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ACRO Accreditation has been certified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)



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The American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO) is pleased to announce another milestone in the history of the college. Continuing with its commitment to excellence in patient care, ACRO Accreditation is proud to have achieved ISO 9001:2008 certification.

Since 1995, ACRO Accreditation has offered a voluntary accreditation program to radiation oncology practices interested in a professional peer review process to ensure the highest quality of care. In 2010, ACRO carried out an in-depth review of the accreditation program which resulted in the introduction of an online case review by disease site-specific team members and a quicker turnaround time in the accreditation process. To continue this ongoing process of improvement, ACRO Accreditation voluntarily underwent an external audit in 2014 to verify that the quality management standards of ISO 9001:2008 are followed in the ACRO practice accreditation process.

The ISO 9001:2008 quality management standards were developed and published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The certification verifies through an external audit the strength of the quality management system that ACRO Accreditation implemented in 2011. Major components of the standards include customer satisfaction and continuous quality improvement systems, items that are highly valued by the College.

About ACRO Accreditation

The objective of ACRO Accreditation is to ascertain that the equipment, staff, policies, procedures, and treatment programs of the radiation oncology practice meet the accepted standards of modern-day radiation therapy delivered in the USA. The survey and data analysis are conducted by board-certified radiation oncologists, radiation physicists, and radiation oncology administrators active in the ACRO Accreditation process. Each practice is examined for quality and efficiency of patient care, as well as appropriateness of radiation therapy equipment, professional performance, and staffing levels. The accreditation is awarded to practices meeting the performance standards by the ACRO Board of Chancellors.

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