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Galion Community Hospital Awarded Gold Seal for 64 Slice Scanner

GALION – July 29, 2011 – Galion Community Hospital has been awarded a gold seal of accreditation by the American College of Radiology (ACR) as a result of a recent review by the ACR accrediting body for their 64 slice CT scanner they installed in June 2010. CT scanning, sometimes referred to as “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.

“Galion Community Hospital strives to provide advanced diagnostic services, as well as quality patient care, in our Radiology Department,” comments Roger Bevelhymer, Manager of

Radiology Services. "Our 64-slice CT scanner has proven to be a real asset, especially in emergency situations and physicians seeking a medical diagnosis."

Galion Community Hospital's 64-slice CT scanner delivers images using multi-detector imaging technology that captures up to 64 anatomical slices in a single rotation around the patient. The speed of a 64-slice CT is helpful when imaging acutely ill patients that may have difficulty holding their breath and remaining still during the scan, which is often the case with trauma or pediatric patients. Multi-detector CT dramatically improves a clinician's ability to accurately diagnose both acute and chronic disease.

**Photo of 64-slice scanner at GCH attached.*

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