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ULTRASOUND ACCREDITATION RENEWED FOR BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER

[Bothwell Regional Health Center's](#) Diagnostic Ultrasound Department recently achieved a successful reaccreditation from the [American College of Radiology](#) (ACR).

The Diagnostic Ultrasound Department achieved reaccreditation in all areas, including general, OB/GYN and vascular ultrasound.

"This accreditation provides our patients with confirmation that Bothwell adheres to national quality of care and imaging standards," said Radiologist [Dr. Robert Farkas](#). "Accrediting our facilities in these areas shows our commitment to quality patient care."

In addition to reaccreditation for several areas of the Ultrasound Department, all of Bothwell's technologists hold multiple registries from the [American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography](#).

"This further shows our dedication to the profession and quality to our patients," said Farkas. "We want our patients to receive great care and to have a good experience while they are at Bothwell."

Ultrasound imaging, also known as sonography, uses high-frequency sound waves to produce images of internal body parts to help physicians diagnose illness, injury or other medical problems. Bothwell's ultrasound provides multi-dimensional imaging.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. The three-year reaccreditation in ultrasound is the result of an extensive review by the ACR. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards, following 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 will provide Bothwell's Diagnostic Ultrasound Department with a comprehensive report it can use for continuous practice improvement.

The ACR is a national professional organization serving more than 34,000 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.

The reaccreditation for Bothwell's Diagnostic Ultrasound Department runs through April 2014.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 140-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopedic, cardiovascular, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the Web site at www.brhc.org.