



MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF EAST TEXAS

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Memorial Health System of East Texas Receives MRI and CT Accreditation at Two Facilities

LUFKIN, TEXAS (February 4, 2009)...Memorial Health System of East Texas and Temple Imaging Center recently received a three-year term of accreditation in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Computed Tomography (CT) resulting from a survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

“Receiving MRI and CT accreditation raises the bar on Memorial Health System of East Texas’ commitment to providing high-quality, patient-centered care,” said Bill Malnar, Director of Imaging Services for Memorial Health System of East Texas. “This designation also reflects Memorial Health System of East Texas’ mission of providing quality healthcare to the communities we serve.”

The American College of Radiology, headquartered in Reston, VA, awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualification of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR’s Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging is a noninvasive procedure that takes pictures of the body’s interior without using X-rays or other types of ionizing radiation. Instead, this diagnostic tool uses a powerful magnet combined with radio waves to construct detailed images of various tissues inside a person’s body. MRI is a valuable tool to diagnose conditions in the body including cancer, heart and vascular disease, stroke, breast disease, and joint and musculoskeletal disorders. Physicians use MRI scans to define anatomy and evaluate abnormalities related to head trauma, brain aneurysms and tumors, spinal cord trauma, glands and organs within the abdomen, and the structure of joints, soft tissues and bones.

While Computed Tomography uses X-ray technology, it is distinguished from other diagnostic imaging tools like traditional X-ray and MRI by its ability to display a combination of soft tissue (like muscles, tissue, organs and fat), bones and blood vessels all in a single image. Clinicians perform CT scans to diagnose kidney, lung, liver, spine, blood diseases, cancer, tumors and cysts, as well as blood clots,

hemorrhages and infections.

As a nationally accredited facility, Memorial Health System of East Texas and Temple Imaging Center deliver quality care with the most technologically advanced equipment.

About Memorial Health System of East Texas

As the largest health care system in the deep East Texas area, Memorial Health System of East Texas is a private, not-for-profit hospital that provides care to almost a quarter of a million patients each year. Since its inception in 1949, Memorial Health System has paved the way for quality, innovative health care in East Texas. In fact, Memorial consistently ranks among the nation's best for exceptional health care and patient satisfaction.

Memorial Health System of East Texas is comprised of four hospitals—Memorial Medical Center—Lufkin, Memorial Medical Center—Livingston, Memorial Medical Center—San Augustine, and Memorial Specialty Hospital, the only rural long-term acute care facility within the area. Memorial offers a wide array of services, including the newly renovated Arthur Temple, Sr. Regional Cancer Center, which has earned a three-year seal of approval with commendation from the Commission on Cancer. Additionally, Memorial is a regional cardiac care center affiliated with the Methodist-DeBakey Heart Center in Houston. The hospital also is known for providing the area's only comprehensive diabetes center—The Horace C. Polk Regional Diabetes Center. Other centers of excellence include the Temple Imaging Center that offers some of the most advanced procedures in the area, including PET/CT scanning for cancer and Alzheimer's, 64 Slice CT scanning, Open Bore MRI, 4D Ultrasound, and digital mammography. Other specialty areas include Orthopedic care, Women's Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation, Homecare, Wound and Hyperbaric Therapy, Kidney & Diabetes Treatment, Sleep Disorders Treatment, and Express Lab. Memorial Health System of East Texas—founded and funded by the people it serves.

MRI Cutline: Memorial Health System of East Texas and Temple Imaging Center recently received a three-year term of accreditation in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) resulting from a survey by the American College of Radiology. MRI technologists pictured left to right are: Jade Evans, RT(R); Tracey Turner, RT(R)(MR); Susan Berquist, RT(R)(M); Johnita Spencer, RT(R)(MR); and not pictured is Jessica Lindsey RT(R).

CT Cutline: Memorial Health System of East Texas and Temple Imaging Center recently received a three-year term of accreditation in Computed Tomography (CT) resulting from a survey by the American College of Radiology. CT technologists pictured left to right are: Pam Perry, RT(R); Selina Day, BS, RT(R)(M)(CT); Jodette Deforest, RT(R)(CT); and not pictured are: Margie Havard, RT(R)(CT)(MR); Bobby Sims, RT(R); Bridget Holcombe, RT(R); Pete Youngblood, RT(R); and April Hoover, RT(R).