



ACR Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation and the Gold Seal

The American College of Radiology® (ACR®) is a nonprofit professional society representing radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, radiation oncologists and medical physicists. It is the largest and oldest imaging accrediting body in the U.S., with a current membership of 39,000 physicians and medical physicists. The core purpose of the ACR is to serve patients and society by empowering its members to advance the practice, science and professions of radiological and radiation oncology care.

ACR Accreditation is recognized as the gold standard in medical imaging. Since 1987, the ACR has accredited more than 39,000 facilities in 10 imaging modalities.

What does the ACR Accreditation gold seal mean for PATIENTS?

- You gain peace of mind knowing the facility has met the ACR's high standards for quality and safety in medical imaging/radiation oncology treatment.
- You can be assured that the facility has systems in place to help ensure appropriate dose levels are used for adult and pediatric imaging where appropriate.
- You will know that we are committed to making sure our accredited facilities meet the standards in imaging and quality control set by radiologists and radiation oncologists across the country.
- You will know that the facility has undergone a rigorous review process:
 - The ACR is comprised of physicians, physicists and technology experts in radiology and radiation oncology, and is the oldest and most experienced imaging and radiation oncology accreditation body, with more than 30 years of experience in imaging and radiation oncology accreditation.
 - Equipment must be assessed annually by a medical imaging and radiation oncology expert who verifies that it functions properly, takes optimal images and utilizes appropriate radiation dose.
 - Personnel are required to meet ACR qualification standards to perform your procedure and interpret your medical images.
 - Physicians reading your study have systems in place to review each other's work to ensure diagnostic accuracy.
 - ACR Accreditation programs are recognized by the FDA (mammography) and CMS (diagnostic MRI, CT and nuclear medicine imaging procedures).
 - The ACR performs site surveys to validate compliance with regulations and safety standards.
 - Program-specific educational tools are available to sites to support their commitment to ongoing quality improvement.

PATIENT RESOURCES

- radiologyinfo.org – Learn about your imaging procedures and how to prepare for them.
- mammographysaveslives.org – Find out where to get a mammogram and learn about breast density.
- imagegently.org – Guidelines to improve safe and effective imaging care of children worldwide.
- imagewisely.org – Get facts about radiation safety and questions to ask your doctor.
- choosingwisely.org – Offers evidence-based recommendations to physicians and patients to help them make choices about their care.
- [ACR Accredited Facilities](#) – Find an accredited facility near you.
- [JACR Appropriateness Criteria Patient-Friendly Summaries](#) – Explains situation-specific imaging in lay terms.