

Sutter's radiology services certified

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Sutter Regional Medical Foundation has been awarded a three-year accreditation from the American College of Radiology (ACR) for a number of its diagnostic imaging and radiology services.

Services included in the accreditation include general and vascular ultrasound, general and cardiac nuclear medicine, mammography, breast ultrasound, CT scan and MRI.

"We're honored to be the only facility in Solano County to receive this distinction from the American College of Radiology for our range of comprehensive diagnostic services," said Dr. Keith Tao, medical director of radiology of Sutter Regional's Diagnostic Imaging Centers.

Sutter Regional voluntarily went through the rigorous review process to be sure it met nationally accepted standards.

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation, conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field.

Those experts assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment, then report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the facility with a comprehensive report.

"Every patient who receives radiology services from Sutter Regional Medical Foundation is provided with excellent diagnostic care from highly trained experts using state-of-the-art equipment," said Barbara Chodacznik, manager of SRMF Diagnostic Imaging Centers. "The ACR accreditation validates the quality of our work and our commitment to providing the highest quality of care to our patients."

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic-interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, and nuclear medicine and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practical of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.