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The Nebraska Medical Center is First in State To Receive ACR Accreditation for Radiation Oncology Services

Omaha, Neb. - The Nebraska Medical Center is the only hospital in Nebraska and in the region to be awarded a three-year term of accreditation in Radiation Oncology Services as a result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic-interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, and nuclear medicine and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards related to quality patient care after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Evaluations are conducted by radiation oncology physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel, the adequacy of facility equipment, and standards of care.

“The accreditation is a stamp of acknowledgment for our high level of patient care in radiation oncology services,” said Robert Thompson, M.D., Clinical Service Chief of Radiation Oncology at The Nebraska Medical Center. “The ACR accreditation demonstrates our commitment to quality patient care.”

The Radiation Oncology department at The Nebraska Medical Center has an average of 1,500 patient visits a month for the treatment of benign or malignant diseases. The department’s mission is to provide high quality, state-of-the-art care for patients in the most cost effective manner, while advancing research and education at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Eppley Research Center.

The Nebraska Medical Center is a National Cancer Institute designated cancer center and is the only regional member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, a coalition of the nation's leading cancer centers dedicated to making high-quality, cost-effective care available to cancer patients across the country.

With a reputation for excellence, innovation and extraordinary patient care, The Nebraska Medical Center has earned J.D. Power and Associates’ Hospital of Distinction award for three consecutive years. It also received the 2007 Consumer Choice Award, a mark of patient satisfaction as selected by healthcare consumers and has achieved Magnet recognition status for nursing excellence, Thomson 100 Top Hospitals Performance Improvement Leader recognition, as well as the Award of Progress from the state of Nebraska’s Edgerton Quality Awards Program. As the teaching hospital for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, this 689 licensed bed academic medical center has an international reputation for providing solid organ and bone marrow transplantation services and is well known nationally and regionally for its oncology, neurology and cardiology programs. The Nebraska Medical Center can be found online at www.nebraskamed.com