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SAN LUIS DIAGNOSTIC CENTER ANNOUNCES CERTIFICATION

“BREAST IMAGING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.”

The American College of Radiology recently accredited San Luis Diagnostic Center as a “Breast Imaging Center of Excellence,” the first diagnostic imaging facility of any kind in San Luis Obispo County to receive this prestigious certification, and the only such center along the coast from Los Angeles to Mountain View.

Recognition as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence is a new certification that has only been recently granted by the American College of Radiology. For a center to be granted this certification, the center must have concurrent accreditations in diagnostic mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, breast ultrasound imaging and ultrasound guided breast biopsy.

In addition, all physicians who read mammograms, breast ultrasounds and perform any type of breast biopsy, must have demonstrated a high level of expertise in performing these procedures and have documented additional continuing medical education in these four areas.

“The addition of the ACR’s Breast Imaging Certification of Excellence certification puts San Luis Diagnostic Center in a very elite group of breast imaging centers,” said Fred S. Vernacchia, M.D. “The Breast Imaging Center of Excellence certification gives women in the greater San Luis Obispo County area a unique level of confidence when it comes to the imaging of their breasts.”

According to the American College of Radiology, “This designation, administered by the ACR’s Commission on Quality and Safety and the Commission on Breast Imaging, recognizes a center’s dedication to improving women’s health by participating in these rigorous quality assurance programs.”

“San Luis Diagnostic Center has achieved the same level of certification possessed by well-known west-coast facilities such as the USC Norris Cancer Hospital,” said Vernacchia. “Not even well-regarded cancer centers and breast imaging centers on the West Coast such as Stanford or UCSF have achieved this level of certification.”

A listing of all certified centers is available at <http://www.acr.org/accreditation/AccreditedFacilitySearch.aspx>.

San Luis Diagnostic Center is a full-service imaging center. It not only provides full range of services for breast cancer care with ACR Accreditation, but is also the only facility in the county that can provide ACR Accredited services in High-Field and Open MRI, adult and pediatric CT, and oncological and brain PET/CT imaging. In total, San Luis Diagnostic Center holds 9 ACR accreditations, more than any facility on the Central Coast.