



HI-DESERT MEDICAL CENTER

HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

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HI-DESERT MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES ACR ACCREDITATION

Joshua Tree, CA— Hi-Desert Medical Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in computed tomography (CT) as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). CT scanning — sometimes called CAT scanning — is a noninvasive medical test that helps physicians diagnose and tailor treatments for various medical conditions.

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

The ACR is a national professional organization serving more than 36,000 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.

“This high achievement is testament to how focused our staff is on the safety of our patients and the quality of the exams we perform,” says Alice Antone, director, medical imaging.

Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District is comprised of 179 licensed beds: the Hi-Desert Medical Center, a modern, 59-bed primary care hospital, and the Continuing Care Center, a 120-bed skilled nursing facility on the campus of Hi-Desert Medical Center. Along with a wide range of quality inpatient and outpatient diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation services, the District also operates the Airway Outpatient Center—a full-service surgery and diagnostic center, the Behavioral Health Centre—an intensive mental health program, and family health clinics—providing medical specialists for Medi-Cal patients. Home health and hospice and a variety of community education and outreach services are also provided.

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