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Hackley Hospital's Vascular Imaging Center Receives National Re-accreditation

Muskegon, MI - Hackley Hospital's Vascular Imaging Center recently was nationally re-accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL). The Center was first accredited in 2000.

"This accreditation was the result of the strong teamwork of interdisciplinary medical professionals at Hackley Hospital," said Jane Otrhalek, Manager of the Hackley Hospital Vascular Imaging Center. "It is reassuring to confirm that our customers receive care meeting national standards of excellence," added Otrhalek.

The accreditation status signifies that Hackley Hospital's Vascular Imaging Center has been reviewed by the ICAVL, an independent national agency, which recognizes the center's commitment to quality testing for diagnosis of vascular disease. Issues of patient care and quality assurance are paramount in the accreditation process. The ICAVL is a non-profit organization with ten sponsoring societies representing the medical specialties of radiology, ultrasonography, vascular surgery, neurology, cardiology, neurosurgery and internal medicine.

Each year, two million people in the United States develop deep vein thrombosis blood clots. This affliction can be life threatening for persons when the blood clot breaks loose and travels to the lungs. In addition, disorders of the heart and blood vessels, such as cardiovascular disease and stroke, are leading causes of death in Muskegon County and the country. Non invasive vascular testing techniques, such as those employed at Hackley Hospital's Vascular Imaging Center, can lead to early detection of such medical conditions and prevention of life-threatening complications.

Hackley Hospital's Vascular Imaging Center provides noninvasive testing modalities such as Carotid Duplex, Venous Duplex and Arterial Doppler studies. More than 3,500 patients are seen at the center annually. For more information, persons may call 728-4981.

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