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FACILITY Recognized for Excellence with ACC Atrial Fibrillation Accreditation
***FACILITY** provides necessary care, resources to Afib patients*

DATELINE (Month xx, 20XX) — The American College of Cardiology has recognized **FACILITY NAME** for its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients with atrial fibrillation (Afib). **FACILITY NAME** was awarded Atrial Fibrillation Accreditation in **MONTH** based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients with atrial fibrillation.

Atrial fibrillation is a common arrhythmia where the heartbeat is irregular and often rapid, which can lead to increased risk of stroke, heart failure and other complications.

Hospitals that employ an evidence-based, protocol-driven and systematic approach to managing Afib have been able to reduce time to treatment, better identify and predict high-risk patients, and limit the length-of-stay in the emergency department and the hospital.

"**FACILITY NAME** has demonstrated its commitment to providing **COMMUNITY NAME** with excellent heart care," said Phillip D. Levy, MD, FACC, chair of the ACC Accreditation Management Board. "ACC Accreditation Services is proud to award **FACILITY NAME** with Atrial Fibrillation Accreditation."

Hospitals receiving Atrial Fibrillation Accreditation from the ACC must take part in a multi-faceted clinical process that involves: completing a gap analysis; examining variances of care; developing an action plan; a rigorous onsite review; and monitoring for sustained success. Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing guidelines and standards, and adopting best practices in the precise care of atrial fibrillation patients. Facilities that achieve accreditation meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other administrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to better patient education, improved patient outcomes, and more effective and efficient disease control.

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The ACC offers U.S. and international hospitals like **FACILITY NAME** access to a comprehensive suite of cardiac accreditation services designed to optimize patient outcomes and improve hospital financial performance. These services are focused on all aspects of cardiac care, including AFib.

About (FACILITY)

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About the American College of Cardiology

The American College of Cardiology envisions a world where innovation and knowledge optimize cardiovascular care and outcomes. As the professional home for the entire cardiovascular care team, the mission of the College and its more than 52,000 members is to transform cardiovascular care and to improve heart health. The ACC bestows credentials upon cardiovascular professionals who meet stringent qualifications and leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. The College also provides professional medical education, disseminates cardiovascular research through its world-renowned *JACC Journals*, operates national registries to measure and improve care, and offers cardiovascular accreditation to hospitals and institutions. For more, visit acc.org.

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