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### **Saint Luke's breast center receives ACR accreditation for stereotactic breast biopsy**

*Only accredited center in the area demonstrates commitment to quality patient care*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Center for Breast Care at Saint Luke's Hospital has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in Stereotactic Breast Biopsy as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR). It is the only facility in the Kansas City area with this accreditation.

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

“The accreditation program strives to assure that stereotactic breast biopsy procedures are being performed by appropriately trained personnel, that the equipment used functions properly, and that the radiation dose during each exposure is within accepted limits,” said Karin McCrary, R.N., B.S.N., Saint Luke's Health System Director of Breast Services. “It also signifies that a facility's complication rate is not excessive, and that women are appropriately followed up after the biopsy results are known. This means that patients can be assured they are being cared for in a facility that upholds the industry's highest standards.”

Stereotactic breast biopsies represent a new way to precisely and accurately sample tissue from a suspected abnormality found on a mammogram without surgery. Using digital imaging technology, the entire biopsy is performed through a tiny incision through the skin with no need for sutures. The procedure is quicker, less painful, and involves fewer complications and minimal recovery time.

The Center for Breast Care at Saint Luke's offers a dedicated team of health professionals and state-of-the-art imaging and technology to coordinate a full spectrum of breast health, diagnosis, and treatment services. Visit [saintlukeshealthsystem.org](http://saintlukeshealthsystem.org) for information.

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic and interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, and nuclear medicine and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services. For more information visit [acr.org](http://acr.org).

*Saint Luke's Hospital is a member of Saint Luke's Health System, which consists of 11 area hospitals and many primary care practices, and provides a range of inpatient, outpatient, and home care services. Founded as a faith-based, not-for-profit organization, our mission includes a commitment to the highest levels of excellence in health care and the advancement of medical research and education. The health system is an aligned organization in which the physicians and hospitals assume responsibility for enhancing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of people in the metropolitan Kansas City area and the surrounding region.*

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