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**Maternal Infant Division at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center
Awarded AIUM Ultrasound Practice Accreditation**

[HARTFORD, Conn.] The Ultrasound Practice Council of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine is pleased to announce that Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Maternal Infant Division has been awarded ultrasound practice accreditation in the area of fetal echocardiography. Saint Francis is the only hospital in Hartford to achieve this honor.

Saint Francis achieved this recognition by meeting rigorous voluntary guidelines set by the diagnostic ultrasound profession. All facets of the practice were assessed, including the training and qualifications of physicians and sonographers; ultrasound equipment maintenance; documentation; storage, and record-keeping practices; policies and procedures to protect patients and staff; quality assurance methods; and the thoroughness, technical quality and interpretation of the sonograms the practice performs.

About Saint Francis Care

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis Health*Care* Partners. Saint Francis *Care*'s services are supported by a network of five major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit www.stfranciscare.com.

About the AIUM

The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine is a multidisciplinary medical association of more than 9200 physicians, sonographers, and scientists dedicated to advancing the safe and effective use of ultrasound in medicine through professional and public education, research, development of guidelines, and accreditation. Participation in the AIUM's Ultrasound Practice Accreditation program is available to practices in the following areas of ultrasound: abdominal/general, breast, complete obstetric or focused obstetric, dedicated musculoskeletal, fetal echocardiography, gynecologic, dedicated thyroid/parathyroid, and urologic. For more information, visit www.aium.org.