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**Fisher-Titus Mammography Program Receives Accreditation
from the American College of Radiology**

Fisher-Titus Medical Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Mammography is a specific type of imaging test that uses a low-dose X-ray system to examine breasts. A mammography exam, called a mammogram, is used to aid in the early detection and diagnosis of breast diseases in women.

To meet the high standards of image quality, the Fisher-Titus Mammography Program is accredited by the American College of Radiology and is in compliance with FDA Mammography Quality Standards. The program has been accredited since 1995.

Digital mammography was introduced at Fisher-Titus in fall 2009 and provides area women who undergo routine mammograms at the medical center the latest diagnostic technology available.

Fisher-Titus Medical Center's board certified radiologists, under the direction of Dr. William L. Ferber, combine their training, expertise and experience to read and interpret mammograms. In addition, the Fisher-Titus Mammography program's caring and highly qualified technologists are specially trained in mammography and are certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

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.