diverse patient population without exception. Quincy Medical Center is uniquely positioned for the health care system of the future, as it is a high value provider with outcomes at or better than most national quality benchmarks and it delivers this care in a cost efficient manner as one of the lowest cost providers in the region. QMC has a clinical affiliation with Tufts Medical Center.

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